



UN GLOBAL COMPACT COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS 2019

Interstate Corporation for
Development

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Communication on Progress
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This is our **Communication on Progress**
in implementing the principles of the
United Nations Global Compact and
supporting broader UN goals.

We welcome feedback on its contents.



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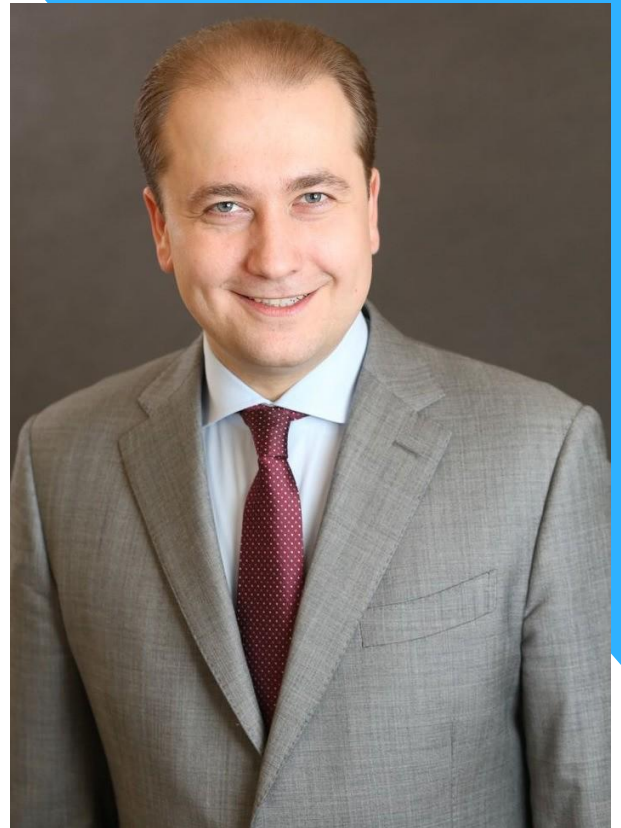


STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To our stakeholders :

I am pleased to confirm that Interstate Corporation for Development reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-corruption.

In this Communication on Progress, we describe our efforts to continuously improve the integration of the Global Compact and its principles into our business strategy, culture and day- to-day operations.



The Interstate Corporation for Development is engaged in development of improvement of the activity in spheres of human rights, labour, environmental protection and anti- corruption. We also commit ourselves to sharing this information with our stakeholders through our main channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

IVAN POLYAKOV

CEO of the Interstate
Corporation for Development

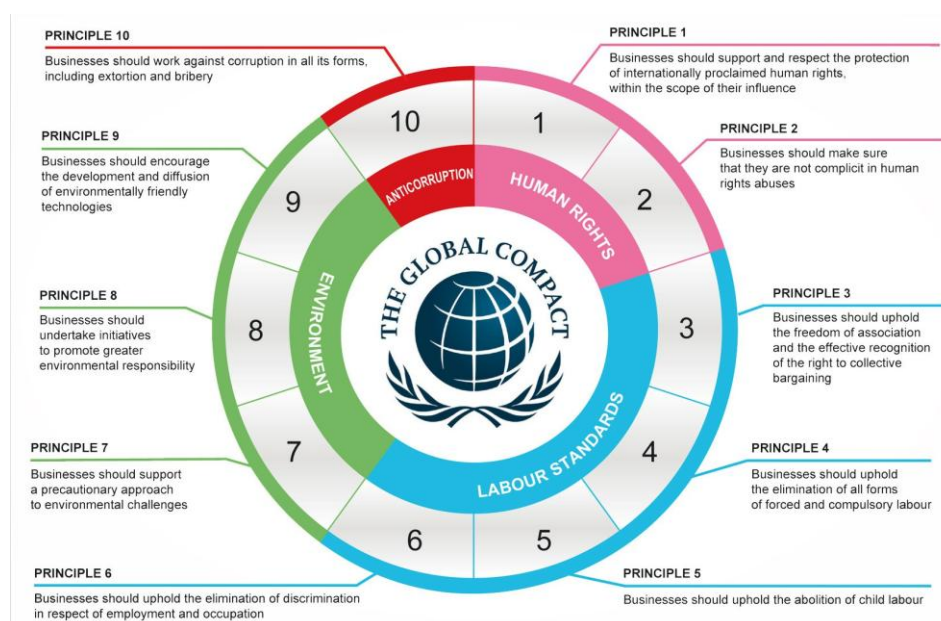
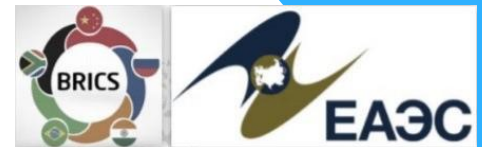


