



Small Island States Foundation

Promoting sustainable solutions for island development

United Nations Global Compact Communication on Engagement

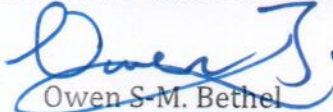
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To Whom It May Concern

It is with pride that we hereby confirm our commitment to the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and Anti-Corruption, and support the initiatives undertaken in this respect.

Accordingly, we submit our own Communication on Engagement to highlight our own Action Plan, and invite your feedback. This Communication will also be made available to all of our stakeholders through our primary channels of communication, and invite their participation in the same.

Yours sincerely,
Small Island States Foundation



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Founder/Chairman

Description of Actions

Small Island States Foundation ("SISF"), being an organization dedicated to the promotion and support of applied research for "solutions which foster sustainable economic development in the islands of the world", uses its available resources to ensure that the applied research supported by the organization encompasses or takes note of the Ten Principles in areas applicable to the research.

In the primary social activity of the SISF, the hosting of the award-winning **Islands of the World Fashion Showcase ("IWFS")**, significant attention is given to the various areas of research, and the dedication of space in the proprietary magazine, **ExÎles**, to elements of the research under the column, "Beyond The Runway". Such articles to date have focused on the environment and climate change in certain specific island nations. Such outreach will continue with the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of IWFS with a special edition of the event to be held in New York City

on 15th May 2019, under the theme "In Search of the Next Golden Decade". This will involve direct focus on the Sustainable Development Goals and aspirations for 2030.

Accordingly, IWFS will unveil its initiative in both production, marketing, and promotion for the next decade in respect of poverty alleviation through the emphasis on the creation of cottage enterprises in the fashion industry promoting traditional methods of production which entail minimal impact on the environment while simultaneously encouraging and protecting ethnic heritage, promoting equality of treatment of women, and the prohibition of child and unfair labour practices.

In this regard, Goals 1, 5, 8, and 9 are particularly relevant in the execution of this initiative as it relates to island nations and territories. The media of applied research and dissemination of relevant research papers and articles on the specific topics in the proprietary magazine/publication, **Exîles**, with reference to the organization's commitment to the Global Compact in all promotional material will become an integral component of the organization's processes and activities.

Measurement of Outcomes

This initiative undertaken in commitment to the Global Compact will be evident in (a) the scope of applied research promoted and supported by the organization with the resources at its command, (b) the promotion and encouragement of sustainable and eco-friendly methods in the means of production within the relevant industries, and (c) the dissemination of the research and promotion of the products in all relevant trade media and the proprietary publication.