



## **Communication on Engagement (COE)**

2021

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### **Part 1: Statement of Continued Support**

25 April, 2022

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Pacific Institute 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,

Jason Morrison

President, The Pacific Institute

## Part II: Description of Activities

### Suggested activities:

Engage with Global Compact Local Networks • Join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability • Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues • Join and/or support special initiatives and work streams • Provide commentary to companies on Communications on Progress • Participate in Global Compact global, and local events

The Pacific Institute remains committed to the principles and goals of the UN Global Compact and is actively supporting their achievement through the ongoing partnership that the Institute has with the UN Global Compact for delivery of the special issues initiative, the CEO Water Mandate.

Via the partnership, the Pacific Institute works closely with the UN Global Compact in the following areas:

- a. **Engage Global Compact Local Networks:** In the past two years, there has been ongoing collaboration with the networks in India, South Africa, United States and Brazil. Pacific Institute staff has worked closely with the networks to tailor water stewardship activities for the local context by developing contextual baseline data, connecting staff of the networks to pertinent resources, co-convening meetings, and facilitating dialogue around water issues in the specific countries.
- 2) **Join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability:** Together with Mandate Endorser's and network partners, the Pacific Institute convenes corporations, NGOs, governments to 1) drive innovative and leading-edge thinking, 2) scale leading practice and drive basin resilience, and 3) raise the profile of water and shape the enabling environment.
- a. In March of 2020, the Mandate launched a new initiative, the Water Resilience Coalition (WRC). The WRC is an industry-driven, CEO-led coalition that aims to elevate global water stress to the top of the corporate agenda and preserve the world's freshwater resources through collective action.
  - b. The WASH4WORK made connections between COVID-19 and WASH (Water Access, Sanitation and Hygiene) and highlighted the key role businesses can play in combating disease transmission. The ambition of WASH was raised to resilient WASH that will withstand the shocks of climate change and health risks such as COVID-19.
  - c. The Water Action Hub serves to connect stakeholders in key regions around the world to engage in identification, development and implementation of collective action water projects.
  - d. Through collaboration, a number of resources have been developed, including the concept draft of Net Positive Water Impact (NPWI), the Nature-Based Solutions for Watersheds assessment and guide, and the Water Resilient Assessment Framework.

- 3) **Engage companies in Global Compact-related Issues:** The Pacific Institute offers a unique forum for companies to share good practices and forge partnerships to address challenges related to water scarcity, water quality, water governance, and access to water and sanitation. Through endorsing the Mandate, companies of all industry sectors, sizes, and locations make a public commitment across six water-related commitment areas and report annually on progress.
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- 5) In addition to garnering water stewardship commitments from companies around the world, the Mandate Secretariat (i.e., the joint UNGC-Pacific Institute Team that implements and manages the Mandate initiative) also conducts applied research, develops best practice guidance and tools, facilitates on-the-ground collective action, and more to advance companies' water stewardship efforts.
- 6) **Participate in Global Compact global and local events:** The Pacific Institute helps provide content, speakers and program guidance for Global Compacts events and meetings, including Stockholm World Water Week and COP 26 Glasgow.

### **Part III: Measurement of Outcomes**

#### **Activity Outcomes:**

- 1) CEO Water Mandate Membership: In these two years 62 member companies joined the Mandate, totaling 210 companies.
- 2) Water Resilience Coalition: In these two years the Coalition was formed, and 26 members have joined.
- 3) WASH4WORK: Over 400 companies have signed the pledge.