

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: January 2020

To: January 2022

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

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief Executive or equivalent.

18/01/2022

To our stakeholders,

I am pleased to confirm that Trias ngo 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,

Lode
Delbare
General
Director

Lode Delbare
Algemeen directeur Trias vzw

Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

- Trias played an active role in several multi-stakeholder partnerships addressing - amongst other objectives - the CSR of companies. Some already existed before 2020, others were created since. Some examples:
 - ❖ Partnerships in the potato value chain, including sector federation Belgapom, technical schools VTI and VLTi Torhout, companies Waltson, Agristo, Poco Loco, Pattyn Packaging Lines, Deprez Construct (and others), local authorities in Belgium and abroad. By joining forces in a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable way, living and working conditions of hundreds of family farmers and their families have been improved.
 - ❖ Partnerships in cocoa/chocolate, with companies such as Ethiquable, The Belgian Chocolate Group, ZOTO and Chocola-Tuti, local authorities in Belgium and abroad and research institutes. Sensitizing on fairtrade, inclusive and environmentally sustainable (agroforestry) production is a key component of these partnerships, supporting all main principles of the UN Global Compact.
- Trias engaged multiple companies in issues related to the Global Compact where Trias plays an active role, mainly on human rights, labour and environment. Some examples:
 - ❖ Staff and clients of restaurant chain Lunch Garden were sensitized through a campaign on topics such as living income, cooperative organization, inclusion of women and youth, environmental protection, etc.
 - ❖ ST Engineering, Liantis, Scapta, Yuki and others were engaged in a 10 Miles run in favour of Trias and more in particular for the protection of women's rights and supporting female entrepreneurs in Tanzania.
 - ❖ Equitable commercial partnerships were developed between farmer organizations supported by Trias and private companies operating in that same region, e.g. between Coprakam and OKA Cosmetics in Guinea, between LPMPC and Ananas Anam in the Philippines, between HODFA and Naseco in Uganda, etc.
 - ❖ Equitable commercial partnerships were developed between farmer organizations supported by Trias and private companies in Belgium, e.g. between Coopemapi and Colruyt Group in the context of an international value chain project on honey.
 - ❖ Partnerships in CSR with UN Global Compact company members such as Nexans and Umicore.
- Trias engages in networks and platforms focused on building the SDGs together with a variety of stakeholders, including private sector:
 - ❖ Beyond Chocolate: partnership for a sustainable Belgian chocolate industry, launched by the Belgian federal government, composed of cocoa traders, chocolate producers, retailers, universities and research institutes, certification organizations, social impact investors, NGOs and trade unions. All parties subscribe to the same goals of a living income for cocoa farmers, zero deforestation and abolition of child labour by 2030 and work together towards reaching these goals.
 - ❖ The Shift: the Belgian sustainability community that brings together diverse members and partners (private companies, NGOs, academic institutions, public administrations) in actively moving towards a more sustainable economy and society.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

- At least 6 new business partnerships formalized that advance the UN Global Compact Principles.
- At least 10 of Trias' partner organizations (member based farmer and entrepreneur organizations) have adopted sustainable agricultural practices and improved business development techniques as a result of multi-stakeholder or commercial partnerships with a.o. private sector actors.
- Number of experts, professionals, stakeholders in Belgium that engage sustainably and intensively for/with Trias went up from 175 to 190.
- Number of entrepreneurs in Belgium that engage sustainably and intensively for/with Trias went up from 84 to 92.
- Number of members from Ecuadorian farmer organizations involved in multi-stakeholder partnerships (in both the potato and cocoa value chain) that adopted new sustainable production methods went up from 3235 to 4480.
- Number of members from Ecuadorian farmer organizations involved in multi-stakeholder partnerships (in both the potato and cocoa value chain) that augmented their production / ha with >15% went up from 720 to 1085.
- Number of members from Congolese farmer organizations involved in commercial and multi-stakeholder partnerships in the cocoa value chain that adopted new sustainable production methods went up from 740 to 1710.
- Number of members from Congolese farmer organizations involved in commercial and multi-stakeholder partnerships in the cocoa value chain that augmented their sales with >15% went up from 700 to 1870.
- 62 Lunch garden restaurants participated in the sensitization action of their several 100 000s of clients.
- 76 runners from 6 companies participated actively in the 10 miles sponsor run, thousands more were sensitized through Trias visibility in the company village.
- For a lot of the recent activities we do not have measurable outcome available yet.