

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

SJOHAM BABAJI MISSIONS



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 24 June 2018

To: 24 June 2020

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

's-Hertogenbosch, 23 June 2020

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Sjoham Babaji Missions re-affirms 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 the Sjoham Babaji Mission has taken to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, 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,



H.H. Soham Babajee

Founder - Chairman
Sjoham Babaji Missions

Part II. Description of Actions

ENGAGE WITH GLOBAL COMPACT LOCAL NETWORKS

The Missions engaged with the UN Global Compact Network in The Netherlands.

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS ON CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY

The past years the Missions has been pursuing actively for partners that can shape our ideas regarding sustainability and to explore cooperation with regard to the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact. The Missions also visited many international UN conferences for awareness campaigns, consultations and meeting new partners. We established the first talks with the executives and representatives of the following organizations:

DreamTown

The first meetings were with Project Coordinator Mr. Rasmus Bering. DreamTown works for the wellbeing of young people living in cities. They are active in Uganda, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Africa. Partnership with the Sjaham Babaji Missions is being discussed.

Urban Synergies Group – shaping healthy communities

The first meetings were with Urban planner and designer Dr. Gregor H. Mews of the Queensland University of Technology, School of Design. The Climate emergency, social justice issues, the COVID-19 pandemic and the extreme biodiversity loss create an unprecedented opportunity in human history to critically reflect on the state of health and wellbeing. Partnership between the Sjaham Babaji Missions and the Urban Synergies Group is being discussed as we speak.

Al Qudra Holding

The first meetings were with the manager of Investor Relations Mr. Nael Wishah at the 10th session of the World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi. Al Qudra Holding, a private joint stock company based in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, focuses on sustainable development in the region. Meetings will be scheduled after the Conference in the summer of 2020 with the CEO of Al Qudra Holding to discuss cooperation.

Merit Group Khartoum, Sudan

In December 2019, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP25 in Madrid, Spain (under the presidency of the Chilean government) the Missions engaged in preliminary discussions regarding partnership and cooperation for sustainability projects with the owner of the Merit Group Khartoum, Sudan, Mr Mohamed Atta Almanan Alsulehaby Albashir (Architect).

RevitaHeat B.V.

With RevitaHeat B.V. the Missions is going to plan meetings for developing cooperation regarding their Fossil Fuel Free Heating Systems. RevitaHeat stimulates awareness and knowledge about fossil fuel-free heating with heating panels and / or floor heating and makes this method of heating accessible to everyone. This heating technology in combination with good insulation and the use of sustainable electricity benefits sustainable living. The applicability of this heating technology for the Eco-Villages in climates regions where heating in winter is needed is being investigated.

Cities of Love

The Missions engaged in preliminary discussions regarding partnership and cooperation for sustainability projects with Founder/CEO Mr. Emmanuel Benbihy at the Tenth World Urban Forum (WUF10) in Abu Dhabi, UAE (convened by UN-Habitat) in February 2020.

When Cities of Love envision sustainable urban development. Traditional film and media industries are under the influence of unsound industry logics. Their pursuit of profit, therefore of people's attention at any cost, has become detrimental to human development. Instead of creating nurturing content, private media owners tend to appeal to the lowest impulses of their audience. The future lies in cities and urban communities.

There is an opportunity to create positive media outlets and responsible media ecosystems under the umbrella of these cities, whose purpose will be to reconnect us with life, to empower us as urban citizens and to inspire us to take part in sustainable development. The Missions is in close contact with Mr. Benbihy and Cities of Love to discuss partnership on an ongoing basis from 2020 onwards.

Neele Consultancy & Expertise v.o.f. and W2V Partners B.V.

The Mission is in contact with Neele Consultancy & Expertise v.o.f., The Netherlands and W2V Partners B.V., The Netherlands, on an ongoing basis. With Neele Consultancy & Expertise investigations are made into the applicability of BioBasalt, a finely ground silicate rocks of magmatic origin, for restoration of degraded soil, both in the Netherlands on agricultural lands and on a global scale where lands have been eroded due to the effects of either climate change, or due to intensive use of chemicals and fertilizers. BioBasalt restores soil fertility with a natural variation of essential bulk and trace elements. It ensures a slow supply of nutrients and therefore has a long-lasting effect. BioBasalt stabilizes the soil pH without the usual emission of CO₂, improves the soil structure and the water retention capacity of the soil. BioBasalt also captures the greenhouse gas CO₂. The production of BioBasalt costs less energy than that of fertilizer and is therefore less dependent on the price fluctuation of fossil fuels. The material is virtually unlimited in nature. BioBasalt stimulates soil life, builds up and stabilizes organic matter in the soil and improves the natural resistance of plants. It contributes to nutrient-rich crops that are expected to have a positive impact on human and animal health.

