



International Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development

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Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

February 23, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace (Rebranded as The International Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development) supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- Propose and implement partnerships across sectors of UN Global Compact through networking and collaboration.
- Join and support issue platforms and work streams to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

USFMEP is a non-profit, organization, which promotes the United Nations commitment to international peace, security and justice through educational programs, public relations and community outreach initiatives. We have established networks and liaison offices in other regions of the world to help raise awareness on issues concerning Human Rights, Peace Security and Justice, Empowerment of Women, Youth Leadership, Human Trafficking, and Interfaith Dialogue. USFMEP will continue to pursue the Sustainable Development Goals (STG's) by innovating peaceful and human rights strategies that may reach the majority around the world.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

Salwa Kader
President
USFMEP



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Part II. Description of Actions

- In support of the **Global Compact Principle 6** (Businesses should uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation) The International Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development (IFPSD) hosted a UN Side Event during the 61st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations Headquarters entitled “When women work together, it’s a business like no other”. This event brought together a diverse group of women from both the public and private sector to discuss women’s economic empowerment in the work environment. Each of the distinguished panelists made action-oriented recommendations on how to improve economic outcomes for women in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically SDG 5 which calls on governments to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls by the year 2030. This event brought attention to the need to eliminate the discrimination against women in respect of employment and occupation. Participants exchange practical solutions to the common challenges faced by women (eg. security of tenure, occupational safety and health, performance assessment and advancement) and explored business perspectives on how the private sector can collaborate more effectively with the public sector to break down the barriers to women’s economic empowerment in the workplace and to encourage businesses to be nondiscriminatory.
- In support of the **Global Compact Principle 10** (Anti-Corruption) IFPSD hosted a high level event in March 2017 at the Economic and Social Council Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters New York on the topic of “Protecting endangered cultural heritage in times of conflict”. This event focused on raising awareness for both the public and private sector about the importance for the preservation of cultural heritage around the world. The overall objective is to encourage Member states to safeguard heritage and adhere to UN resolution 2199 (2015), and condemning acts of corruption such as the deliberate destruction of cultural heritage as a war tactic and illicit trafficking. IFPSD along with UNESCO and other partners is committed to advocating for these critical issues and ensuring that everybody joins forces to safeguard heritage and adhere to the UN resolutions condemning the corruptive destruction of cultural heritage. IFPSD appointed the world-renowned archaeologist, Dr. Zahi Hawass, as IFPSD’s Ambassador of Cultural Heritage in order to bring greater attention to the essential role of culture in promoting social and economic development.
- In support of the **Global Compact Mission** for companies to align strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights and take actions that advance societal goals IFPSD partnered with the Starkey Hearing Foundation with the purpose to give the gift of hearing to those in need, and empowering them to achieve their potential. During the 72nd General Assembly at the United Nations, IFPSD hosted a high level side event on “Ear Care and Hearing Health” in coordination with SDG3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG5 (Gender Equality), and SDG17 (Partnership for the Goals). The high level event was attended by Keynote Speaker Former President Bill Clinton,



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Former First Lady Mrs. Barbara Bush, Bill Austin founder of Starkey Hearing Foundation, Sir Richard Branson, Sir Elton John, Heads of States, First Ladies, Foreign Ministers, Ministers of Health, Director General of the World Health Organization, along with UN Permanent Representatives, distinguished business executives, and other prominent dignitaries. Starkey Hearing Technologies CEO Bill Austin was named as the Goodwill Global Ambassador for Ear and Hearing Health by IFPSD. The successful partnership of philanthropic efforts between IFPSD and Starkey Hearing Technologies encourages future advancements toward sustainable development between civil society and the private sector.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

The most relevant indicators that measures the outcome of the activities described in Part II by IFPSD would be the civil society/ private sector partnership between IFPSD and the Starkey Hearing Foundation of the Starkey Hearing Technologies. The high level event IFPSD hosted during the 72nd General Assembly at the United Nations was high exposure, which successfully advocated the benefits of involving private sector businesses to join civil society's philanthropic missions; advancing towards a sustainable future. An indicator of the successful outcome is that in 2017 IFPSD and Starkey Hearing Foundation distributed more than 10,000 hearing aids to those of need in poverty stricken villages and refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan.