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## Communication on Engagement (COE) to the Global Compact

The United Nations Association of Sweden (UNA Sweden) has been a Global Compact participant since 2010. UNA Sweden fully supports the UN Global Compact and the ten principles of UN Global Compact regarding human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

UNA Sweden is a non-governmental organization who serves as an umbrella organization consisting of 6 900 individual members and 82 national member organizations. Our work is based on the three pillars of the United Nations, working for peace, security and disarmament; promoting sustainable development and working to end poverty; securing human rights and democracy.

We communicate our opinions to the public and engage in a continuous dialogue with the government, the Parliament and other state authorities. We actively participate in the debate about the future of the UN and work for a better and stronger UN.

UNA Sweden monitors Sweden's activities in the UN, as well as whether and how our country lives up to UN conventions and decisions. We draft and present reports to the UN treaty bodies monitoring human rights.

We arrange seminars, field trips, courses and Model UN conferences, and we produce educational materials and campaign materials to inform and mobilize support.

UNA Sweden is promoting sustainable development and work actively with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG:s), both nationally and internationally. UNA Sweden is also behind the website and award winning mobile app [Worldmatters.org](http://Worldmatters.org), aiming to increase knowledge about the state of the world and the progress made.

UNA Sweden is a member in the Swedish government network regarding Sweden's membership in the UN Security Council for 2016-2018.

An example of our work with the corporate sector in the area of human rights is our cooperation with the Swedish company Apoteksgruppen, a pharmacy group with a strong sustainability focus, with which we have launched several campaigns to end child marriage and female genital mutilation in Ethiopia. Further, we have partners in the corporate sector supporting our work and projects. We educate the companies and their staff in human rights.

To raise awareness and to increase knowledge we organize field trips visiting UN projects in developing countries.

UNA Sweden will continue to support the UN Global Compact and its ten principles.

Attached to this letter is our Annual Report for 2016 including measurement of outcomes (in Swedish) and a folder with information about UNA Sweden's work with the SDG:s (in Swedish).

On behalf of the United Nations Association of Sweden



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