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Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From November 2017 to November 2019

State of continued support

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Nigeria Network of NGOs reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



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Description of Action

For the Nigeria Network of NGOs: Internalised the principle within the work of the Nigeria Network of NGOs by ensuring that the Nigeria Network of NGOs' secretariat adheres to the 10 principles through the development of an anticorruption policy (principle 10) including ensuring that we remain environmentally friendly in our operations (principle 7). We have reduced the use of paper in our workshops and have recycled paper in our offices. We are now working on an environmental commitment for the Secretariat and by extension adoption by our over 2,500 members.

Engagement with Global Compact Local Networks: Attended 2 meetings called by the local network in Nigeria—the Nigeria Economic Summit Group.

Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues: Physical engagement meeting with Shell in 2017, 2018 and 2019 on their sustainability report and activities in the Niger-Delta. Participated in an aerial visit of the Shell oil fields in the Delta including engagement on the cleanup activities in the region based on the UNEP report where frank discussions and challenges are highlighted and next steps agreed.

Other actions to support the Global Compact and to engage with the initiative: Reached out to the Lagos Chambers of Commerce to explore partnerships on the implementation of the SDGs. Discussions are at the exploratory stages.

Annual conference of the Network gathering close to 350 participants from the 36 States of the Federation including Abuja focused on partnerships between government, private sector and civil society. Our thinking and understanding of the partnerships that needs to happen on the SDGs led to our having the conference focus on this theme so that we can drive small and medium sized businesses include the big ones to show and improve commitment to the SDGs.

Popularising the UN Global Compact principles within the civil society community as an entry point for engaging with private sector organisations on working together and in the attainment of the SDGs in Nigeria.

Measurement outcomes

- Shell has prioritised engagement with the Nigeria Network of NGOs as part of its annual work and has consistently provided updates on its operations to us at 3 annual physical meetings with input provided by the Network on how to improve.
- Included conversations on the 10 principles as part of our workshops in 4 regions (South-West, South- East, North Central and South-South) of the country.