BioBasalt does not wash itself out and does not stimulate the leaching of other nutrients. This makes it possible to administer BioBasalt simultaneously for several years. BioBasalt is ideally suited to compensate for the damage caused by the high agricultural pressure and the acid rain in recent decades.

When using BioBasalt, the leaching of nitrate to the groundwater is significantly lower than when using lime.

BioBasalt contributes to:

- More sustainable and more effective agriculture / circular agriculture,
- Reducing greenhouse gases,
- Stimulation of soil life,
- Repair of a worn soil,
- And improved stable climate as stable bedding.

Everizone B.V.

Discussions have been held with Everizone B.V. regarding the applicability of their lifelong learning and assessment tools. Everizone B.V. has signed MOU's with e.g. Garissa County in Kenya and the Kenya National Youth Services (NYS) for pilot projects in Kenya with the goal to improve employability in different sectors and regions throughout the country. The applicability of the Everizone tools for capacity building and improving employability could be extended to many more developing nations.

Global Ecovillage Network (GEN)

In the two years since our last COE we explored and developed cooperation with Mrs. Kosha Joubert, the Executive Director of GEN to set up partnerships for the expansion of our Eco-Village in India, cooperation between our International Organisations and cooperation with Eco-Village Boekel, The Netherlands.

World Sustainability Fund (WSF)

We discussed partnership with the WSF Founder and President Mr. Hans Emile van Essen. Mr Essen is also: Member of UNSD - Steering Committee Rule of law and Governance, Member of U.N. Global Compact, Audit Committee GC NL.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The Mission requested the FAO for co-funding to feed the needy, due to the COVID19 crisis. Preparations were made to partner with the World Food Programme (WFP).

SDG Results: Access to renewable energy - SDG 7 programme

In June 2019 the Missions applied for the “SDG Results: Access to renewable energy - SDG 7” programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands. This programme in cooperation with executor Netherlands Enterprise Agency, uses the SDG 7 Results facility as a contribution to sustainable development goals achievements in developing countries. In particular SDG 7: Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

In 2015 we started the upscale of Eco-Village Billamangal and initiated the development of the Access-to-Clean Technology Framework (A2CTF). A2CTF is a framework of clean technology components, like renewable energy (solar and wind), clean cooking, recycling, information technology, green transportation, etc.

The objective of the framework is to provide local communities with a broad range of clean technology products and services, as well as knowledge and know-how (education) to increase the reduction of the negative impacts on the environment. With A2CTF we aim to set an example in West-Bengal, India, and beyond, for a cleaner future. The clean technology products and services are designed to create a positive impact on energy efficiency, the sustainable use of resources and environmental protection. From 2018 onwards the Masterplan is being developed and the groundwork has been started for the different buildings on the premises.

Technical research and the organizations that consulted the Missions for the SDG7Results programme, opened up the possibilities for cooperation with some companies and organizations, in particular with:

- Tata Power Solar, India, regarding their efficient transmission, distribution and innovation of clean energy (wind and solar).
- Simply Solar, Germany, regarding their Parabolic “Scheffler” Solar reflectors
- Il’laramatak Community Concerns (ICC), Kenya, regarding their role as caregiver of the pastoralist community’s concerns regarding surviving, human rights, education and land of the Maasai.
- Forests National Corporation (FNC), Sudan, regarding their development of effective strategies for reducing emissions from deforestation and simultaneously promoting activities that will improve livelihoods and conserve biodiversity. There is a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) since 2014 between the Soham Babajee Missions and the River Nile State in Sudan.
- Aenarete, The Netherlands, regarding their development of Airborne Wind Energy (AWE) systems; small-scale solutions for wind energy with a drone of 2 or 3 meters to boost economical development in rural communities, a.o. rural electrification.
- Organic Village B.V., The Netherlands, regarding their co-creation platform, which is providing an integrated approach for dedicated open innovation, resource recovery and valorization, business optimization and clean-tech adoption strategies, to align knowledge, finances and skills in solving systemic problems, to prototype and test solutions.

