



# **ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT INITIATIVE (EDASI)**

*A Non-Profit Organization*

## **COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)**

### **PERIOD COVERED ON THIS COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT**

**FROM: 27 AUGUST, 2015**

**TO: 13 AUGUST, 2017**



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## PART I: STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE PRESIDENT/CEO

To Our Stakeholders,

I am pleased to affirm that Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative(EDASI) reaffirms our support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the area of Human Rights, Labor, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact.

In this Communication on Engagement, we present the activities that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as recommended for an organization like our own. We hereby express our renewed support for UNGC in focus on its ten principle.

Please accept assurance of our highest esteem.

Yours faithfully

**Olatunji Abayomi Tunji**

President/CEO



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## PART II: DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS

EDASI supports the UNGC's principles in Gender Equality; End Poverty; Peace Justice, Strong Institutions and Making Cities Inclusive Safe, Resilience and Sustainable. We concentrate on Women, youth Empowerment and Gender Equality. Our program focused on youth women empowerment.

Steady support in the area of office ethics between junior staffs and management team involving male and female, courses in various corruptions aspect. Where we proposed serious penalties for every defaulter in this regards.

EDASI is passionate about the Global and Local Compact Network programs and appreciate the positive impact on the enterprises as well as Sensitizing the MSMEs in the area of social responsibilities.

### ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND GENDER EQUALITY BUSINESS MODEL

We undertake holistic approach in addresssing the sexual abuse in workplace. EDASI is attracting the private sector and government enterprise onthe UNGC/UN goals for transformation the MSMEs on achieving Sustainable Development Goals by addressing Gender inequality through economic inclusions for Women's empowerment.



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## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION

Our organization had experience significant change over this period by our participation and organizing various activities that is set to address the agenda of UNGC. We were privileged to access the online resource and applied the knowledge gained to execute the principle of UNGC.

EDASI interaction with the United Nations has assisted to improve our governance, policy, strategic information, strengthens our management systems, develops business plan for social return, improves cross-cutting issues and build strong leadership and management skills to actualize our objectives. EDASI now has members in major communities in Nigeria and outside Nigeria e.g. Britain, Switzerland, Austria and United States of America.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations.**

A) EDASI sensitized the MSMEs on their social responsibilities which is very significant to the UNGC principles.

B). EDASI creates income generation activities for 184 indigenous women to embark on Beads Making & Fish/snail Farming & improve on the level of care and support for their children in Ushafa and Bwari Area council; a remote community in the suburb of Abuja-this is in support of SDGs 1, 2 and 5 to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, and empower women B) EDASI creates problem-solving and decision-making skills to help women assess their risk for STI/HIV/AIDS, (BCC youth friendly services,



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rights-this is in support of SDG 10 to promote gender equality, combats HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases c. EDASI empowers women which enable them to actively involved in development activities by Advocacy and sensitization workshops for community, faith based women representatives and concerned bodies on gender equality, human rights (women's right) and revised family law-This action Support SDG 10

## **Participation in meetings of the United Nations.**

EDASI representatives attended the following meetings-SDG Local Network workshop 22nd July 2016(UNGC) in Lagos Nigeria. Local Network of Anticorruption Collective Workshop organized (UNGC) 8th September 2016 Leave No One Behind organized by Development Initiative, CIVICUS, and The National Dialogue Leave No One Behind (LNB) Planning Team in Lagos.

Nigeria Anti- Corruption Collective Action Training Workshop- SMEs on the Fight against Corruption (UNGC & United Nations Global Compact Local Network) Friday 26th May 2017.

On 12 August our organization co-hosted the 2017 United Nation International Youth Day.

JULY 4, 2017 NIGERIA LOCAL NETWORK ANTI-CORRUPTION COLLECTIVE ACTION

WORKSHOP "MSMEs ON THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION"

The workshop addressed the multiplicity of challenges and constraints facing MSMEs and identified good business practices that could ease their participation in the fight against corruption. It was a follow up to the first workshop on the peculiar problems of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the development of an SME tool kit for compliance program. The workshop on the role of collective action, adoption of good business practices, power of incentives and sanctions in getting them to deploy collective action, the costs, barriers and incentives required to sustain interest in collective action. It engaged MSMEs on how to work with other stakeholders; civil society, media on collective action to ease doing business with government agencies.

The session "MSMEs Fighting Corruption: Costs, Barriers and Incentives" provided opportunity for participants to break into smaller groups to identify a Collective Action that would be jointly subscribed to and ultimately midwived by an independent facilitator. The plenary agreed to the following:



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- ✓ Establishment of a faceless collective monitoring system on corruption
- ✓ Digital process of bidding to reduce human contact
- ✓ Proper business structure/compliance code
- ✓ Integrity code by SMEs to ease of access to bank loan, contract from government or multinational companies.

The next step is for UNGC to fine tune the outcomes of the plenary sessions; help build trust and transparency in providing access to different companies and scale up MSMEs Collective Action to reach big organizations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies.

EDASI is a member of the United Nations Global Compact since 2015, signed a memorandum of understanding which encourages Deeper Business Engagement at UN Forum on Business and Human Rights and other international meetings in line with the SDG goals. EDASI is a signatory to The Green Industry Platform and the CEO Water Mandate. EDASI promotes the Green Industry Policies and Practices which includes Improving Resource Efficiency, Strengthening Waste Management, Reduce and Eliminate waste Materials, Promote Technology Transfer and Share Best Practice, Green Value Chains and Encourage Green Industries and Jobs in Nigeria). The CEO Water Mandate promotes Innovative Partnerships in Water and Sanitation --SDG 7 and 8.



Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

EDASI observes and commemorates "The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on the 26th of time of each year, and the International Youth Day on 12 August of each year (2015-2017) in Abuja, Nigeria. EDASI has made contributions concerning Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals in International arena. EDASI promotes the Digital Literacy Curriculum (Microsoft) and the E - Learning for Kids Program in Nigeria among schools and in rural communities without internet access EDASI partnered with UNDP and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity to host a workshop on the Effective Participation of Youth in the 2016. EDASI has partnered the Commonwealth Governance in the area of Local and State Government Accountability organized by Nigeria Network of NGOs, Nigeria.

#### **PART IV: MEASUREMENT OF OUTCOMES**

A Technical working team are constituted on environmental protection strategy from the MSMEs and 3 federal governments enterprise organizations that were inaugurated and 4 are expected to come on board.

Twelve business associations are now stake holder.