

## BLACK EMERGENCY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

October 30, 2017

H.E. Antonio Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General

Since the Black Emergency Managers Association International (BEMA International) initial commitment to support the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption, BEMA International sincerely expresses its continued support for the UN Global Compact and renews its ongoing commitment to the UNGC Initiatives and the Ten Principles.

BEMA continues since our initial commitment in 2013, our communication of engagement (COE) commitment in 2013 to the present, and future shall continue and effortlessly express our support and partnership with the UNGC, and shall express and focus on the 10<sup>th</sup> Principle, Anti-Corruption as our association first order of business in conjunction with the other nine principles. BEMA promotes the principle to ensure transparency, inclusion, and diversity as part of our mission and vision for community engagement in our subject matter expertise are of humanitarian, disaster, crisis, and emergency management globally.

Recent examples of BEMA International commitment to the UNGC since our 2013 COE.

- a. December 2014 to Present. Mr. Andrew Williams of the Five Points Youth Foundation, a Lifetime\Nonprofit member of BEMA International continues to promote a worldwide campaign for private industry, individuals, other nonprofit organization, and cities to become signatories of the UNGC.
- b. December 2015. Attended 9<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) conference in Nassau, Bahamas and established initial relationship for future partnerships, collaborations, and coordination to address humanitarian and disaster related events in the Caribbean Basin region.
- c. Included in our membership the Hip Hop Museum, which includes the Hip Hop 4 Justice music community within the U.S. to promote awareness of injustice of African Descent individuals in the United States wrongfully killed in actions by law enforcement officials throughout the U.S., and to reach youth within this community globally
- d. Have included the Caribbean Disaster Relief & Recovery Alliance as Lifetime\Relief & Recovery members of BEMA International to promote self-sustainability, and resiliency of the Caribbean Basin nations to respond and provide relief assistance to nations affected by natural disasters such as the recent hurricanes that affected the region.

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From the examples above BEMA International continues to take part in the activities of the United Nations Global Compact, and expresses to members, partners, associates, and collaborators of the our membership in the UNGC to further the Ten Principles in conjunction with the sustainable development goas (SDG's).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Sharp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Charles D. Sharp

Chief Executive Officer.  
Black Emergency Managers Association International