



Global Compact Network
United Arab Emirates



CEO Clubs Network®



**CEO Clubs Network
UNGC Communication of Engagement
2017**

Executive Officer

Part 1: Statement of Continued Support by the CEO Clubs Founder & CEO



I am pleased to confirm that CEO Clubs Network reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tariq Nizami".

Sincerely yours,
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Part 2: About CEO Clubs UAE

CEO Clubs UAE is a Chapter of the CEO Clubs Network Worldwide, a membership - based by invitation only Club and the largest business networking Club where members get connected with over 16,000 CEOs & senior executives across various industries globally. The CEO Clubs UAE chapter runs under the patronage of HH Sheikh Juma Bin Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum, member of the Dubai Royal Family. Being focused on business connection & development, therefore we strive to provide excellent business platform with unique opportunities for Club's members expanding their businesses. CEO Clubs Network Chapters are and have links with CEOs in US, UK, China, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Korea, India, Pakistan, Morocco, Egypt, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Greece, Romania, France, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Mexico, Palestine and more. Our members are business elites, diplomats and government officials gathered together to exchange knowledge, share experiences, industries insights and trends.



CEO Clubs Network creates diverse and multi- cultural atmosphere through its regular exclusive member gatherings in Dubai and other parts of the world with strong networking power and B2B connections which speed up business development for our members. We perfectly execute more than 50 events yearly through our expertise and excellent team. We are also called a "trillion dollar club" because our members have been creating business transactions, expansions and partnerships within our network. CEO Clubs Network holds high-level delegation visits to various countries to meet distinguished business figures, community leaders & government officials of certain countries and introduce or be introduced of Investment and Partnership Opportunities, Joint Ventures, Mergers etc.

Mission

The Chief Executive Officer Clubs Network creates a nurturing environment for CEOs dedicated to improving the quality and profitability of their enterprises through shared experience and personal growth.

CEO Clubs Network is a Business Networking Platform which offers its members a beneficial International Environment for a Global Management idea exchange, efficient distribution of business resources, and individual member development in a diverse and multi-cultural atmosphere.

New members to the CEO Clubs Network gain access to an International Market in a favorable Business environment, and will also have the opportunity to expand their social resources and strive for a win - win relationship with existing Club members.



Membership Benefits

Local Member Benefits (joined CEO Clubs UAE)

- Attend exclusive club events and conferences complimentary
- Create new contacts worldwide
- Meet high-profile decision makers who enable you to grow your business rapidly
- Share your knowledge & experiences with others
- Gain speaking opportunities at CEO Clubs events
- Access to CEO Clubs Connect (Internal Online Member System) to stay connected
- Obtain VIP passes to top events & international conferences
- Acquire business opportunities like joint ventures, client leads, merger, acquisition, and partnerships
- Add extraordinary value enhance personal growth and company strength



Extra Benefits for International Members (outside of UAE)

- B2B Meeting set up prior to traveling to UAE or other chapter countries
- Local events and conferences information prior to traveling Dubai, UAE
- Corporate video presentation or 5 minutes speech in one of the CEO Clubs UAE events
- Connecting to local and international members upon request
- Introducing business solutions and service providers in UAE or other chapter countries
- CEO Clubs corporate rate hotel options in Dubai



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Part 3: The CEO Clubs Engagement to the UN Global Compact Local Network and Principles

Attract New Participants to the UN Global Compact through events and awareness raising

ACTION (BY CEO CLUBS)

Create awareness after the UNGC UAE Network Launch – In May 2015, CEO Clubs covered its official launch and created a short movie which was shared to CEO Clubs Website and Social Media platform to create awareness.



Email Campaign to CEO Clubs Members – Since the launching of the UN Global Compact UAE Network, CEO Clubs have done email campaigns to encourage its members to support the UNGC Principles.

CEO Clubs Connect Announcements – CEO Clubs Connect is an online Platform of CEO Clubs Network where members get access to its upcoming activities, business and investment opportunities and club announcement. CEO Clubs use this platform to encourage the members to participate to UNGC Local Network



Regular announcement and exposure of UNGC UAE Network to CEO Clubs monthly events – constant announcement and promotion of UNGC in all the monthly events of CEO Clubs Network. Display of the UNGC roll up banner to create awareness and having the UNGC UAE representative, Mr. Mahmoud El Burai to speak about UNGC Local Network. CEO Clubs Network has a monthly breakfast meeting, lunch meeting and dinner meetings.

