

To the United Nations Global Compact

C/O Sanda Ojiambo, Executive Director

CEO Statement of Continuous Support to the United Nations' Global Compact

Dear Ms. Ojiambo,

Bonsucro is a global multi-stakeholder network and standard-setting organisation for the sustainability of the sugarcane sector. Bonsucro is the global industry platform with the aim to collectively accelerate the sustainable production and uses of sugarcane.

Our five-year strategy for Bonsucro builds on the achievements and progress of recent years, blends experience with new approaches, recognises where we need to do better, and sets an agenda for continuous improvement based on rigorous monitoring, evaluation and learning. You can find out more about our strategy and objectives here: <https://bonsucro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Bonsucro-2021-26-Strategic-Plan-full.pdf>

This letter is a confirmation as part of our Communications on Engagement, to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of the Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

I am sending below a short report on our Communications on Engagement (COE). Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Best regards,



Danielle Morley
CEO

Bonsucro's Activities in Support of the UNGC Principles (2020-2022)

Bonsucro is a non-profit multi-stakeholder platform for sustainable sugarcane. We have over 280 members in over 50 countries, and certified mills and sugarcane farmers in 21 countries. Our latest activities in relation to our commitments to the UNGC focuses on:

Africa:

- We have received a grant from ISEAL to lead implementation of the “Good Practice, Better Finance: Enabling access to preferential finance terms as an incentive for improving sustainability performance in the agricultural sector” in South Africa. More information: <https://www.isealliance.org/innovations-standards/innovations-projects/supporting-certified-smallholders-access-finance>

Asia/Pacific:

- We have carried out a project with the IFC in Pakistan to support continuous improvement and Bonsucro certification of two sugarcane mills
- We have carried out a business case study for Bonsucro certification in India, which can be found here: <https://bonsucro.com/business-case-study-key-learning-on-bonsucro-certification-in-india/>
- We convened the sugarcane industry in Japan and Thailand to promote sustainability in sugar supply chains and collective commitments and strategies.

Latin America:

- Since December 2020, we have been active participants of the UNGC Brazil Network, in particular the [Sustainable Agri Platform](#) meetings.
- Within the platform we are coordinating one of the UNGC projects on Sustainable Finance.
- We have carried out a business case study for Bonsucro certification in Brazil, available here: <https://bonsucro.com/benefits-of-bonsucro-certification-in-brazil/>
- We have also carried out a Brazil-focussed study on payment for environmental services: https://bonsucro.com/tools_resources/payment-for-environmental-services-in-the-context-of-sugarcane-production/

Global:

- Following extensive consultations with stakeholders, Bonsucro has adopted a new [Strategic Plan](#) with ambitious targets on Climate Action, Human Rights, Water Stewardship and Living Wage. The strategy also emphasises Bonsucro's role as a convening platform to enable collective action at country and industry level.

- Bonsucro has published a new [Bonsucro Production Standard](#) for the sugarcane sector, which was developed by an independent expert working group following over 2 years of public consultations and stakeholder engagement.
- Organisation of training sessions and a licensed trainer scheme on topics related to the Ten Principles of the UNGC, which are covered in the criteria and indicators of the Bonsucro Production Standard.
- Review and roll-out of [Bonsucro's Code of Conduct](#) and [Grievance Mechanism](#) to ensure that our members seek alignment to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP).
- As a global platform we enable dialogue and build collaboration with companies and NGOs involved in the Global Compact, which includes many of Bonsucro's members.
- We continue to formally endorse the UNGC to our membership
- We promote impact projects on areas relevant to the UNGC particularly on Human Rights, Labour, and Environment.

Measurement of Outcomes

We are constantly working to improve the social, environmental, and economic sustainability of sugarcane farming and production of its derived products. Our Monitoring & Evaluation System reflects our objectives in these areas. Every year, Bonsucro publishes its [Outcome Report](#) to provide stakeholders with a view on key improvements achieved by the sustainable sugarcane sector, made of operators which participate in the Bonsucro platform and/or achieve Bonsucro certification.

It is based on analyses carried out by the Bonsucro secretariat using different sources of data. The report seeks to assess key monitoring & evaluation indicators, to provide an evaluation of the performance of the organisation in delivering its mission and reaching its vision, and to identify the measurable outcomes directly achieved by operators. Amongst the highlights of the most recent Outcome Report, I would emphasise the ones below:

