United Nations Global Compact Communication on Engagement

CEO STATEMENT

As a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact, the Austrian Natural Resources and International Cooperation Agency (Oesterreichische Agentur für Waldentwicklung, Waldbewirtschaftung und internationale Kooperation, hereafter abbreviated to ANRICA) is committed without reservation to compliance with the ten principles of the UN Initiative.

ANRICA was founded back in 2009 by governmental and semi-governmental agencies as well as by private enterprises to join forces in international cooperation on climate change, rural development and natural resources management and is supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

The foundation of ANRICA is based on a modern national Forest Programme which was developed in an open stakeholder process back in 2005, after which a strong international commitment to sustainable development of rural areas and multifunctional forestry was demanded.

As rural communities are most vulnerable in relation to natural hazards and misguided management of natural resources, ANRICA was given the task of supporting governments in their efforts to manage the impact of climate change on rural areas by providing know-how and expertise, as well as some basic funding.

ANRICA's objective is to support governments by providing governance, technical support and capacity building services by joining the forces of its associates. All associates of ANRICA have established a company-wide code of conduct and therefore all services provided throughout ANRICA are in compliance with the company codes of conducts as well.

Furthermore ANRICA is operating under the supervision of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management and reports frequently to the Ministry.

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DESCRIPTION OF ANRICA PRCINCIPLES

The ANRICA engagement is driven by the main principle of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) when working in rural development and natural resource management.

Principles	ANRICA measures
Human rights 1. Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and 2. make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.	• We respect the UN´s Universal Declaration of Human Rights and continuously promote and support these rights with all our stakeholders. We wish to explicitly communicate our engagement within this field • In our establishment of business partnerships we solely make sure those partners live up to the Universal Declaration
Labor 3. Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining; 4. the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor; 5. the effective abolition of child labor; and 6. the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.	• ANRICA supports and recognizes labor rights and works only with partners that adhere to and comply with the Global Compact's Labor Principles. • In full compliance with local and federal labor laws, we try to eliminate and eradicate any type of discrimination based on race, sex, religion or gender.
Environment 7. Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges; 8. Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and 9. Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.	ANRICA's main business target is to support sustainable management of natural resources by providing governance, technical and capacity building services to governments and local communities.
Anti-Corruption 10. Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery	ANRICA guidelines and statutes • Risk management procedure for fundraising and identification of funding (anti money laundering measures) • ANRICA policy for corruption is communicated to all our employees and partners. In compliance with local and federal anti-corruption laws, we fully support UNGC anti-corruption rules, dealing only with partners that have similar principles of good faith and fair play

PUBLIC RELATIONS IN REFERENCE TO THE UN GC COMMITMENT

ANRICA also maintains a media presence to communicate and foster the ten Global Compact principles and its membership of UNGC. The goals and principles of the initiative thus receive prominent mention on ANRICA's website, which was relaunched in 2015 and also includes a link to the UN GC website.

http://anrica.org/agency/partners/

All presentations given by ANRICA refer to UN GC by showing the UN GC logo.