



Communication of Engagement (COE) Policy for Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC)

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About the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC)

The Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) is a reputable registered and cross-sectoral grouping of public, private and civil society organizations (CSOs) with a focus on promoting good governance and fighting corruption in Ghana. GACC was registered on March 13, 2001 under the company's code. Under the leadership of its Executive Secretary, ably supported by the Executive Council Members, GACC, educates the Ghanaian public on the forms of corruption and its impact; campaigns for the strengthening of anti-corruption laws, regulations policies, procedures and systems; advocates for law enforcement – investigation, prosecution, sanctions, and asset recovery and builds the capacity of its members to ensure a vibrant, robust and self-sustaining coalition exist to promote anti-corruption actions in Ghana.

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www.gaccgh.org

Background and Introduction

As part of requirement for non-business actors under the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative, respective entities since 2013 are required to submit a Communication of Engagement (COE) which spells out the organization's specific activities to their stakeholders in support of the UNGC principles as well as their engagement on the initiative. The UNGC ten (10) principles include values that borders on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. These include;

Human Rights

[Principle 1](#): Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

[Principle 2](#): make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour

[Principle 3](#): Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

[Principle 4](#): the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

[Principle 5](#): the effective abolition of child labour; and

[Principle 6](#): the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

[Principle 7](#): Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

[Principle 8](#): undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

[Principle 9](#): encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

[Principle 10](#): Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

Non-business actors are required to submit their respective COE on a two-year basis. The below policy outlines GACC's COE strategy spanning from September 2019 to September 2021;

a. Statement from Executive Secretary

The Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) will at any given opportunity continue to support the Global Compact initiative and its principles. Over the years GACC have engaged the GC-Ghana Secretariat and has appreciated a fruitful partnership with the Secretariat. Owing to the relevance of the Global Compact principles to the Coalition's operations, GACC is committed to support the GC-Ghana Secretariat for the foreseeable future. In addition, with the strategic integration of the Compact with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), GACC is of the conviction that the Compact continues to be more relevant than ever.

Currently GACC serves on the Steering Committee of the UNGC-Ghana and is equally the convener for SDGs 16 in Ghana.

This Communication on Engagement report covers our activities between the period of 2020 and 2022 with selected activities which describe the actions that the Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition is willing to take to further articulate our continuous support to UN Global Compact.

Sincerely yours,

Beauty Emefa Narteh (Mrs)

Executive Secretary

b. Activities in support of the UNGC principles and engagement with the policy

With respect to the principles on Human Rights and Labour, GACC has in place an administrative manual that captures staff rights and responsibilities and as well mechanisms for addressing any form of abuse at the Coalition's Secretariat. GACC employment policy frowns on any form of discrimination. In addition, equity forms an integral part of GACC's organizational core values. We treat all individuals and organizations with equal respect and deal with all we come into contact with in an objective manner.

GACC has a flagship program with the Private Sector dubbed Business Integrity Forum (BIF). GACC would seek to integrate the UNGC principles in its engagement with members of the BIF. Established in 2012, BIF provides a platform to discuss the Private Sector's efforts and contributions towards the fight against corruption in Ghana. BIF focuses on the need to promote integrity, transparency and accountability in doing business. GACC is of the conviction that, the BIF is an appropriate platform to champion the UNGC principles. However, there are plans to rebrand the BIF intervention into "Private Sector and anti-corruption in Ghana" which will be serialized on topical issues affecting private sector in Ghana's attempt to address corruption.

In addition, GACC embarks on a number of donor funded interventions at the national, local and community levels. Going forward and at the least opportunity, GACC will seek to sensitize (where appropriate) its partners/stakeholders on the UNGC principles as well as the essence of upholding such principles in their operations.

Lastly, GACC will seek to sensitize its staff on the UNGC and its principles as well as create some public awareness on the compact via the media (including social media) in an attempt to reach out to the wider Ghanaian public. Further, GACC will advocate and initiate for a rapport between the CSOs platform on the SDGs and UNGC-Ghana so to establish possible areas of engagement which will be of mutual benefit.

c. Measurement of outcomes (i.e. qualitative or quantitative measurements of results).

The measurement of outcomes on the above outlines activities include;

- Number of private sector and non-business engagement(s) and other related activities carried out relate to the Compact
- Number of new UN Global Compact business and non-business participants resulting from GACC's sensitization and advocacy efforts
- Expertise provided by GACC to further the aims of Global Compact Local Network in Ghana
- Partnerships that aims to advance the UN Global Compact principles.
- Success stories and challenges encountered.