Creating awareness about UN Global Compact and its Principles by supporting, promoting & co-organizing events for the UN Global Compact Network UAE. The events are as follows:

a. Supported the Official Launch of the “United Nations Global Compact Local Network” on May 2015 – CEO Clubs promoted the event and invited its members to attend the official launch of UNGC Local Network.



b. Supported the United Nations Global Compact Network UAE 1st year Anniversary in Dubai. On May 2016 - CEO Clubs promoted the event and invited its members to attend 1st Anniversary of UNGC Local Network.

c. Supported the Making Global Goals Local Business event in Dubai on October 2016 – CEO Clubs team volunteered to the event’s smooth operation.

d. Supported the Chief Executive Officers’ Networking Meeting with UNGC Dinner “Business Talks with CEOs on October 2016. - CEO Clubs promoted the event and invited its members to attend the special dinner and meet the other UNGC representatives and organizations from different parts of the world.



Disseminating information about the UNGC Local Network to the other Business Organizations. CEO Clubs having links with the other business groups in the UAE also shares about the presence of the UNGC UAE Local network.

MEASUREMENT/OUTCOME

- CEO Clubs hosted over 50 events for the past 2 years where they constantly promote UNGC Local Network.
- Regular exposure of UNGC to 700 CEO Clubs Members in the UAE.
- CEO Clubs Members Participated to the UNGC Events
- CEO Clubs Members have joined the UNGC Local Network

Organize and supports learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for their members on the UNGC and specific topics relevant to the corporate sustainability

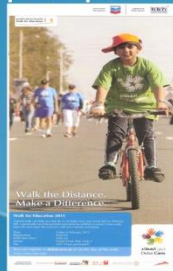
ACTION (BY CEO CLUBS)

Over the past 2 years of the membership with UNGC, CEO Clubs hosted, co - organize and supported events with a wide range of topics about UNGC Principles as well as educate members on the wider issues around corporate responsibility, leadership and sustainability.



CEO Clubs supported Art Lovers' International Festival (An Art for a Cause) in May 2015 - The flagship event was a charity auction, held under the patronage of Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Al Nahyan Scientific and Humanitarian Foundation, of the paintings of Dr Sana Bedar, ALIF Founder. Twenty artworks were displayed, out of which nearly half were auctioned, with the proceeds going to thalassemia awareness and welfare of patients.

CEO Clubs Network supported and participated the Dubai Cares' Walk for Education in 2015 – Members participated the 45 minutes' walk which helped for the education of children in need.



CEO Clubs supported the DREI's UN Urban Thinkers Campus in January 2016 - Urban Thinkers Campus, an initiative of UN-Habitat based on "The City We Need" principles and is conceived as an open space for critical exchange between urban actors who believe that urbanization is an opportunity and can lead to positive urban transformations.



The Sustainable City in April 2016– CEO Clubs brought the sustainable city in one of its monthly luncheon. The Sustainable City is the first Net Zero Energy City in Dubai. It is considered as one of the most unique developments in the region and the world; it meets and exceeds international sustainability standards. The City is being shaped with the support and the direct supervision of the Government of Dubai Land Department. It applies the standards of Dubai Municipality, Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) and Dubai Electricity and Water Authority DEWA.



CEO Clubs supported the First Anniversary of the UNGC UAE Local Network – The events objectives are Highlighting the SDGs and their relevance to all stakeholders, sharing practical solutions to integrating SDGs and UNGC 10 principles into corporate practice, Encouraging participation in the UNGC and Sharing UAE Local Network achievements. CEO Clubs Founder and CEO Dr. Tariq Nizami participated at the Panel discussions along with the CEO Clubs Women Division Board member, CEO of Holiday Inn Dubai – Al Barsha, Dubai.

Chiefs Executive Officers' Networking Meeting with UNGC "Business Talks with CEOs" in October 2016 – In line with the Making Global Goals Local Business event of UNGC, CEO Clubs invited its members to a networking dinner with representatives of UNGC Local Network from other countries.



