

## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)



### Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: November 23, 2018 - November 27, 2020

### Part I: Statement of continued support by the Chief Executive of IYCY



November 26, 2020

To our stakeholders:

The International Youth Council - Yemen 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 of Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, The International Youth Council – Yemen describes 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,**

**Tareq Hassan**

**International Advisor**

**International Youth Council-YEMEN (IYCY).**

## Part II. Description of Actions

IYCY has been actively involved in the field of climate change at local, national and global level to help different stakeholders understand the environmental issues while utilizing their potential to work toward positive change. Specific actions that IYCY has taken in support of the Global Compact include:

***Combating discrimination in employment and occupation:*** *The International Youth Council – Yemen, in partnership with UNOCHA implemented 4 Settlement planning trainings targeting 120 participants including community leaders, elders and local authority leaders and equip them with skills that will facilitate participatory management and maintenance of public spaces and fire breaks in the future, benefiting women, girls, boys and men, local and central authorities, religious and traditional leaders. This work supports Principle 6 – the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.*

***Advancing environmentally friendly technologies:*** *IYCY has changed its way of conducting capacity building events to ensure that it reduces its carbon footprint, since the covid-19 crisis IYCY implemented its conferences and events virtually. Indeed, IYCY is one of the first NGOs in Yemen to integrate online technologies into its main activities. This work supports Principle 9 - encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.*

***Promoting greater environmental responsibility:*** *Joined a network of NGOs including trade unions and teachers' unions, environmental organizations, NGOs, and Mayors from around the globe to encourage governments attending the crucial United Nations climate summit in 2021 to make climate change and climate literacy a core feature of school curriculum across the globe. IYCY plans to work with governmental entities to promote environmental education and climate literacy. This work supports Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.*

### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Our Work and activities in support of the UN Global Compact principles has manifested in the following outcomes:

- On the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2020, The International Youth Council – Yemen joined 200+ Member NGOs to launch the climate literacy campaign that call on governments to commit to taking bold action on climate and environmental literacy. make climate change and climate literacy a core feature of school curriculum across the globe. IYCY is a signatory to the Climate Literacy sign on letter.
- On the occasion of International Youth DAY 2020 and because of the current health crisis related to COVID-19 pandemic, no more physical meetings are being held, IYCY in partnership with GECY have celebrated the International Youth Day on 12th August virtually under the campaign (Youth4betterYemen) through a series of panel discussion between (12th – 18th August 2020) (Via Zoom Application) by inviting experts, Young men and Women to share their roles, expertise and thoughts to Yemeni Youth in different fields. More than 21,558 Youth have participated at the sessions. The goal of the Panel discussions is to showcase effective examples of Yemeni Youth engagement in civic and political processes and activism and draw lessons with regard to how Youth participation and actions in the post-COVID19 era can be enhanced, especially for the purpose of responding to global challenges. It aims to highlight the need to enable the engagement of Youth more inclusive for the purpose of strengthening their capacity to achieve global action. It spotlights on Youth engagement through three interconnected streams namely:
  - Youth actions during times of crisis
  - Youth actions on social media to make positive change
  - Youth actions to tackle global challenges
- IYCY participated as an observer and representative of the major groups and stakeholders (civil society) in West Asia at the fourth United Nations Environment Assembly UNEA-4. Given that IYCY is the only Yemeni organization that has received recognition from the United Nations Environment Assembly, in view of the continuous efforts undertaken by IYCY in environmental awareness campaigns and the water and environmental sanitation program and youth empowerment in the field of sustainable development in Yemen.
- IYCY has signed a partnership agreement with UN -HABITAT and Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) to work on the role of Civil society on Land Governance in the Arab Region.
- International Youth Council Yemen (IYCY) has participated at the IPEN's 2020 Global Meeting and Forum on Chemicals and Waste in Ethiopia from 6-10 February as a Local Organization from Yemen. IYCY's

- IYCY has been granted observer status during the fourteenth session of the Conference of Parties (COP 14) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) which has decided to grant observer status to IYCY following with the Recommendation made by the UNCCD secretariat. This accreditation comes as a culmination of the efforts made by IYCY in bringing about positive change in the Environment, Energy and Climate Change activities in various governorates of the Republic of Yemen.
- On November 8th 2020, International Youth Council - Yemen (IYCY) has participated at the Climate Action Network Arab World (CAN-AW) General Assembly by presenting the impact of climate change in Yemen, in the third session entitled the effects of climate change and the human role in accelerating its effects.
- IYCY is the only Yemeni CSO which participated at the COP 25 in Madrid – Spain last year .
- IYCY has participated at the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) 7th Annual Subcommittee meeting which take a place virtually from 12 to 16 October 2020.
- IYCY has participated at the UNEP Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum which held Virtual from 7-10 June 2020, Oslo, Norway.

