



Communication on Engagement (COE) 2019-2020 to the Global Compact

The independent development and environmental organisation Germanwatch e.V. joined the United Nations Global Compact in 2006. During the last 24 months, Germanwatch as civil society organisation explicitly complied with the ten principles of the Global Compact throughout its activities and goals.

Focussing its activities on the following main areas

- Climate Protection and Adaptation
- Food Security
- Corporate Accountability
- Education for Sustainable Development

Germanwatch is contributing to global justice and the adherence to our planetary boundaries.

During the last 24 months, we were especially working towards getting the German government as well as German companies to implement the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAP) regarding the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. As it became more and more evident that a voluntary approach to Human Rights Due Diligence is not sufficient, we were pushing towards mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence regulation in Germany. For this reason, together with many other NGOs and trade unions, we established the “Initiative Lieferkettengesetz” (“Initiative Supply Chain Law”). We were able to strongly influence the public debate on this issue and to support the political process towards such a regulation, which is based on the German NAP.

Furthermore, Germanwatch was very much active to push the German government to put into practice the SDGs with the 2030 Agenda and to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Protection. On climate protection and energy, Germanwatch is one of the active drivers in the NGO community in Germany as well as at global level. During the current global crises because of the corona pandemic, a strong focus of our work was on a green recovery of the economy after the crisis.

In September 2020, the honorary chairman of Germanwatch, Klaus Milke, engaged in a public event on occasion of the 20. Anniversary of the Global Compact, organised by the German Global Compact Network.



Further details on the activities of Germanwatch can be found in our Annual Reports (only in German) which are attached to this letter.
(<https://germanwatch.org/de/rechenschaftsberichte>)

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