CEO Clubs Network Supports the first edition of the Future Cities Show in March 2017 – showcasing solutions for the future of our cities based on Sustainability, Innovation and Happiness. The event brought together the top smartest cities to share knowledge and find new opportunities through conferences, exhibition and networking sessions. The event is dedicated to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. With innovation always at the lead, the UAE will continue to innovate solutions leading to a sustainable way of life, a prosperous economy and a happy society.



Over 5 dedicated events for Women Empowerment – It will be elaborated on the next part of this report.

MEASUREMENT/OUTCOMES

- CEO Clubs sent its members to participate to over 10 events with themes relative to UNGC Principles and SDGs.
- The UNGC benefits from CEO clubs involvement in the above events via exposure and having the UNGC Local Network representative to speak at some of the supported events.
- Members participated to humanitarian events and activities.
- CEO Clubs Women Division members active participation to Women Empowerment related events
- Nurture the CEO Clubs Corporate Members with Corporate Sustainability, Leadership and Innovation

Part 4: Women Empowerment

CEO Clubs Network established the CEO Clubs Women Division with an aim to better equip, encourage and inspire women whom taking on leadership role or starting their own business to succeed and grow with a sustainable business model. CEO Clubs Business Women Division is hosting dedicated events, supporting and co-organizing local & international forums to promote women empowerment and gender equality.

ACTION (BY CEO Clubs)

Co-organizing the South America, Africa, Middle East & Asia Women Summit (SAMEAWS) – This is annual unprecedented summit, formally known as AMEAWS- The Africa - Middle - Asia Women Summit, and now titled- The South America - Africa - Middle - Asia Women Summit (SAMEAWS), in other to introduce the participation of women and stakeholders from South America. The summit, aimed at bringing together, the most influential and prominent women as well as key stakeholders from the South America, Africa, Middle East and Asian regions, under one roof.

For the past 4 years, CEO Clubs Network has been co-organizing the SAMEAWS with Centre for Economic and Leadership Development bringing its members to attend and participate as a speaker and panel discussions. It is attended by First Ladies, royalty, wives of Governors, spouses of Ambassadors, leading women in politics, business, the arts, academia, sciences and entertainment and in an atmosphere that oscillated between scholarly seriousness and the conviviality and camaraderie of a social gathering, they shared ideas, experiences, challenges and successes that showed a similarity in the experiences of the women of all 4 continents.

- Africa, Middle East & Asia Women Summit Highlights – held in December with a theme: “Emerging Economies: Women as the next frontier.”

Her Excellency Salma Kikwete, First Lady of the Republic of Tanzania did a presentation on education with a topic “Key to the future of Women in Emerging Economies. Hon. Oda Gasinzigwa, Minister of Family and Gender Promotion, Republic of Rwanda presented a session on Women in Governance and Political Leadership in Emerging Economies. Her Excellency, Mrs. Penhupifo Pohamba, the First Lady of Namibia also graced the event.



CEO Clubs Women Division participated on Panel discussion on critical topics: (1) Emerging from the shadows; dealing with political violence and discrimination against women, (2) Investment Opportunities in women-run companies, (3) The rise of women in the work place: challenges & prospects and (4) Bridging the digital divide through women led innovations.

- Africa, Middle East & Asia Women Summit Highlights – held in November with a theme Exploring Sustainable Financing Models for Women’s Economic Empowerment.

CEO Club Women Division participated on the presentations and panel discussions on (1) Closing the Credit Gap: Solutions and Investment Implications of Women’s Access, (2) ‘The Heroine’s journey’ During this session, leading Female entrepreneurs from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, shared their success stories and the impact of their work in various regions.



- South America, Africa, Middle East & Asia Women Summit 2015 Highlights – held in December 2015 with a theme “Inclusive leadership: Key to Peace, Security & Prosperity in developing nations” following previous editions held in Dubai, created a platform for stakeholders within these regions to generate strategies and commitments towards new priorities for achieving the Women, Peace Security & Prosperity agenda in the regions with special focus on sustained, economic and political inclusion of women within these regions, propelled by stronger collaboration and support from women to women. The summit was held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Juma Bin Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum.



