

UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Organization for Science, Education and Global Society (OSEGS)
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Part 1

Statement of Continued Support for UN Global Compact

I am pleased to confirm that the Organization of for Science, Education and Global Society (OSEGS) reaffirms its support to the United Nations (UN) Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. Business worldwide wholeheartedly agreed with the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and OSEGS as a part of UN Global Compact shares the belief that the answer to responsible business lies in collaboration. Thus, over the last year, we have worked dedicated to promote the Ten Principles in all of our work.

This is our Communication on Engagement with the UN Global Compact. Our Communication on Engagement Report sets out in detail our achievements, describing the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Ten Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We therefore welcome feedback on its contents and commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication as well.

We encourage other institutions and companies to adopt and support the UN Global Compact principles as well.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Christoph A. Geisler,
President and Managing Director OSEGS

Part II

Our Actions

First and foremost the OSEGS has incorporated the UN Global Compact principles into its internal operations by paying attention to detail in every regard of conducting its actions, e.g. by keeping an eye on SDG 12 we try to work highly digital – reducing paper waste.

But we cannot do our work alone.

That is why we were partnering with several organizations in order to develop and support local and international projects as well as accelerating our action. We were and are working together to achieve our goals and we are grateful for that cooperation. Hence, OSEGS has built dialogue with institutions and a range of companies, partly involved in the UN Global Compact to share knowledge and practices, incorporating UN Global Compact principles and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into daily work life.

Within this part of our Communication on Engagement we would like to depict our work and draw attention to some highlights of three selected working domains of OSEGS in 2018: Academic Partnership, Consulting und Education.



1. Initiating Academic Partnership Projects engaging in SDGs and the Ten Principles

Prominent domain of our engagement lies in joining and proposing partnership projects. We get in touch with scientific experts in multiple fields of modern and traditional research to found interdisciplinary research teams: Ancient Organics and Information, studying at the interface between Biotechnology, Medicine, Chemistry and Programming; Digital Psychology, Society and Governance; Migration or Organisational Studies. They conduct applied research within the questions raised by the SDGs and incorporate the Ten Principles in sciences, thus promoting the important values and human rights.



Furthermore we initiated a partnership project in southwestern Europe: The International Academy of Sciences (IAS).

Starting in January 2018 OSEGS together with politics, authorities and several academic institutions in Spain and Germany (such as the Cadiz University (UCA), the Sevilla University (US), the Malaga University (UMA), the Berlin University (SHB) and Oldenburg University (CVOU), the Junta de Andalucia and the National Park of the Strait of Gibraltar) the project archived its first stage in the next year.

What are the goals of the partnership?

The IAS will be a scientific-oriented, non-profit, academic organisation with strong focus on the SDGs that seeks to act on a special zone that is located on the edge of the Eurasian and African tectonic plates, where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. In addition it is home to a fragile ecosystem of flora and fauna, which has been mostly undisturbed for decades and lies at a natural crossroads for marine, avian and human exchange. Hence, decisions taken will be closely watched by the global political and scientific community and have the potential to represent a strong signal regarding the region's future cultural, economical and environmental development.

IAS will act in five fields of activity, called programs, with different emphasis:

1. The scientific program will launch and coordinate scientific calls and projects in the area. It will also invite international scientists to work in the region and host collaborative congresses about relevant topics, e.g. invasive species, climate-change effects on local and global ecological systems, migratory movements of animals and humans and the exchange of air and water masses.

2. The educational program will offer free seminars for local schools in collaboration with Spanish and international universities. These seminars may include presenting successful academic curriculum vitae, conducting experiments with students, connecting people to IAS and its partner institutions. This will work on sustainable academic activities, entrepreneurship and the UN's SDGs.
3. The conservation and sustainable development program aims to preserve the local environmental and architectural heritage, while renovating and repurposing existing facilities for alternative future uses. It is funded by income from IAS' scientific and educational programs, as well as from financial partners and international organisations.
4. The protection program encompasses activities and initiatives to protect the special region and its surroundings, by putting in place the infrastructure required to control access and prevent vandalism, while also studying ways to ensure legal protection against projects or other uses that could harm the environment.
5. The international collaboration program will work in close collaboration with international institutions, such as UNESCO and the European Union and European Commission. This program is designed to promote collaboration on a global level and attract public- and private-sector support and financial backing for projects that will help to bring students from all over the world to the region.

We are proud to have finished the planning stage wherein the general concept, financial planning, partnership agreements, definition of the legal status of IAS and the staffing of the team has been done as well as setting up the first place of activities in a historical building. The next step will be the finalizing of public and private contracting of all parties and the formal setup of the legal structures across the different stakeholders.

OSEGS is very confident that IAS will create positive impact through every partnership, every project and event they organize, being able to deliver education on topics tackling the SDGs and many more.





2. Consultancy on and Promotion of the Ten Principles and UN Global Compact

Another strong domain of OSEGS' work is our consultancy and mentoring relating to the SDGs and UN Global Compact principles. One example of this activities is the transformation of a fashion company into a modern and sustainable company.

The financing of the change, rebuilding of social media channels and change of the production- and supplychain were completed in the beginning of 2018. This substantial transformation, which is still ongoing and its success uncertain, led to the new fashion brand called *Maria Malow* (www.mariamalow.com).

We are proud to accompany this movement from its original setting to a new business consisting a strong focus on sustainability. Thereby we would like to highlight the sustainable production matters and working conditions, unique fashion pieces made of ecological fabrics, the usage of recycled materials and the dedication to the protection of the environment of the company. Accordingly *Maria Malo* is consolidating its strategy by choosing partners supporting sustainable business execution as well. In doing so the emphasis shifted from numerous stores to only a few and a big focus on digital marketing, promoting a holistic sustainable lifestyle via Social Media Channels. Special campaigns solidify the brand character and foster targeted aims (see: <https://www.mariamalo.com/campaigns>).

By mentoring enterprises and their operations the dissemination of the Global Compact principles is also embraced plus awareness of consumers about sustainable and responsible business conduct created. Hence OSEGS undertakes through educating, mentoring and fostering partners and their initiatives the promotion of greater environmental responsibility and incorporation of the UN Global Compact principles.

3. Education of the Ten Principles and UN Global Compact

OSEGS works with educational facilities in order to share contextual knowledge about work in the fields of sciences. Together, we invite successful scientists and researchers to endow students with insights about their professional career and personal life. Aiming at providing information to students, fostering intercultural exchange and knowledge transfer. Our objective is to inspire them with the pros of a sustainable academic career to work on solutions for the future.

Giving one example, we conducted an event within a school where students met a successful Oceanographer originally grown up in the same region as themselves. In this case the marine explorer is leading a Horizon 2020 project of the European Union, thus able to pass on first-hand experience of high-level scientific work regarding complex and demanding research tasks – and why it is not only important but also fairly desirable.

In 2019 we will continue the work we do and push each other and our network to take bigger steps in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

*,The future depends
on what you do today.‘*

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Part III Measurements of Outcomes

Part II depict some highlight outcomes and results of our actions in 2018 from a mainly qualitative perspective. OSEGS strives to achieve a more objective and also quantitative description. The first step is to collect tangible results, which will result in a consolidated impact report.

In 2019 we hope to measure the majority of our local, regional and national impact and share this information by the end of March 2020.

We'll share this Communication on Engagement (COE) on our website.

Kind regards,

The Team of OSEGS





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