

COMMUNUCATION ON PROGRESS



EASTERN CARIBBEAN-SOUTHEAST ASIA
Economic and Cultural Chamber

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Introduction

I am pleased to confirm that the Eastern Caribbean-Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber 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.

Faithfully Yours,



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Our Organization

The mission of the Eastern Caribbean-Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber is to promote and develop economic and cultural exchange between the leading Eastern Caribbean States and the Southeast Asian region.

The Chamber aims to further and protect the government interests of the sovereign Eastern Caribbean States of Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and consequently support their citizens as well.

The Chamber intends to be a vehicle for the promotion and advancement of strong and good relations in these two regions. It is positioned to lead the way in promoting the Eastern Caribbean as a high-value investment region for businesspersons and a world-class tourism destination for couples and families. In addition, the Chamber is determined to support the governments of these countries in strengthening alliances within Southeast Asia not only in economic and cultural aspects but also in other global matters such as the ongoing Middle Eastern conflict and Climate Change. The Chamber is a non-government voluntary organization that intends to serve as a facilitator enabling trade, investment and tourism and to be an avenue in fostering international relations for these Eastern Caribbean States.

We are “Bridging the Eastern Caribbean and Southeast Asia” to bring two worlds apart closer together.

Our Approach to the 10 Principles

The Eastern Caribbean Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber has committed to the UN Global Compact in May of 2017. Our participation was brought forth by our aspiration to connect two regions and our stakeholders:

- Citizens
- Academe
- Businesses
- Governments

In this context we operate remotely in 2 regions, the Eastern Caribbean and Southeast Asia. In order to do so, as an organization, we have upheld the UN Basic Principles to our stakeholders by ensuring that information is freely and easily accessed through our official platforms and all formal forms of communication.

Summary of On-going Programmes

Labour Principles

The chamber strongly supports the UN Global Compact's Labour principles.

Businesses are essential to our economies, be it a micro, small, medium or large enterprise, we value them to provide services, products, and employment. As a business organization, our chamber finds that business are in need of relevant market information and support in countries and regions that they have yet to tap. To assist them on their ventures we provide the following services:

CONSULTANCY

- A range of consultancy services are offered on an ad-hoc basis, including advice to investors and companies intending to visit, trade and do business in the Eastern Caribbean region and in Southeast Asia.
- Support with introductions and creating astute partnerships.
- Bespoke services include organization of trade missions, assistance in regional trade shows, company and government representation, and market intelligence.

EVENTS

- The Chamber, through strategic partnerships, will implement various conferences, seminars, workshops, investment, trade and travel programs including targeted trade visits to the Eastern Caribbean region and to Southeast Asia.

Measurement of Outcomes:

- Our chamber was able to provide market intelligence to companies based in both regions to assist them in their business expansion prospects.
- Connect to government officials to encourage stronger diplomatic and economic relations.
- Organize a networking event for businesses and individuals to develop interest to the regions and gain more traction.
- Participate in panel discussions to educate future leaders.
- Publish a market report for interested parties.
- Publish a quarterly newsletter to keep stakeholders updated.

Environmental Principle

The chamber reinforces its support to the UN Global Compact's Environmental principles.

As the Eastern Caribbean and Southeast Asian region are both vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes, our chamber finds it crucial to help mitigate the effects by informing the public with relevant information.

Measurement of Outcomes:

- Participate in panel discussions to educate future leaders.
- Publish relevant information for climate change mitigation through the chamber's official platforms.
- Organize events that highlights responsible investment and tourism in the Caribbean region.