INTRODUCTION

Interstate Corporation for Development, ICD is a holding company, founded in 2011, carries out scientific and production, investment and management activities, mass media and socio cultural development in Russia, and the member states of Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), European Union (EU), BRICS group, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The mission of Interstate Corporation for Development is to contribute to the scientific and industrial and high-tech cooperation between entrepreneurs all over the world aimed at creation of principally new global markets and disruptive products and services.

The Corporation innovation portfolio size is \$ 2.5 billion. Representative offices are functioning in Saint Petersburg and Moscow (Russia). Corporation as a member of United Nations Global Compact promotes the establishment of sustainable and open economy as well as responsible civil society.





HUMAN RIGHTS

Assessment

We have continued to ensure that workers and employees are provided with safe, suitable and sanitary working conditions and that we are not involved in any form of forced or bonded labour or child labour. We provide a safe and healthy working conditions.

Implementation

Upon commencement, each staff member is provided with an overview of the company's policies and procedures, which includes a code of conduct and anti-money-laundering policy, as well as a staff member's manual setting out the rights and benefits of the staff member.

Evaluation of results

Measurements of results are evaluated as part of our HR management Department.





LABOUR

Assessment

The Company complies with the minimum wage standards and offers pension contributions to all eligible employees. In 2017, the Company conducted a comprehensive health check of all employees, and made the first aid course available to all employees.

We offer full pay for maternity leave and maternity leave duration 2 months 10 days leave to care for the child duration of 2 month and 10 days with payment in this period of social insurance benefit in the amount of average earnings. (according to the standards established by the Russian financial collective agreement) and our company is represented by 3/4 men and 1/4 women.



The company supports employees in developing skills and further professional developments on an ongoing basis.

Implementation

Culture has a high priority in our organization and to support this, our employee directory is regularly updated and fully implemented in our organization.

Evaluation of results

HR has a firm commitment to support employees on a daily basis. It is also supported by annual employee reviews with HR and direct reports where goals and performance are discussed and agreed by all parties.

Labor matters are a high priority in our organization and we adapt to market standards.





Environment

Assessment

Interstate Corporation for Development is still striving to minimize the impact of its activities on the environment. During 2018, we have focused on reducing emissions of carbon dioxide.

Implementation

One method is to work paperless during internal meetings within the organization. In addition, we recycle cartridges and plastic and glass bottles.

Evaluation of results

It was noticeable that switching to paperless reduced paper consumption as well as the use of cartridges and element waste.





Anti-Corruption

Assessment

On an ongoing basis, we assess the risk of the Interstate Corporation for Development being misused to combat money-laundering. We assess the risk of bribery, corruption and money laundering in accordance with our internal Policies and procedures when doing business.



Implementation

Internally, we have in place an informant system and security service for any suspicion of compliance violations in our organization.

Evaluation of results

The presence of its own information system and security service identifies suspicious circumstances related to violations of requirements.



