

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT

Period Covered by this COE

From- 2017 To- 2019

30th October, 2019

**H.E. Antonio Guterres,
Secretary-General
United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that S M Sehgal Foundation (Sehgal Foundation), Gurugram, India, supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, Sehgal Foundation expresses its intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles. Guided by the core values such as integrity, professionalism, excellence and optimism, Sehgal Foundation showcases commitment to stakeholders and the general public.

In the Communications of Engagement, we share the actions that our organisation has taken to support the principles of UN Global Compact. Sehgal Foundation's regular participation in meetings and collaboration on events with GCNI and GCN signifies our deep engagement with these bodies. I personally have had the opportunity to meet GCNI's Executive Director, Mr. Kamal Singh, have attended the national convention on SDGs organized by GCNI and will be soon participate in the Quality Education Conclave being hosted by GCNI in November. I have also been invited as a member of programme committee of GCNI. Sehgal Foundation shares and disseminates information about its values and activities at these forums, thereby contributing to the efforts to 'build a movement' through knowledge sharing, cooperation, and meaningful collaboration. Sehgal Foundation has time and again cooperated with GCNI requests for assistance, such as service on a jury for selection of national awardees for a competition in which GCNI is a knowledge and process partner.

Sehgal Foundation engages with the member-organizations of the GCNI through collaborations and partnerships to achieve our common objectives. Sehgal Foundation's mission is to strengthen community-led development initiatives to achieve positive social, economic and environmental change across rural India. With support from our donors and partners in the corporate, government and social sectors, The Foundation teams work with rural communities to address three key issues of water security, food security, and social justice putting a strong emphasis on gender equality and women's empowerment. Foundation's new initiative, Transform Lives *one school at a time* is helping create stimulating learning environments in schools to ensure a brighter future for rural schoolchildren. Community radio Alfaz-e-Mewat FM 107.8 managed by the Foundation is giving a platform to rural villagers to discuss, debate and share their concerns, while bridging the information gap.

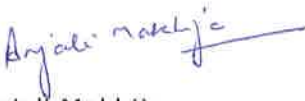
We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes the organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact.

As a civil society organization, Sehgal Foundation helps businesses with whom we partner to advance human rights, protect environment, and advocate good rural governance practices that combat corruption. We support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and report on their sustainability efforts.

Strong governance at the local level supports sustainable development ensuring impact. We welcome partnerships to further strengthen our efforts and also join and support issue platforms and work streams that further social accountability.

One demonstration of our support for public accountability and transparency is our commitment to report on progress every two years according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,



Anjali Makhija
Chief Operating Officer
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