

United Nations Global Compact

Communication on Progress 2017-2018



In 2015, the Chambers Federation joined the United Nations Global Compact. The UN Global Compact is a strategic policy initiative for businesses committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten principles in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. The table below shows how we are communicating on progress for the Ten Principles.

For further information on the Chambers Federations sustainability principles and practices please visit <http://www.chambersfederation.com/sustainability/> or <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/participants/64881> to view our participation with the UN Global Compact.

Global Compact Principles

Human Rights

Principle 1 Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights.

Principle 2 Business should make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

The Chambers Federation works in collaboration with several development agencies, primarily USAID, the UN, and NGOs that focus, in part, on both the protection of human rights but also to ensure the Company is not directly or indirectly involved in human rights violations in any way. Due to the Company's investments into CAHRAs, this is one of the most important due diligence standards the Company focuses on. A full-time compliance officer and intern team manage this internally and audit of our partners and suppliers.

Labor Standards

Principle 3 Business should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining

Principle 4 Business should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor.

Through a combination of detailed contractual obligations to consistent site monitoring, the Company does everything possible to ensure any organized groups, typically cooperatives, that the Company invests into/works with are compliant with both local and international forced labor, child labor, discrimination and collective

Principle 5	Business should uphold the effective abolition of child labor.	bargaining laws. This is further monitored by yearly audits to ensure the Company's efforts are effective. The Company also invests into rural communities to provide women and youth empowerment opportunities to further the Company's investment focus on social impact.
Principle 6	Business should uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.	

Environment

Principle 7	Business should support a precautionary approach to environmental responsibility.	The Chambers Federation incorporates environmental protection into its supplier contracts, monitors environmental impact of its investments and actively invests in new technologies to create a 'net positive' environmental impact from all of its projects. The Company finds many opportunities, specifically in the ASM community, to substantially reduce, even eliminate the usage of Mercury(Hg), Cyanide(NaCN) and Nitric Acid(HNO3).
Principle 8	Business should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.	
Principle 9	Business should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.	

Anti-Corruption

Principle 10	Business should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.	The Chambers Federation is a US company, subject to FCPA regulations. All of the Company's accounts are restricted in use to limit the possibilities of corruption All accounts are audited in countries where corruption is known to exist.
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Measurement of Outcomes

For the 2017-2018 reporting period, the Chambers Federation has successfully invested into the Fair Congo initiatives, working in collaboration with USAID, which recently completed the first conflict-free, OECD compliant ASM gold exports from a CAHRA(DRC) into an LBMA supply chain, ever! This initiative also successfully piloted the ITOA program, a multi-stakeholder traceability system implemented by the government of DRC. The Federation expanded the Recycle Tribe initiative into DRC which within its first month had already recycled 1.5 tons of waste material into furniture and household goods. The new Federation initiative, Cocoa Congo, partnered with the DFID funded ELAN RDC, has launched the first ever value addition into the DRC cocoa sector. This initiative has already completed the first ever domestic purchase of cocoa beans as well as manufactured numerous value-added cocoa products including a variety of chocolate bars. The Ukweli Jewelry initiative has also continued to develop, creating the first rings in country from ASM gold from the Fair Congo supply chain.

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UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT, REAFFIRMATION

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Chambers Federation reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labor, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

In this annual Communication on Progress, we describe our actions to continually improve the integration of the Global Compact and its principles into our business strategy, culture and daily operations. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

To view more detailed information on the impact of the Chambers Federations investments and initiatives please visit:
<http://www.chambersfederation.com/sustainability/>

Thank you

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