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## **Communication on Engagement (COE) to the Global Compact**

The United Nations Association of Sweden (UNA Sweden) has been a Global Compact participant since 2010. UNA Sweden fully supports the UN Global Compact and the ten principles of UN Global Compact regarding human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

UNA Sweden is a non-governmental organization who serves as an umbrella organization consisting of 5 359 individual members and 81 national member organizations. Our work is based on the three pillars of the United Nations, working for peace, security and disarmament; promoting sustainable development and working to end poverty; securing human rights and democracy.

We communicate our opinions to the public and engage in a continuous dialogue with the government, the Parliament and other state authorities. We actively participate in the debate about the future of the UN and work for a better and stronger UN.

UNA Sweden monitors Sweden's activities in the UN, as well as whether and how our country lives up to UN conventions and decisions. We draft and present reports to the UN treaty bodies monitoring human rights.

We arrange seminars, field trips, courses and Model UN conferences, and we produce educational materials and campaign materials to inform and mobilize support.

UNA Sweden is promoting sustainable development and work actively with the 17 global Sustainable Goals (Agenda 2030), both nationally and internationally. Since one year back we have a three years-project together with the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions with the aim to engage local governments and representatives for the global goals. The project is called "Glokala Sverige".

[www.fn.se/glokalasverige](http://www.fn.se/glokalasverige)

UNA Sweden is also behind the website and award winning mobile app [Worldmatters.org](http://Worldmatters.org), aiming to increase knowledge about the state of the world and the progress made.

UNA Sweden is a member in the Swedish government network for Civil organizations and during Sweden's membership in the UN Security Council 2016-2018 UNA Sweden was involved in several conferences and workshops regarding the work in the Security Council.

UNA Sweden have partners in the corporate sector supporting our work and projects. We educate the companies and their staff in human rights. To raise awareness and to increase knowledge we organize field trips visiting UN projects in developing countries.

Here is two examples of our work with the corporate sector:

In the area of human rights is our cooperation with the Swedish company Apoteksgruppen, a pharmacy group with a strong sustainability focus, with which we have launched several campaigns to end child marriage and female genital mutilation in Ethiopia.

Another cooperation is with the Company O'Learys, a Swedish franchise chain, that has collected over two million school meals for the UN Confederation's School Food Project since the collaboration began in 2012. Under the name Meal4Meal, the restaurant sells promotional meals where SEK 4 goes to the UN Confederation's partners in Ethiopia.

UNA Sweden will continue to support the UN Global Compact and its ten principles. Since 2019 our Secretary-General was selected to be a board member of the Global Compact Network Sweden.

Attached to this letter is our Annual Report for 2018 including measurement of outcomes (in Swedish).

On behalf of the United Nations Association of Sweden



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