



**Institute for Development  
of Freedom of Information**

## **COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)**

**Period covered by this Communication on Engagement: Year 2020**

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) 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 very briefly 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,

Giorgi Kldiashvili

Executive Director

## Brief Details about the Activities we have implemented in 2020

Some of the most important activities IDFI has taken in support of the Global Compact over the past year:

- During the reporting period IDFI has established a fruitful cooperation with business sector regarding the issue of access to open data for public good. Within the framework of this partnership, IDFI received feedback from private sector about the types of public data they would like to have access to in order to develop new applications and services. This was an important partnership which could lay foundation for future cooperation between CSOs and private sector on designing responsible and innovative services for citizens. It could contribute to their increased corporate responsibility as such initiatives will lay the foundation for public private partnerships and dialogues.

- In addition, IDFI has participated and organized several Sustainable Development Goal events, during which it has voiced the importance of private sector in achieving and global goals. One of the mentioned activities was as follows:

- **Black Sea NGO Forum: Advancing Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region in Times of Uncertainty**

On November 27th, 2020 IDFI participated in the Black Sea NGO Forum titled - Advancing Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region in Times of Uncertainty. During its plenary session - Advancing Sustainable Development in the Black Sea Region in 2020, IDFI informed the audience on the experience of Georgia in the direction of SDGs nationalization. IDFI also discussed the path of Georgia towards the institutionalization of SDGs, the role of CSOs and other stakeholders in the process, and the need for future development

- Moreover, IDFI has been monitoring and following the developments regarding implementation of SDGs by the government. Our prepared analysis also concerned with issues relevant to private sector. Brief details about these analyses:

- **Comments of IDFI on 2020 Voluntary National Review (VNR) of SDG Implementation in Georgia Prepared by the Government of Georgia**

In June 2020, IDFI published its [comments on the VNR report](#) prepared by the Government of Georgia. The VNR report includes information on the steps taken towards the implementation of SDGs since 2016. In order to highlight relevant shortcomings and suggest necessary measures needed for effective implementation of SDGs, IDFI prepared its comments on the report and provided the SDGs Council of Georgia with the document.

- **Analyzing the Regulatory Base of the SDGs Council in Georgia**

The January 23, 2020 decree of the Prime Minister of Georgia approved the new Rules of Operation of the Interagency Council (the Council) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). IDFI studied the decree and [prepared its opinions and recommendations](#). The decree introduced a number of new regulations pertaining to the operation and composition of the Council and reflected some of the recommendations that have been regularly highlighted by IDFI previously. Namely, some of the positive changes included establishing an independent SDGs Council and separating it from the Civil Service Reform Council, as well as involving local authorities and the representatives of the Ombudsman in the work of the SDGs Council. However, IDFI stressed that challenges remained in such directions as working group composition procedures, transparency of the Council and working group's activities, the participation of the private/business sector in the process of SDGs nationalization and awareness-raising on SDGs.

More details can be found here: <https://idfi.ge/en/idfi-2020-annual-report>