

## BLACK EMERGENCY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

October 29, 2021

H.E. Antonio Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Since the Black Emergency Managers Association (BEMA) initial commitment to support the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) with respect to human rights, labor, environment, and anticorruption, BEMA sincerely expresses its continued support for the UN Global Compact and renews its ongoing commitment to the UNGC initiatives and the Ten Principles

BEMA has consistently and effortlessly expressed our support and partnership with the UNGC, and has expressed and focused on the 10<sup>th</sup> Principle, Anti-Corruption as our association first order of business in conjunction with the other nine principles. BEMA promotes this principle to ensure transparency, inclusion, and diversity as our mission and vision for community engagement.

Examples of BEMA commitment to UNGC:

- a. **July 2014 to October 2021.** BEMA requested and continuously utilize the UNGC logo on approved and authorized association letterhead, business cards, and signature lines of email electronic correspondences.
- b. **September 2013 to October 2021.** Expressed to all members, nonprofit, consultants, and private industry members since BEMA acceptance in UNGC to completion of online anticorruption awareness training via UNGC website.
- c. **October 2019 – October 2021.** BEMA International has promoted in lieu of global health restrictions attended United Nations Water Mandate and other humanitarian assistance, education & training opportunities virtually.
- d. **January 2020 – March 2020.** BEMA International registered and planned to attend United Nations general and ECOSOC meetings in the United States as members of the UNGC, but due to COVID-19 restrictions U.N. events for onsite attendance were cancelled.
- e. **February 2021.** Nominated and accepted the Deputy Chair, Global Health Security Agenda Consortium (**GHSAC**) within the Global Health Security Agenda (**GHSA**) position of with the United Nations and other international nations, private sector, and organizations are permanent and chairing members for the prevention, response, and recovery of global communities from pandemics.

From the examples above BEMA has been and shall continue to take part in the activities of the United Nations Global Compact, and express to members, partners, associates, and collaborators of our membership in the UNGC to further the 10 Principles in conjunction with the sustainable development goals (SDG's) for the sustainability and resiliency of their organization and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles D. Sharp". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Charles D. Sharp  
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Black Emergency Managers Association International  
Cornell University Climate Fellow  
Deputy Chair, Global Health Security Consort