



Public-Private Alliance Foundation

Communication of Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact

Period Covered - January 2020 to December 2021

Part I: Statement of Support to the United Nations Global Compact

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Public-Private Alliance Foundation 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,

*David Stillman
Executive Director
29 April 2022*

Part II: Description of Actions

The Public-Private Alliance Foundation (PPAF) is a New York-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization, recognized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Department of Global Communications, and a member of the Clean Cooking Alliance (hosted by the UN Foundation), as well as a participant in the United Nations Global Compact. On the project side, PPAF currently works with collaborators to support university teaching and fieldwork in Haiti on sustainable energy, notably solar cooking and biodigesters for biogas and garden fertilizer. PPAF also supports young entrepreneur classes at a Haitian training institution for children of low- income families, and provides sustainable energy support to a Haitian organization that has established an off-grid community center. In its

communications, advocacy and outreach, PPAF emphasizes environmental and issues in Haiti and internationally, as well as human rights concerns and policies. It does this through seminars and events, notably those conducted in collaboration with the United Nations Association of the USA/ Southern New York State Division (UNA/SNY) and with Solar Cookers International. The crushing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020-2021 curtailed many activities and events. It also led to a blossoming of reliance on the internet for conduct of these, notably through WhatsApp, Zoom and webinars.

PPAF incorporates and promotes the 10 Principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and uses a business approach for poverty alleviation with emphasis on renewable energy, public health, climate change, gender and entrepreneurship. All the work is achieved through projects and seminars involving multi-stakeholder cooperation with both USA- and Haiti-based organizations. PPAF's fundraising efforts are mainly through the crowdfunding platform GlobalGiving, which stresses the SDGs as its framework for action.

Established in 2007 with support from ambassadors to the United Nations from Madagascar, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, PPAF has conducted various development activities in the 2020-2021 reporting period. Most of PPAF's work for quite a few years has focused on Haiti, but in 2020, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, PPAF also supplied emergency assistance to contacts in Madagascar and the Dominican Republic.

Most families in Haiti depend on charcoal for daily cooking, which leads to respiratory disease and massive deforestation. PPAF and collaborating organizations conduct research and introduce development activities on how people cook, so as to improve the lives and livelihoods of all, and especially women and girls. The aim is to help Haitian families escape the poverty-respiratory disease-deforestation trap, by reducing the heavy dependence on cooking with charcoal.

In 2020-2021 PPAF continued with the Université Notre Dame d' Haiti at Hinche the collaborations begun in 2018 with the university and Konbit pou Developman Commun Kote de fer (KDCK), Solar CITIES Global Biogas Education, Solar Cookers International, Solar Education Project/GDF, Solar Household Energy, Persons Helping People, Haines Solar Cookers and other organizations. The university has a program on medical biology and bioscience. The team's work there has been to create and support a "first ever in Haiti" course on sustainable energy. It focuses on solar cooking and biodigesters for biogas and garden fertilizer. The two-semester course features in-class sessions and practical fieldwork, including student maintenance of a biodigester on campus, fertilizing a campus garden and tree nursery,

using and demonstrating solar cooking and biogas capabilities, and visiting or hosting other schools and community groups. The Global Compact principles and the Sustainable Development Goals are embedded in the teaching and fieldwork of the course. During the crisis imposed by the pandemic, the university had to close down for many months in 2020. During this time PPAF support shifted to outpatient services at the campus clinic and distribution of solar cookers to students to ease family needs for fuel and cooking.

In 2020-2021 PPAF continued support to young entrepreneurs' classes in baking and sewing at the Art Creation Foundation for Children, a Haitian training institution in Jacmel for children from low-income families. Responding to the crisis imposed by the pandemic in 2020, the sewing classes turned to making masks and students and staff used solar cookers to help meet needs of student member families in the community.

During the reporting period PPAF also began support for solar cooking and biodigesters/biogas at a community center recently established by KDCK in the town of Cotes de Fer. KDCK's Haitian-born head, a close collaborator with PPAF, has done this in her home town as evidence of the vitality and meaning of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. PPAF has become involved in the SDG's clean energy and the Global Compact's environment aspects of this.

A PPAF innovation, begun during 2021 in Jacmel and Hinche, is weekly tabulation of solar cooking experiences in Haiti through cooking tests and demonstrations captured in data sheets and photos by Haitian colleagues and sent to PPAF on cellphones by WhatsApp. Next steps being planned by year-end were ways to enlarge the network of solar cooker users in Haiti, to develop a cookbook on solar cooking in Haiti, and to make contributions to the resource materials promoted by Solar Cookers International.

PPAF has convened seminars at the United Nations Headquarters and elsewhere for more than a decade. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic such activities were greatly curtailed, but were covered somewhat in Zoom and webinar format. The UN Global Compact principles and the Sustainable Development Goals are embodied and promoted in the events. In 2020 and 2021 PPAF was a joint sponsor, with Solar Cookers International, of seminars linked to the UN High Level Political Forum.

Part III: Measurement of Outcomes

PPAF is a non-governmental organization (NGO) with a history of linkages among academic institutions, business and industry associations, and public sector organizations. Partnerships are a central concern, for local engagement, events and resource development. In the collaboration described with the Haitian

University at Hinche, PPAF is the team's general coordinator, and co-funds the project. Despite shut-downs because of COVID-19 and political insecurity issues, the two-semester course has been held each year, starting in 2018. In the youth training center in Jacmel, PPAF has supported as many as three cycles of classes per year.

PPAF encourages businesses and associations to be aware of and seek to implement the SDGs and to be aware of and join the Global Compact. In particular it advocates for awareness of and membership in Solar Cookers International and Solar CITIES Global Biogas Education. These are recognized entities in their fields with broad membership. PPAF encouraged both of these to become active members of the Clean Cooking Alliance. Solar Cookers International developed performance evaluation procedures for solar cookers which has become recognized by the Alliance as an advancement in relevant international technical standards. At the webinars with Solar Cookers International at the UN High Level Political Forum, speakers from PPAF and other organizations have highlighted the importance of innovative actions, technical standardization and environment-friendly public policy.

PPAF is glad to be able to engage with others in projects and seminars, and on public policy issue platforms in relation to issues of international concern. Participation in the UN Global Compact since 2007 provides an excellent opportunity for this.