

CEO Statement

At ING, our empowerment purpose extends to long-term value creation through helping people to thrive in tomorrow's world by turning the threats of climate change and fast-changing technology into opportunities.

The United Nations (UN) plays a big role in encouraging sustainable progress. ING has partnered with the UN since we signed the UN Global Compact in 2006. We were committed to the former Millennium Development Goals and now support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which help companies across countries and sectors forge common targets and ambitions.

ING can have the most impact on the SDGs that are most aligned with our portfolio and our sustainability direction, which is to contribute to a low-carbon and self-reliant society. That's why our primary focus is on the SDGs promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth (goal 8) and sustainable consumption and production (goal 12).

In addition, as a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact, we support the Global Compact's 10 principles governing the private sector's responsibilities in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment & Anti-Corruption.

I am pleased to reaffirm our support to these 10 principles, because we acknowledge the responsibility the private sector has to contribute to sustainable progress. ING aims to make a meaningful impact.

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