



September 01, 2017

António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

RE: COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT FROM OCTOBER 2015 TO OCTOBER 2017

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO)

The *Charles Odeyale Foundation for Community Sustainable Development* is proud to have been a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact since 2015. Operating as a Consortium of Universities for Africa's Sustainable Development (*ICUASD*), we are deeply committed to UN Global Compact's mission to support both public and private entities to operate responsibly in line with the Ten Principles and take strategic action in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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

Part II. Description of Actions

As indicated above, examples of actions include:

1. As a Foundation Operating as a Consortium of Universities:
 - a. We are collaborating with university extension workers and institutions, such as the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, on sustainable agriculture education, training, and information/knowledge sharing. , for example, agree to work with extension workers, and always sending representatives to attend all meetings that have to do with agriculture value-chain in order to have adequate and beneficial information and knowledge on relevant policies and programs; and
 - b. We are attracting, particularly, illiterate individuals, and groups of participants (e.g., co-operatives) to the UN Global Compact through our outreach efforts and awareness raising. We are focused on helping these individuals and groups to build the skills they need to prosper and building the capacity for servicing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Operating as: International Consortium of Universities for Africa's Sustainable Development (ICUASD)

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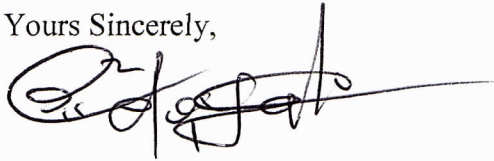
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Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Examples of measurement of outcomes of the activities described in Part II above include:

1. Due to our promotional efforts, we now have over 100 entities with whom we have developed relationships and are receiving sustainable agriculture education, training, and information/knowledge in the Southwest region of Nigeria;
2. We search for and identify sustainable development research grants that offer our UN Global Compact participants an intensive training program, seed funding grants for projects, and mentoring support by senior level experts. Specifically, these prospecting grants are for the benefits of our consortium members and their students with an aim of engaging and empowering young leaders to implement projects to tackle water, sanitation & hygiene, water pollution and water scarcity issues; and
3. We have an executed memorandum of understanding with institutions, such as the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, on advancing the UN Global Compact principles through sustainable agriculture including education, training, and information / knowledge sharing through extension services.

Yours Sincerely,



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