Her Excellency Dr. Lalla Malika Issoutou MAHAMADOU First Lady of Niger Republic delivered a speech on “Keeping peace and winning the battle for the life of her communities: The Niger Republic experience.

CEO Club Women Division participated on the presentations and panel discussions on (1) Championing & Enabling Women Entrepreneurs, with focus on Women in Business: Dealing with access to finances & other issues and (2) The focus of Trust- Financial Independence for Women.

- South America, Africa, Middle East & Asia Women Summit 2016 – held in December 2016, under the Patronage and Attendance of Sheikh Juma bin Maktoum Juma Al Maktoum, the summit has been themed: “Scaling up the Rise of Women Leaders in Emerging Economies”.

Her Excellency Mrs. Roman Tesfaye, First Lady of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia said delivered her Keynote Speech on Gender Equality. Her Excellency Mrs. Bongi Ngema - Zuma, First Lady of the Republic of South Africa also delivered her keynote speech on her role to create awareness about diabetes, its prevention, treatment, management and care with a mission of supporting and helping people take control of diabetes.



The CEO Clubs Women division participated to the panel discussion on “Revolutionizing the political and economic prospects for women in emerging economies”. The session was designed to trigger discussions on a number of radical steps and solutions required to position women in politics and business.

- Women in STEM 2015 – a supported event held in January 2015 by Meera Kaul Foundation. The central focus of this prestigious event is to develop opportunities for women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) across the Middle East and beyond.



- Monthly Ladies Lunch (2015-2017) – In partnership with the World Trade Club, this unique social networking platform brings together women to share topical issues.
- Executive Women Workshop: Women, Our Relationship with Money – a supported event held in May 2016 in partnership with the Executive Women Magazine. The CEO Clubs Business Women Board Member, Ms. Sandra Saksena was the key speaker. The key focus was Financial Illiteracy, which potentially limits women’s decisions to invest.



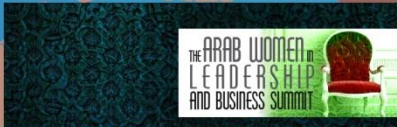
- International Sherhooes Forum 2016 & ‘Elect Her in Africa’ Initiative - a supported event held in May 2016. It provided platform for delegates to exchange ideas on ways to remove restrictions on Women’s political participation, Increase the number of Women elected officials at the national, provincial and local levels, Advocate for legislation that encourages the full equality of women and men, Assist Women candidates with developing skills in traditionally male dominated areas, Establish mentoring programs that allow senior-level, national and international role models for women aspirants, candidates and newly elected officials.



- CEO Clubs Breakfast Meeting: Business Women, You are the speakers today – an own - hosted event held in November 2016 focusing on sharing how committed our female entrepreneurs are in turning their ideas into a reality while increasing business deals among members.



- 3rd Annual Arab Women in Leadership Summit - a supported event held in November 2016. The Summit convenes, connects and celebrates dynamic business and community leaders who are committed to igniting the power of women to advance the common good in the region.



- CEO Clubs Breakfast Meeting: Women's Leadership in the workplace – an own hosted event held in March 2017. The objective of the discussion is to impart their knowledge and experiences as women in leadership and to share the major challenges they've encountered in taking on management positions.



- Arab Women Convention Launch and the Inauguration of the Arab Family's Ambassadors – in April 2017, CEO Clubs brought its women division delegation to the convention launch which is organized by the Sustainable Human Development Initiative and Arab Family Organization.



MEASUREMENT/OUTCOMES

- CEO Clubs hosted, co-hosted and supported over 10 events with regards to women empowerment and gender equality.
- CEO Clubs Women Division actively participated on the above mentioned events.
- 80 percent of CEO Clubs women members have actively participated on the above forums and summits.

CEO Clubs Network Membership & Commitment to United Nations Global Compact

We were accepted as a member of UNGC two years ago and since then, we are committed to achieving its 10 Principles and we devote to supporting the UAE Local Network in their activities. We contribute to the UNGC Local Network's steering committee, which aids us to share and hear best practice. CEO Clubs Network is looking forward to increase its activities in the next coming years dedicated to better promote the UNGC and its Principles.