



ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT INITIATIVE (EDASI)

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PART I: STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To Our Stakeholders,

I am satisfied to affirm that Entrepreneurship Development and Support Initiative reaffirms its help to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the zones of Human Rights, Labor, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We invite criticism on its substance.

In this Communication on Engagement, we depict the activities that our association has taken to help the UN Global Compact and its Principles as recommended for an association like our own. We additionally focus on imparting this data to our partners utilizing our essential channels of communication.

Yours faithfully

Olatunji Abayomi Tunji

President/CEO



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PART II: DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS

EDASI supports the United Nations in all its effort to address the COVID - 19 pandemic that took over the world unaware as well as United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and United Nations Global Compact(UNGC) principles That was enshrine in the UNSDG The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

The 17 SDGs are integrated—they recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability.

Countries have committed to prioritize progress for those who're furthest behind. The SDGs are designed to end poverty, hunger, AIDS, and discrimination against women and girls.in Gender Equality; End Poverty; Peace Justice, Strong Institutions and Making Cities Inclusive Safe, Resilience and Sustainable. We concentrate on Women, youth Empowerment and Gender Equality. Our program focused on youth women start-ups, steady support in the area of office ethics between junior staffs and management team involving male and female, courses in various corruptions aspect. Where we proposed serious penalties for every defaulter in this regards.

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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION

The advent of COVID-19 disrupted lots of existing projects even though we have to quickly moved all our projects to the online platforms where 3-day workshop for guideline on learning and sharing information on how members should comply with the COVID-19 protocols which in turn upgraded the approach of the UNGC and its principle. EDASI organized groups to give data about of the impact of COVID-19 lock-down on business enterprises between March 2020 and March 2021. We keep in mind the end goal to involve the private sector; we have built up enterprises with Quantum Learning Solutions with main Nigerian human relations firm.

EDASI interaction with the United Nations through the on line platforms to improve our governance, policy, strategic information, strengthens our management systems, develops business plan for social return, improves cross-cutting issues and build strong leadership and management skills to actualize our objectives. EDASI now has members in major communities in Nigeria and outside Nigeria e.g. Britain, Switzerland, Austria and United States of America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations.

A). EDASI Contributed to the UNFCC by featuring in a radio talk show on a topic How Can business reduce Green House Emission at Radio Nigeria Abuja 5th Dec 2019 . At Orient Hotel Wuse 2 15-June 2017 There are gathering of various representative of women leaders

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rights-this is in support of SDG 10 to promote gender equality, combats HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases. EDASI empowers women which enable them to actively involved in development activities by Advocacy and sensitization workshops for community, faith based women representatives and concerned bodies on gender equality, human rights (women's right) and revised family law-This action Support SDG 10

Participation in meetings of the United Nations.

EDASI representatives attended the following meetings-SDG Local Network workshop 22nd July 2021(UNGC) on line Nigeria. Local Network of Anticorruption Collective Workshop organized (UNGC) May 3rd 2021 Partnership Forum The National Dialogue Leave No One Behind (LNB) Planning Team on Line.

February, 2021 NIGERIA LOCAL NETWORK ANTI-CORRUPTION
COLLECTIVE ACTION

WORKSHOP "MSMEs ON THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION"

The workshop addressed the multiplicity of challenges and constraints facing MSMEs and identified good business practices that could ease their participation in the fight against corruption. It was a follow up to the first workshop on the peculiar problems of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the development of an SME tool kit for compliance program. The workshop on the role of collective action, adoption of good business practices, power of incentives and sanctions in getting them to deploy collective action, the costs, barriers and incentives required to sustain interest in collective action. It engaged MSMEs on how to work with other stakeholders; civil society, media on collective action to ease doing business with government agencies.

The session "MSMEs Fighting Corruption: Costs, Barriers and Incentives" provided opportunity for participants to break into smaller groups to identify a Collective Action that would be jointly subscribed to and ultimately midwifed by an independent facilitator. The plenary agreed to the following:



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- ✓ Establishment of a faceless collective monitoring system on corruption
- ✓ Digital process of bidding to reduce human contact
- ✓ Proper business structure/compliance code
- ✓ Integrity code by SMEs to ease of access to bank loan, contract from government or multinational companies.

The next step is for UNGC to fine tune the outcomes of the plenary sessions; help build trust and transparency in providing access to different companies and scale up MSMEs Collective Action to reach big organizations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies.

EDASI is a member of the United Nations Global Compact since 2015, signed a memorandum of understanding which encourages Deeper Business Engagement at UN Forum on Business and Human Rights and other international meetings in line with the SDG goals. EDASI is a signatory to The Green Industry Platform and the CEO Water Mandate. EDASI promotes the Green Industry Policies and Practices which includes Improving Resource Efficiency, Strengthening Waste Management, Reduce and Eliminate waste Materials, Promote Technology Transfer and Share Best Practice, Green Value Chains and Encourage Green Industries and Jobs in Nigeria). The CEO Water Mandate promotes Innovative Partnerships in Water and Sanitation --SDG 7 and 8.



Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

EDASI observes and commemorates "The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on the 26th of time of each year, and the International Youth Day on 12 August of each year (2020-2021) in Abuja, Nigeria. EDASI has made contributions concerning Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals in International arena. EDASI promotes the Digital Literacy Curriculum (Microsoft) and the E -Learning for Kids Program in Nigeria among schools and in rural communities without internet access EDASI partnered with UNDP and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity to host a workshop on the Effective Participation of Youth in the 2016. EDASI has partnered the Commonwealth Governance in the area of Local and State Government Accountability organized by Nigeria Network of NGOs, Nigeria.

PART IV: MEASUREMENT OF OUTCOMES

93 young people were drawn out of poverty through online filarial education where 24 is actively start a business and growing their respective business. Student of 3 senior secondary schools were led on how they can improve in business management and financial literacy through digital Platforms A Technical working team are constituted on how can business help in galvanizing society compliance during the second wave of COVID=19 surge.

Twenty two business associations are already are now stake holders.