

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement: March 2020 – March 2022

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

1st March 2022

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Unicaf University 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kevin Andrews", followed by a period.

Dr. Kevin Andrews
Vice Chancellor (Federal), Unicaf University

Part II. Description of Actions

Unicaf University is a strong supporter of all principles of the UN Global Compact, and is an impassioned advocate of UN SDG number 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all) and number 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts). Following these principles, the Unicaf Responsible and Sustainable Business Plan 2021-2025 is underway. This plan takes its lead from 6 of the 17 UN SDGs and Africa 2063 aspirations, and looks to have positive impacts in the 13 countries the organisation operates in. The main goals of the Unicaf Responsible and Sustainable Business Plan 2021-2025 include the first steps to making Unicaf net-zero carbon by 2035, as well as setting the example for all other global HE providers. This part of the Unicaf Responsible and Sustainable Business Plan 2021-2025 supports principle 8 (undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility) and 9 (encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies) of the UN Global Compact.

Also, this plan aims to offer \$200,000,000 worth of scholarships to students worldwide, which further supports principle number 1 (Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights) by being able and willing to provide education to people who may otherwise not be able to receive any at the level offered by Unicaf. This project was selected as Finalist in the EAUC and UN Environment Programme Green Gown International Awards for Sustainability Institution of the Year 2021. As well as this, Unicaf aims to provide quality higher education at an affordable price, and by using its state-of-the-art digital platform and virtual learning environment, Unicaf is able to facilitate the provision of online programmes of study in partnership with reputable universities in the UK and the USA. Aside from the benefits to the students themselves, the establishment of multiple Unicaf University campuses in Africa creates employment opportunities to hundreds of professionals too.

Unicaf University also gives back to the community through benefits included in its Corporate Social Responsibility programme, which offers free computer lessons to high-school leavers, open lectures and/or workshops on trending subjects, as well as donations to hospitals, orphanages and schools around Africa. In addition to this, Unicaf holds an environmentally friendly outlook through the recycling of paper, aluminium and plastic in all Unicaf offices and campuses; as well as the planting of young trees in areas designated by the government, or the local authorities in every country Unicaf operates in.

In the hundreds of alumni testimonials available on the Unicaf YouTube channel, many students and graduates from around Africa and other parts of the world express their gratitude for the life-changing opportunity provided to them by Unicaf of affordable high-quality education being offered at an affordable price. (<https://www.youtube.com/c/UnicafUniversity/videos>)