

31 January 2022

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that S M Sehgal Foundation (Sehgal Foundation), Gurugram, India, supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact concerning human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, Sehgal Foundation expresses its intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles. Guided by the core values of integrity, professionalism, excellence, and optimism, Sehgal Foundation showcases commitment to stakeholders and the general public.

Sehgal Foundation's regular participation in meetings and collaboration on events with GCNI and GCN signifies our deep engagement with these bodies. I was invited as a panellist in the '4th Gender Equality Summit' held by GCNI on 9th and 10th March 2021 and at an individual virtual meeting with the former ED of GCNI Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui to discuss the possibility of more active involvement of S M Sehgal Foundation as a member organization. In addition, I was invited as a speaker at the '9th National CSR Summit' organized by Shikhar NGO in collaboration with UN GCNI on 13th Nov 2021. Representing Sehgal Foundation at these forums, I apprised stakeholders about the Foundation's activities, thereby contributing to the efforts to 'build a movement' through knowledge sharing, cooperation, and meaningful collaboration. Sehgal Foundation has time and again cooperated with GCNI requests for assistance, I was invited member of the 'Organizing Committee of the 16th National Convention' organized by UN GCNI on 15th and 16th Dec 2021, voted in UN GCNI Governing Council elections for 2021-2023, and also attended the 17th Annual General Body meeting organized by UN GCNI in July 2021. Sehgal Foundation also advertised the 16th National Convention event in our newsletter 'Connect' for better outreach.

Sehgal Foundation's teams have doubled up their efforts on the ground in the pandemic to be able to reach out to communities in need. We shared our impact story on COVID-19 response as part of UN GCNI's #UnitingBusiness movement while highlighting the SDGs that were focussed while building back better. Both the narrative and video submission were circulated by UNGCNI and SMSF on their social media. S M Sehgal Foundation received the Sabera Award 2021 in the category NGO of the Year-Jury Commendation. UN GCNI was the SDG partner for the awards.

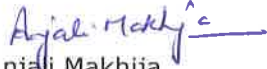
Aligning with our mission, Sehgal Foundation engages with the member-organizations of the GCNI through collaborations and partnerships to achieve our common objectives. Sehgal Foundation's mission is to strengthen community-led development initiatives to achieve positive social, economic, and environmental change across rural India. With support from our donors and partners in the corporate, government, and social sectors, The Foundation teams work with rural communities to address water security, food security, and local participation putting a strong emphasis on gender equality and women's empowerment. Besides, our programs Transform Lives *one school at a time* is helping create stimulating learning environments in schools to ensure a brighter future for rural schoolchildren and community radio Alfaz-e-Mewat FM 107.8 managed by the Foundation

is giving a platform to rural villagers to discuss, debate, and share their concerns while bridging the information gap.

We welcome partnerships to further strengthen our efforts and also join and support issue platforms and work streams that further social accountability.

We uphold our commitment to reporting on progress every two years according to the Global Compact COE policy, while endorsing public accountability and transparency.

Sincerely yours,



Anjali Makhija
Chief Operating Officer
S M Sehgal Foundation