- Eco-Village Boekel and the Prysman Group, The Netherlands, regarding the implementation and testing of the first sustainable cable (mini-off-grid solutions) in the world.
- CoVince Adventurous Learning, The Netherlands, regarding the development of a SDG-awareness training and learning platform.
- Investigations have been made into an application to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for installing clean (fossil-fuel free) cooking technology.

United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination organization (UNDAC)

The disaster relief programs executed by the Mission, have led to the establishment of a National Disaster Center at the Eco-Village for which partnership is being sought with the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination organization (UNDAC).

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during the reporting period 2018-2020 the Mission contributed to:

SDG 1,2,3 - by providing meals and medicines,

SDG 4 - by educating farmers,

SDG 5 - by capacity building for women,

SDG 6 - by creating communal waste-less toilets facilities & seminars,

SDG 7 - by developing solar cooking,

SDG 8 - by enhancing livelihoods by giving jobs, i.e. in construction, cleaning and advocacy,

SDG 11 - by establishing the Missions Eco-village, we have created social coherence,

SDG 12 - by worldwide advocacy and implementing the Circular Economy model,

SDG 13 - awareness campaigns and planting trees,

SDG 14 – campaigns to ban plastic,

SDG 15 - preserving Cultural Landscape Billamangal Dhaam,

SDG 16 - the Mission is fully dedicated to World Peace,

SDG 17 - multi-stakeholder partnerships i.a.: SDG Eco-Village Boekel in The Netherlands, Simply Solar in Germany, W2V partners and Neele Consultancy & Expertise.

- In September 2018, at the Bangkok Climate Change Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, the Mission engaged in preliminary discussions regarding partnership and cooperation for sustainability projects.

ENGAGE COMPANIES IN GLOBAL COMPACT-RELATED ISSUES

The Sjoham Babaji Missions introduced the United Nations Global Compact, regarding Global Compact-related issues to:

1. DreamTown, Carl Johans Gade 4, kl. tv., 2100 København Ø, Denmark.
2. Urban Synergies Group, Architecture & Planning Red Hill, Queensland, Australia.
3. Al Qudra Holding, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan St - Zone 1 Ministries Complex - Abu Dhabi - UAE.
4. Cities of Love, 9 Zhenning Road, Oriental Garden, Building 2, Apt. # 27D, Changning District, 200031 Shanghai, China.
5. Merit Group, Atbra Street / Alekhwa Bld., Khartoum, Sudan.
6. RevitaHeat B.V., Postbus 5804, 1410 GA, Naarden, The Netherlands.
7. Neele Consultancy & Expertise v.o.f., Sportweg 12, 4308 AE, Sirjansland, The Netherlands.
8. W2V Partners B.V., Nicolaas Beetspad 4, 1401 DA, Bussum, The Netherlands.
9. Everizone B.V., Pythagoraslaan 101, 3584 BB, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
10. Global Ecovillage Network, The Park, Findhorn, Forres Moray IV36 3TZ, Scotland.
11. World Sustainability Fund, Laan van Nieuw Oost Indië 252, 2593 CD, The Hague, The Netherlands. 2015
12. Tata Power Solar, Suite No 703, 7th Floor, Merlin Matrix, DN 10, Salt Lake City Sector 5, Kolkata.
13. Simply Solar, Graf-von-Werdenberg-Straße 6, 89344 Aislingen, Duitsland.
14. Il'laramatak Community Concerns (ICC), P.O. Box 656-01100. Kajiado, Kenya.
15. Forests National Corporation (FNC), FNC Building 2nd Floor Khartoum 2, Khartoum 658, Sudan.
16. Aenarete, Theodor Stangstraat 113-117, 2521 DK, The Hague, The Netherlands.
17. Organic Village B.V., Zekeringstraat 7 A, 1014 BM, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
18. Eco-Village Boekel and the Prysman Group, Klein Rondeel 203, 5427 GB, Boekel, The Netherlands.
19. CoVince Adventurous Learning, Utrechtseweg 33, 3704 HA, Zeist, The Netherlands.
20. Weborbit Solutions, 24/38 Jessore Road, 3rd Floor, Flat No. A, Dum Dum, West Bengal 700028, India.
21. Bharat Hi-tech Cement Pvt. Ltd., PO-V-Nagar, Bongarbari, Purulia, West Bengal 723147, India.
22. Roundtable India, Bob Chandran Centre, Round Table House, 2nd Floor, New No.80 (Old No. 69) Nungambakkam High Road, Chennai, India.
23. F.A.L.C.O.N. Association - Farmers in Agriculture, Livestock, Cooperative, Organic Network, Bois Pignolet, Terre Rouge, Mauritius.

PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL COMPACT GLOBAL, AND LOCAL EVENTS

The Sjoham Babaji Missions engaged with the UN Global Compact Network Netherlands and visited UN International Conferences and meetings concerning the Sustainable Development Goals:

- From September 4th to September 9th 2018, representatives of the Sjoham Babaji Missions visited the Bangkok Climate Change Conference at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand. The conference incorporated the resumed forty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 48-2) and Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 48-2) as well as the sixth part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA 1-6).
- From December 2nd to December 13th 2019, representatives of the Sjoham Babaji Missions visited the 2019 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP25, held in Madrid, Spain, under the presidency of the Chilean government. The conference incorporated the 25th Conference of the Parties (COP25) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the 15th meeting of the parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP15), and the second meeting of the parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA2).
- From February 7th until February 13th 2020, representatives of the Sjoham Babaji Missions visited the Tenth World Urban Forum (WUF10) in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The World Urban Forum (WUF) was established in 2001 by the United Nations to address one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies. Convened by UN-Habitat, the Forum is a high level, open and inclusive platform for addressing the challenges of sustainable urbanisation.



Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

For introduction: The Sjöham Babaji Missions is an International Organization, founded by His Holiness Sri Sri 1008 Soham Babajee in 1991 in The Netherlands (statutory name: Stichting Sjöham Baabaji Mission), with legal registrations in the U.S.A, and India. The Missions is committed to offer its charitable services by a plethora of activities to the poorest of the poor, the addicted, the lost, the forgotten and the neglected ones all over the World to live in unity and harmony.

H.H. Soham Babajee founded the Soham Babajee Missions SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Eco-Village Billamangal Dhaam in 2012 in Joydeb-Kenduli, West-Bengal, India. This SDG Eco-Village is an International Centre based upon the philosophy of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), Himalayan Mysticism, Esoteric Wisdom and World Peace. It was nominated for the UNESCO Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Management and Safeguarding of Cultural Landscapes in 2019. Nowadays, the Sjöham Babaji Missions SDG Eco-Village Billamangal is a harbour in the storm of this time. An oasis of love and respect, of spiritual guidance and hope. A Sign of shared Humanity.

The Missions manifests and support wholeheartedly the realization of the UN SDGs and the UN Global Compact Principles.

The Soham Babajee Missions envisions a sustainable, righteous and peaceful world, where people live in unity and harmony with each other, their environment and their inner world. The Missions believe that individual consciousness leads to global consciousness and individual peace to global peace.

The Missions is dedicated to promote Universal Consciousness and Peace on Earth by discovering the Divine Potential within all Mankind to offer Self-less service to Mother Nature, Women, Children and Humanity for a better tomorrow.

The impact of the actions that have been taken by the Soham Babajee Missions in support of the United Nations Development Goals (SDGs) and the goals of the UN Global Compact are enormous by all the contributions made by Babajee and His Missions throughout the world. The Missions is a global family dedicated to World Peace, to create a sustainable World.

Relief, rescue and aid activities in Sunderbans, W.B. and Medical Camps, Eye Camps, Blood Donation Camps, all over India. The installation of deep tube-wells for clean drinking water throughout W.B. Ambulance services through-out West Bengal and Andaman Nicobar Islands. Feeding street children in the rural and urban areas of India.

Taking care of hospitalization, continuous assistance for Medical treatment including surgery for the poorest of the poor throughout India. Arranging marriages for the girls in poor families. Giving regularly clothes and blankets to the needy throughout India. Nepal, Sri Lanka, Europe and Eastern-Europe. Projects for homeless people. Taking care of books and stationary for the poor students. Helping poor students to be admitted in the schools. Setting up and supporting old age homes. Setting up and supporting schools and orphanages. Enhancing social coherence by taking care of sports clothes for teenagers. Giving supports and aids to the poor needy athletes, boys and girls, in the remote villages. Feeding thousands of poor people every month in the Billamangal Dhaam, WB. Taking care of community healings. Relief, rescue and aid activities to the victims of natural disasters namely: Earth quake Bhuj, Gujarat, Flood Nabadwip and Cyclone Aila in India.

The Missions organized worldwide awareness campaigns, seminars and keynote speeches of H.H. Soham Babajee in the United States of America, The Netherlands, Germany, Kenya, the Republic of the Sudan, Eastern Europe, India and South-Africa. The Mission provided food, medicines, clothes and disaster relief to hundreds of thousands of people worldwide.