New steps forward

In 2018 we have moved to the
implementation of other goals of sustainable
development

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4

ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE
LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

EDUCATION, AWARENESS RAISING, PROMOTION OF THE VALUES OF SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT



Assessment

In 2018, the ICD, focusing on ensuring its own contribution to the development of exports of education to

the developing countries, in particular to African states, created the NGO - Association "Single Eurasian Educational Space" (SEES), which is primarily aimed at promoting Eurasian and, in particular, Russian education abroad. To date, SEES brings together 36 of the leading Russian universities. The co-founders of SEES:

- St. Petersburg state University of Economics;
- Interstate Corporation for Development;
- Association "Siberian Open University" (an association of educational and scientific institutions, which includes 34 universities from Siberia and Northern Kazakhstan).

Implementation

The SEES 's areas of activity in the future will be:

- receiving investments for specific projects aimed at the development of the Eurasian educational cluster (construction of new student campuses, security infrastructure, supply of research equipment under the order of educational institutions, organization of leisure of Eurasian students, etc.);
- involvement of the Eurasian University community in the process of self-development of the Association at the expense of their human potential, including through the active involvement of social networks;
- stimulating the student community by providing grants for specific promising student start-ups with a view to participating in international competitions of student works;
- expansion of the geographical scope of activities and membership of the Association;
- attracting donor funds from interested commercial structures and individuals in the Eurasian and world space;



- integration of projects and activities of the Association into existing or prospective information platforms of the ICD ("Golden Fleece", ASEAN, BRICS and others);



- information and media support of the activities of the Association members in order to solve the problem of improving their competitiveness on the foreign and domestic markets. Using the media resources of the ICD-Media and other partner companies, including Central television, as well as foreign media resources;
- assistance in organizing the participation of members of the Association at international exhibitions, forums, conferences, seminars and other specialized events in Russia and abroad;
- representation of the Association members ' interests at various events in Russia and abroad;
- assistance in social design, preparation and submission of projects for external grants (foreign grants, grants of the President of the Russian Federation, state, commercial and public structures and organizations).
- outreach-communication with international organizations and foreign representatives.
- resource center for communication of universities with the business community, for example, training for specific structures - the functions of a recruitment Agency, retraining through the capabilities of universities and so on.

Evaluation of results

The Association's partners are called to become:

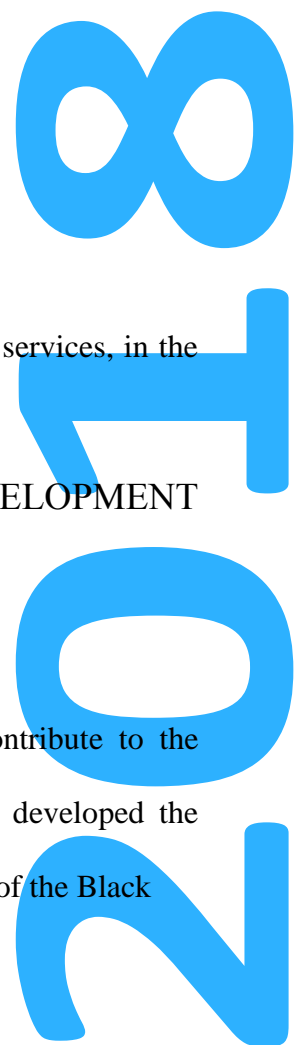
- The Eurasian economic Commission;
- industry organizations and enterprises;
- specialized structures of international organizations
- state structures responsible for education in the countries of the Eurasian space;
- leading Eurasian and world media, existing and emerging information platforms;
- leaders of the Eurasian and world business community interested in receiving educational services, in the implementation of targeted programs using the resources of Eurasian universities.

ICD's CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

GOALS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

Assessment

Justifying its status as an " Inter-State Corporation for Development" and striving to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development goals in the regions of the world, the ICD has developed the "Golden fleece " project, the purpose of which is the formation of a single information space of the Black



Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC). The practical implementation of the project was entrusted to the ICD media holding "ICD-Media". The last won in a grant competition of the BSEC, and is currently implementing the first phase of the project "Golden fleece", which aims, in particular, to facilitate the process of implementation of the sustainable development goals of the United Nations in the Black Sea region.

