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RE: Communication of Progress | UN Global Compact

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Dear colleagues,

It is my esteemed pleasure to confirm that CISDL 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 annual Communication on Progress, we describe our actions to continually improve the integration of the Global Compact and its principles into our organizational strategy, culture, technical outputs, and operations. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders and network of over 260 international experts, in over 60 countries, and through primary channels of communication which reach over 20,000 climate and international legal professionals.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at mccs2@cam.ac.uk or our Operations Director Mr. Freedom-Kai Phillips at fkphillips@cisdl.org.

Kindest regards,

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Human Rights

- Professor Atapattu has an upcoming publication, as well as an updated gender equality piece on SDG 2. She will be attending the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights and has been working with a keynote speaker on human rights David Boyd.
- Continue work on SDGs and connection to human rights, including development of a 5-hour Continuing Legal Education course and a toolkit on SDG 4 identifying linkages to human rights.

Labour

- All of our legal experts participate providing pro bono time to advance the mission and objectives of CISDL, which includes respect for labour rights.
- Conducted research on the connection of labor to other issues, and methods to incorporate high labor standards into regional and bilateral trade agreements, and the synergies between SDG governance and labour issues.

Environment

- Over the year, CISDL has contributed to the work of the UN's programme on environment and development, and to the efforts of UN and other international treaties on climate change, biodiversity, desertification, trade and investment, sustainable resources management, health, human rights including rights of the child, and other sustainable development concerns. Together with UNEP, UNDP, UN FAO and other UN agencies, also CIFOR, IUCN, IDLO, Ramsar Convention, CITES, CBD, UNFCCC and other partners, CISDL has launched many research and educational products. The CISDL has also participated in HLPF panel presentations and events highlighting issues such as the development and use of effective Environmental Impact Assessments.

Selected works include international law books on:
- Children's Rights and Sustainable Development: Interpreting the UNCRC for Future Generations (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019).
- International Organizations and the Law (Routledge, 2018).
- Sustainable Development, International Aviation, and Treaty Implementation (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).
- Genetic Resources, Justice and Reconciliation: Canada and Global Access and Benefit Sharing (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

New Legal Working Paper Series have been published on:
- Contributions of International Law, Policy and Governance to the SDGs
- Sustainable Development Law on Climate Change
- Legal Aspects of Indigenous Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

Anti-Corruption

- CISDL supports anti-corruption efforts by facilitating international education and research collaboration among university law faculties and institutes, UN agencies and international organisations and civil society organizations, and the global partnership for sustainable development, to enhance transparency, access to information, and accountability in governance and private sector entities.