



## **VSB support UN Global Compact**

The Vereniging Surinaams Bedrijfsleven (VSB), in English the Suriname Trade and Industry Association (STIA), continues to support the ten principles, which are enshrined in the UN Global Compact, since the importance of these principles is fully recognized.

In the past period in dealings with the Government, trade unions, private sector organizations and other relevant stakeholders, the VSB/STIA therefore always tried to highlight or act on these principles.

In February 2018, for example, the VSB/STIA spearheaded the establishment of the Alliance for Decent Work for Persons with Disabilities, since it was recognized that persons with disabilities were facing discrimination with respect to employment.

During the Annual Corporate Social Responsibility Award Gala in October 2018, which was held under the theme "Leave no one behind", the VSB/STIA again highlighted the need for Decent Work for persons with Disabilities, in particular the elimination of discrimination with respect to employment.

The VSB/STIA also continued to highlight the need for sound environmental policies and the Board appointed a Focal Point on Environmental Matters in order to ensure policy coherence, but also to make sure the views of VSB/STIA are well advocated during meetings.

Anti-corruption is a critical issue for the VSB/STIA and one that has been advocated continuously, even though sometimes in vain. But, the VSB/STIA knows it is important to continue the call for anti-corruption, so efforts will continue relentlessly.

I hope that the provided information has conveyed the message that the VSB is still fully committed to the principles of the UN Global Compact.

Paramaribo, 02 September, 2019.

Steven Mac Andrew  
Director VSB

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