In the period 2018 – 2020 the Missions developed and built an Eco-friendly infrastructure at the Soham Babajee Missions SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Eco-village, Billamangal Dhaam, West Bengal, India and created jobs for women in The Netherlands and India with continuing education and capacity building. During and after the COVID19 lock-down the Mission supplied food and medicines to thousands of poor people, as well after Cyclone Amphan battered West-Bengal, India, in May 2020. A communal Eco-toilet facility has been built and will be opened on the UN World Toilet Day on 19 November 2020. The Mission organized knowledge events and shared the ancient spiritual heritage of Himalayan Mysticism, West-Bengal and India, as well as the (UNESCO intangible) heritage of the Baul tradition during the since 2012 yearly International Baul Festival (Makarer Baul Mela) in January 2019 and 2020, with more then 30.000 visitors.

We continued the build in the Billamangal Eco-Village. Future plans include, among others; a Hospital, an old-age home and a National Disaster Centre. We continue to give hope, food, shelter, medicines, disaster relief, milk and spiritual guidance. We expect to give hundreds of thousands of people food and meals after the COVID19-lockdown.

The efforts in actively pursuing partnerships to shape our ideas regarding sustainability, to explore cooperations with regard to the manifestation of the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact and in visiting international conferences for creating awareness, doing consultations and meeting with new partners, several of the 23 companies and organizations that we contacted are interested to affiliate with the United Nations Global Compact. We further develop our cooperation and partnerships with these organizations.

We are in the process of providing our partner organizations with our expertise of the development of an Eco-Village to further the aims of UN Global Compact Network. 23 companies and organizations benefitted from our endeavors and expertise regarding the building of an Eco-Village and the integration of different sustainable technologies for generation of fossil-fuel free energy, fossil-fuel free cooking for large groups, sustainable and organic agriculture, water conservation, capacity building in rural areas, small-scale waste management and recycling, sustainable construction etc.

We contributed to these companies and organizations ideas and project concepts for the integration of their expertise and sustainable technologies into the setting of an Eco-Village, and making it scalable to Eco-Villages world-wide and growing.

Furthermore, we spoke to former Chairman Mr Andre van Heemstra of Global Compact Network the Netherlands about cooperation.

Partnerships with mutual aims to advance the UN Global Compact principles are in the process of formalization. In December 2019, the Official Delegation of the Soham Babajee Missions visited the United Nations International Climate Change Conference in Madrid, Spain, that was organized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The Soham Babajee Missions made a great impression and organized several meetings with High-level Officials of the United Nations, Ministries of Parties and the Private Sector. The most noteworthy meetings were:

- The President of Falcon Citizen League, Mr. Gunsham Seeborun, invited the Founder-Chairman of the Soham Babajee Missions, His Holiness Sri Sri 1008 Soham Babajee, for the first Official Visit to Mauritius in 2020. This visit will be the starting-point of a partnership with the mutual aim to advance the UN Global Compact principles and the United Nations SDGs.
- After the first introductory meeting with the delegate of the Soham Babajee Missions, Mr Mohamed Atta Almanan Alsulehaby Albashir (Architect), owner of the Merit Group, visited the Makarer Baul Mela Festival in the Eco-Temple Village of the Soham Babajee Missions, Billamangal Dhaam, Joydeb-Beluria, India in January 2020.
- With the Director of Khartoum State's Forests, Sudan, at Forests National Corporation (FNC), Mrs. Somaya Abdoun, the second Official visit to Sudan of His Holiness Soham Babajee was discussed. In 2014, during the first Official visit of His Holiness Soham Babajee to Sudan, a MOU was signed between the River Nile State and the Soham Babajee Missions.
- Meetings about Blended Finance and personal contacts with the UNFCCC and the Chairman of the Green Climate Fund were organized, among other meetings with High-level Officials.

In June 2019 the Mission applied for the “SDG Results: Access to renewable energy - SDG 7” programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands.

This programme in cooperation with executor Netherlands Enterprise Agency, uses the SDG 7 Results facility as a contribution to sustainable development goals achievements in developing countries. In particular SDG 7: Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

The application opened up possibilities for cooperation with several organizations.

The Measurement of Outcomes of the partnership projects on corporate sustainability are ongoing.

The cooperation with Global Compact Network Netherlands will be intensified the coming years, with the intention for developing more partnership projects with Dutch companies.