

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Access2Innovation

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Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 2019-05-22

To: 2022-09-22

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

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Access2innovation 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,


Jacob Ravn
CEO

2022-05-09

Part II. Description of Actions

As an NGO, access2innovation has participated in the following activities: 1) Join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability; 2) Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues. In relation to the ten principles, a dedicated focus has been on environment through the following activities:

Building a vibrant innovation community

With the UN Global Compact principles and anchored in the SDG's the association has initiated the following to support a vibrant innovation community

- Monthly A2iTalk
- Hosting of six delegation visits to Africa
- Ongoing one-to-one support to NGO's, private sector, academia, government and investors to engage in developing innovative partnerships targeting needs in Africa
- Engaging as knowledge partners in the Danida supported Building Stronger University initiative in Ghana and Tanzania

Launch and implementation of projects:

1. Partnership-driven Innovation for the East African Growth Markets

The funding program Partnership-driven Innovation for the East African Growth Markets (PIVØ) is aimed specifically at the East African growth markets. The funding program is targeting Danish small and medium sized companies (SMEs) that in partnership with research institutions and end-users aim to innovate new solutions and services to the East African growth markets. This is with a dedicated focus on sustainable energy, agribusiness, wastewater management and construction.

2. ØKS- Collaboration on Green Innovation and Knowledge Based Business Development for African Growth Markets.

Supported by Eu InterReg, Access2innovation has partnered with Inclusive Business Sweden, Norwegian-African Business Association (NABA) og Access2Innovation. This with the aim of engaging in the bridge-building project setting out to **bring together universities and SMEs** from the ØKS-region, in order to identify the framework that can ensure **innovation-promoting partnerships**, for the development of sustainable commercial solutions for markets on the African continent.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Building a vibrant innovation community

Outcome: More than 15 A2iTalks has been undertaken with an average of 20 organizations per talk. In average 12 companies has participated per delegation visit to Africa, more than 50 partners from NGO's, private sector, academia, government and investors have received support in developing innovative partnerships targeting needs in Africa

Partnership-driven Innovation for the East African Growth Markets

The program is divided into three funding rounds: PIVØ 1, PIVØ 2, PIVØ 3 & PIVØ 4.

Outcome: PIVØ1: 7 partnerships, PIVØ 2: 5 partnerships, PIVØ 3: Anticipated 12 partnerships - PIVØ 3 Anticipated 4 partnerships & PIVØ 4 10 partnerships. Each partnership has, besides a lead SME, NGOs and Universities, counted on average two other SMEs in order to give the Danish private sector insights into market opportunities for environmentally friendly solutions in East Africa.

ØKS- Collaboration on Green Innovation and Knowledge Based Business Development for African Growth Markets

As a bridge building program the initiative sets out to identify strategies and financing opportunities to launch a Nordic program support anticipated 20 companies and four universities to partner and engage in developing needed solutions in partnership with organizations in East African catering for the implementation of the SDG's.