

## **Commitment of Engagement (CEO) Report Global Utmaning**

### **Period covered by this Communication on Engagement:**

August 2020 - August 2022

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

A statement by the chief executive or equivalent expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing the participant's ongoing commitment to the initiative (in attachment).

### **Part II. Description of Actions**

A description of the practical actions that the organisation has taken to support the UN Global Compact principles and to engage with the initiative. As strongly recommended the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. Global Utmaning is a registered Swedish civil society organisation and have within the reporting period taken the following actions:

#### **Engage with Global Compact Local Networks**

Global Utmaning, wishes to express its continued support for the Global Compact initiative and aims at deepening its engagement in the coming period. We aim to further deepen our engagement with the and together define where the think tank can have the largest impact and be of particular value for the initiative.

Throughout the period, Global Utmaning have interacted and cooperated with the Swedish UNGC network. A series of brainstorming meetings during 2021 and 2022 resulted in a joint communications campaign between Global Utmaning and UNGC Sweden addressing the topic of gender equality and female entrepreneurship and promoting the respective activities of each organisation on the International Women's Day on March 8th 2022.

Furthermore, Lauren Gula, Senior Manager Gender Equality, UN Global Compact held the keynote speech at the international launch of our report [Women Leaders – empowering social entrepreneurs](#) on December 15, 2021.

#### **Join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability**

This is the core of the think tanks work. We currently run 10 sustainability projects within the framework of four thematic but transversal programmes: Climate & Resources, The new Economy, Equality and democracy

and Sustainable Cities. The think tank applies, in all its programmes and activities, two perspectives: Advancing local, national, regional and global good governance; and involving multi-stakeholders i.e. representatives from civil society, academia, business, administration and politics.

### **Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues**

We have a wide range of partner organisations, both companies, academic institutions and government agencies. In all these relations we strive to communicate the values of the principles and encourage our partners to respect these values but also to join the UN Global Compact.

### **Participate in Global Compact global, and local events**

We have participated in the annual meeting of UNGC Sweden in May 2021 och 2022. Furthermore, we have had recurring meetings with the UNGC sweden team to discuss partnership and cooperation opportunities. In March 2022 we also joined in the TARGET GENDER EQUALITY LIVE 2022 event.

### **Part III. Measurement of Outcomes**

Below are the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above. The actions taken by Global Utmaning throughout the reporting period has resulted in the following measures:

#### **Number of new UN Global Compact business participants resulting from your organisation's promotional efforts**

It is difficult to control the number of new UN Global Compact business participants resulting from our efforts formally. However, we know that all the following of our partners agree to the values expressed in the principles at least informally. Those can have been subject to new UN Global Compact participants, company codes of conducts or sustainability strategies. In addition, our 6 employees, 10 board members and 100 senior advisors all comply with and sign off on the principles.

#### *Our partners:*

Folkuniversitetet  
Horizon 2020  
Hyresgästföreningen  
Mistra  
Nordic Council of Ministers  
Frejas Fondation  
Swedish Institute  
Vinnova  
Vision  
White arkitekter  
LO

Signify  
kamtech  
Telge Energi  
Postkodstiftelsen  
Söderberg & Partners  
The Adecco Group  
Union to union  
We Don't have time  
Sidtech

## **Expertise provided by your organisation to further the aims of Global Compact Local Network in your country**

The think tanks engagement with our Global Compact Local Network is rather recent. However, we intend to become a much more active participant and will shortly together with the representatives for the local office define within which fields to scale up our engagement and where the think tank can make the best contribution and largest impact.

## **Partnerships formalised with mutual aims to advance the UN Global Compact principles**

Within this widened and deepened engagement with the UN system we are focusing on a number of paths where we estimate having the greatest impact, throughout the reporting periods we have done the following:

- Used our consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to promote our work and the importance of sustainability to the UN-community.
- We have organised digital side-event during the Sixty-five session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65) on the topics:
- *Advancing the participation and leadership of women and girls in urban environments vulnerable to climate change & Innovation and digital technology to enhance the participation of women and girls in cities.*
- We have participated in the COP26 in Glasgow, in the Stockholm +50 conference.
- We have had a general cooperation agreement with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) since 2014, formalised by MOU in 2016 within the field of sustainable urban development. We participated in the World Urban Forum organised by UN-Habitat in Katowice 2022.
- We have co organised with UNECE the *H22 City Expo Dialogue of Eminent Experts on Smart, Sustainable, and Inclusive Cities* in Helsingborg 2022.
- We have on the initiative of the UN Secretary general established a Local 2030 Hub - Sweden local 2030 hub - to gather stakeholders working with localising Sdgs in Sweden and globally.
- In addition to our Global Compact engagement we are also members in the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Nordic Countries since 2017.