Implementation

At the initial stage, the project "Golden Fleece" provides for the creation of a tentative model of the single information space of the member states of the BSEC (SIS BSEC). The project completion date is June 2019. The next stage will be the creation of the platform "Single Information Space of the BSEC".

Evaluation of results

In accordance with the existing plans the SIS BSEC will be based on the Internet platform, and will include the website, social networks and mobile applications. The content structure of a single information space of the organization will consist of the following major components:

- The Secretariat of BSEC;
- The parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC;
- The Black Sea Trade and Development Bank;
- The partner organizations of the BSEC;
- History of BSEC;
- Documentation;
- Projects of BSEC;
- Conferences, forums, round tables;
- BSEC library;
- Economics and Finance;
- State and politics;



- Law and law enforcement;
- Social relations and quality of life;
- Ecology;
- Labour and professional employment;
- Sailing for migrants;
- Education and science;
- Culture and religion;
- Tourism and hotel services;
- Sports life;
- Diaspora.

The "Golden Fleece" as an information resource of BSEC could significantly contribute to the promotion of the UN economic, humanitarian, cultural, information, educational and other projects in the countries of the Black Sea region.

TV BRICS – THE PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY CHANNEL



TV BRICS was established in 2018 as a media platform by the “ICD-Media” for wide coverage of the history, culture, traditions and modern life of the BRICS countries.

TV BRICS programs highlight the events that make up an important part of the life of Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, demonstrate differences - and find common ground in the cultural, historical, economic and political fields.

The mission of TV BRICS is through "people's diplomacy", using modern media tools to promote better understanding and cooperation between the BRICS peoples and countries, to contribute to the achievement of the UN goals of sustainable development.



Cooperation with the UN structures

UNECE and ICD train policy makers and building sector professionals to improve energy efficiency standards in buildings



A recent UNECE study on mapping of energy efficiency standards in buildings has shown that there is still much room for improvement in the setting and application of such standards in the countries of the UNECE region. In many countries there are challenges both with strictness and with enforcement of these standards.

Bringing together its expertise in sustainable energy and housing, UNECE is helping countries to address these challenges. One dimension of this work is building knowledge among key stakeholders of tools and approaches to improve buildings' energy efficiency.

To support this objective, UNECE organized training seminar "High-performance energy efficiency standards in buildings in the UNECE Region", in the framework of its Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (JTF). The purpose of the training, held in Saint Petersburg on 5-7 September 2018, is to assist policy makers, building sector professionals, researchers and educators in obtaining cutting-edge knowledge of best practices in developing and application of high-performance building standards that they can use in their countries.

The training is the main activity of the project "Promoting the application of high-performance energy efficiency standards in buildings in member states of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)" funded by BSEC. It was jointly organized by UNECE and JSC "Interstate Corporation for Development" in partnership with the

Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency.

Over 50 participants from 15 UNECE countries – Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Uzbekistan – participated in the seminar. Training facilitators presented information on existing legislation, barriers in implementation of energy efficiency standards in various building types, and necessary steps to attract investments for energy efficient retrofitting of buildings. The participants were also given a series of practical tasks: to analyse data related to energy efficiency classes of buildings; to create a financial package to request financing for building retrofit with energy efficiency components; to identify and prioritize the energy efficiency measures for a multiapartment building. The training programme was further complemented by insights from representatives from the Passive House Institute, Ministry of Construction and Housing of Russian Federation, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency, and the Co-chair of the JTF.

“We expect that the target audience of this training seminar – policy makers, building sector professionals, and academia representatives – will apply the knowledge and skills received in the training to move the standards in their country closer to the high-performance level, and even more importantly, ensure that they are implemented and enforced. We also hope that many of them will be training the next generation of professionals in their respective countries, for whom application of high-performance energy efficiency standards in buildings will become business-as-usual”, says Scott Foster, Director of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division.

