

## COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

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Business Council on Climate Change (BC3)



### Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: November 2019      To: December 2021

### Part I. Statement of Continued Support

December 1, 2021

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Business Council on Climate Change 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 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,

Maura Fallon-McKnight, Executive Director

## Part II. Description of Actions

The Business Council on Climate Change is a San Francisco-based multi-sector partnership dedicated to incubating, scaling, and sharing world-leading solutions to address climate change. As such, BC3 regularly engages member companies through organized learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for members on climate goals, corporate sustainability, and various UN initiatives.

*BC3 achieves this through:*

- Hosting quarterly Council Meetings where members collaborate to drive collective action on climate change, and support each other in advancing their individual climate strategies at their own companies
- Facilitating monthly “Climate Target Setting” calls with our membership, where we discuss the opportunities and challenges that companies are encountering as they set new, more ambitious public targets to align with the 1.5 degree guidance
- Organizing BC3 Educational Events and webinars related to corporate sustainability and climate change
- Organizing working groups, such as our carbon removal and supply chain sustainability working groups.

The Business Council on Climate Change also runs two programs that help advance individual actions around climate change and environmental impact.

- Bay Area SunShares - BC3 Administers a Bay Area wide “SunShares” group-buy campaign ([www.bayareasunshares.org](http://www.bayareasunshares.org)); partnering w/ over 35 cities, counties & large companies to encourage residential solar and battery storage adoption, and opting up to 100% renewable energy at home.
- Employee Engagement around climate change - BC3 offers tools and support for companies to engage employees around climate change issues/personal choices (at work & home) that contribute to regional climate goals.

The Business Council on Climate Change engages our membership to advance the U.N. Global Compact Principles of Environment (Principles 7, 8 and 9 respectively), and we facilitate rapid learning and collective action on Global Compact-related issues, particularly as they relate to the environment.

*Examples of such actions include:*

- Hosting regular working groups and forums related to key corporate climate ambitions that align with 1.5 Degree goals
- Developing tools and programming to engage thousands of employees around climate action at our member companies
- Creating opportunities for cross-sector collaboration in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco - particularly related to their new Climate Action Plan (launching December 2021)

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

#### **BC3 Actions: 2021**

- Celebrated over 5 years of our Bay Area SunShares program which has enabled over 4.5MW of rooftop solar to date
- Launched a Carbon Removals Leadership working group with members and partner nonprofit Carbon180
- Launched a [Carbon Removals Toolkit & Quick Start Guide](#) for corporations
- Hosted a Transportation Recovery & Congestion Pricing Roundtable w/ SFMTA & SFCTA
- Hosted an Embodied Carbon Workshop w/ SF Environment & Webcor
- Launched a Supply Chain working group

#### **BC3 Actions: 2020**

- Launched a Climate-Smart Recovery Initiative, and submitted a letter to Mayor Breed's Recovery Task Force
- Released our final Climate Finance Hub Report with findings from BC3's efforts to explore the feasibility of San Francisco hosting a climate finance hub as a part of the UN Financial Centers for Sustainability.
- Launched an Employee Engagement program to engage member companies and their employees around climate action, and developed a unique My Climate Action Plan "MyCAP" framework for employees to develop their own personal approach to climate action.
- Led multiple member forums on the topic of a local climate-smart recovery featuring SF's Chief Economist, and other leaders on workplace safety, transportation recovery and COVID impacts

- Hosted a workshop on SF Environment's forthcoming Climate Action Plan
- Ran an "opt up" clean energy campaign in collaboration with Bay Area CCA's during Energy Awareness Month.
- Hosted a webinar with subject matter experts on Applying behavioral change thinking for successful employee engagement.
- Facilitated a two-part roundtable discussion with the San Francisco Department of the Environment on waste concerns relating to COVID.