

*COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)*

*Lebanese Transparency Association – No Corruption (LTA)*

*Period covered by this Communication on Engagement:*

*From: 01/2018*

*to: 12/2019*

*Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent*

07/02/2020

*To our stakeholders,*

*I am pleased to confirm that **The Lebanese Transparency Association-No Corruption (LTA)** 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,*

*Badri El Meouchy  
President*

## **Part II. Description of Actions**

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested.

LTA actions for 2018-2019 falling under Global Compact guidelines, specifically principle 10 related to fighting corruption, involve the activities listed below:

**SHARAKA- Project:** The project revolves around:

Enabling civil society's participation in state budget preparation, implementation and monitoring of public funds including promotion of concepts of transparency and accountability to ensure optimum utilization of the public budget for meeting national needs and priorities.

Promoting legislative and policy reforms as well as enforcement and implementation of these reforms in budget transparency, procurement, access to information, and whistleblower protection.

Strengthening citizens' engagement, encourage use of accountability mechanisms, and empower them to report on cases of corruption in the public and private sectors.

During the course of this project, LTA conducted the following activities:

-Follow-up and capacity building sessions with CSO partners and discuss the way to unify the ideas and the framework of the collaboration.

- Awareness raising through social media (i.e. info graphics and video) regarding the national budget and the mission of LALAC.

**Access to Information – UNESCO:**

Through the organization of workshops in different Lebanese regions, this project promoted and pushed for the active implementation of the Access to Information Law.

**SDG16:** In October 2018, LTA conducted a research on the SDG16 and particularly on the corruption-related goals (16.4/.5/.6 and .10). The project was set out to monitor the adoption of the SDG16 through a civil society parallel report concretely reflecting the current status of the Lebanese policies and strategies regarding the anti-corruption framework vis-à-vis the SDGs agenda. The main goal of this research was to strengthen the national chapter's ability to advocate and take action regarding the SDG implementation. The research assessed the extent of the Lebanese legal and policies framework's compliance with the international standards mentioned in the 2030 agenda. A list of recommendations were suggested by LTA at the end of the research. Some confident conclusions were drawn from compatible desk research and interviews that went through a compatible data analysis. This research increased the anti-corruption knowledge from the SDGs perspective at the organization and maximized its

*capacity for future monitoring and evaluation procedures as well as provided the organization with more areas to advocate for*

***Regarding LTA's participation in Global Compact events:***

*In the past three years, LTA participated in two events organized by the Global Compact network. During the first event, LTA was a speaker during a panel discussion where its intervention consisted of introducing the Lebanese Advocacy and Legal Advice center (LALAC) and how it is a valuable and sustainable tool of curbing corruption.*

*The second event attended by LTA was the conclusion of the year event which gathered multiple stakeholders, companies and organisations where multiple partners shared their implementation of the SDGs in their companies: from women empowerment to economic reform and support etc.*

***Part III. Measurement of Outcomes***

*In order to further contribute to the UN Global compact mission, LTA has been working for the past 15 months with Liban Post in order to inform on the importance of Public Private Partnerships and the right way forward in order to enhance integrity and private sector participation in the public sphere. Additionally, this approach informs on the latest and successful conducted studies on the topic of PPPs. In addition, LTA has been collaborating with HCP to spread awareness and inform citizens on transparency and fairness in the procurement and tendering process for PPPs. LTA is currently working on procurement on a wider level in cooperation with Bassel Fleihan Institute of Finance. This approach in regards to the mentioned topic also engages people on the principles that UNGC is built upon.*