



## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE) From: 2019 To: 2021

### Stockholm School of Economics

#### Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

To all SSE Stakeholders

The Stockholm School of Economics hereby submits the Communication on Engagement 2021 for the UN Global Compact, and by doing so we express our continuing support for the UN Global Compact and its ten principles.

The mission of the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) is to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness through research and science-based education. Founded and governed by key actors from Swedish business and society, we are a private business school committed to sustainable development.

SSE's strategic direction is strongly aligned with the goal of making graduates capable of recognizing and creating sustainable value. This shows in the development of the 2021-2025 strategy, which foregrounds societal impact, diversity, and holistic learning. Similarly, SSE has established research priorities that reflect a rationale of societal relevance; the areas of finance, retail, innovation, and sustainability receive special emphasis through targeted funding strategies, recruitment, internal support, and outreach. Sustainability questions continue to mark SSE's research agenda; this work is largely driven by our dedicated center of excellence, the Mistra Center for Sustainable Markets (Misum), and also across the School's academic departments.

Our educational mission "FREE" (Fact and science-based mindset, Reflective and self-aware, Empathetic and culturally literate, Entrepreneurial and responsible) inspires the pedagogy that we adopt throughout our various educational programs, are closely related to the UN Global Compacts Ten Principles. The formulation and execution of SSE's educational mission help students become FREE in ways that are appropriate for contemporary challenges to and opportunities in sustainable economic and business development.

Improvements in SSE's governance of sustainability work continue. The Sustainable SSE Group, established in 2018, uses a four-part model for guiding its work on sustainability: 1) research 2) education, 3) campus and 4) outreach. The Sustainable SSE Group (SSSE Group) oversees the work in these four areas throughout SSE as mandated by its mission: to operationalize sustainability and responsible management education at SSE. The SSSE group director (Sustainability Director) is also the School's Chief Financial Officer, a member of the SSE management team and can therefore ensure that sustainability strongly anchors SSE's strategy.



SSE is a champion signatory of the UN Principles of Responsible Management Education (UN PRME), and proudly shares our bi-annual “Sharing Information on Progress” (UN PRME SIP) report here to illustrate our achievements and the measures we have taken over the last two years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lars Strannegård".

**Lars Strannegård**  
President, Stockholm School of Economics



## **Part II. Description of Actions**

SSE is signatory of UN PRME since 2013, and UN PRME champions circle since 2018 for mainstreaming the SDGs in curriculum, research, and partnerships. We attach our current “Sharing Information on Progress“ (SIP) report to illustrate our actions that are supportive for the UN Global Compact and UN PRME principles, responsible business leadership and sustainable development.

## **Part III. Measurement of Outcomes**

### **Research**

- Regular public research and practitioner seminars on SDGs and sustainability topics, with specific focus on sustainable finance, sustainable markets, and sustainable economic and business development.
- Increasing number of scientific publications related to sustainability topics, over 130 in 2019-2021.

### **Education**

- Now delivering sustainability content in every program at the bachelor, master, PhD, and executive education levels.
- New international partnership with the CIVICA alliance which is a European university initiative that engages students on societal sustainability challenges.

### **Campus**

- New initiative to work on a sustainable campus and its facilities.
- Sustainability focused events and initiatives with internal stakeholders.

### **Outreach**

- Proactive outreach through the media and debate articles, academic events, research, seminars, or popularized publications and presentations for general audiences.
- Numerous partnerships that offer new insights into research and industry through collaborations with international companies and research institutes.