



COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

SeaTrust Institute

UN Global Compact Report

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: January 1, 2020

To: June 2022

Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

December, 2022

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that SeaTrust 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 some of the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. Registered with the UN Global Compact as civil society, we are an educational and research entity, and some of our actions cross over into the proposed academic categories. We commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

During COVID-19 restrictions, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change postponed COP26 so we worked to continue our support of the goals and principles at the global level through virtual stakeholder engagement process, again leading a delegation to COP26 in Glasgow in December 2021. In addition, we partnered with a UK Rotary District to engage new private and public partners in addressing the SDGs through a rivers project. The climate crisis is affecting all parts of all societies and significantly impacts each of the SDGs. Our work supports appropriate collaboration of the private and public sectors on these matters. We wish to thank the UN Global Compact for allowing our inclusion in the Compact as a bridge organization between sectors to provide education, research, and policy advice.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn A. Wilson', is centered below the text 'Sincerely,'.

Lynn Wilson, Ph.D.
Executive Director
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SeaTrust Institute COE: Actions and Outcomes January 2020 – December 2022

Description of Actions

Actions taken over the last two years by SeaTrust Institute in support of the UN Global compact and its aims and objectives spans both NGO/Civil Society and academic suggested contributions. SeaTrust Institute is a research and educational NGO and as such provides educational services, research, and leads capacity building development projects on climate change adaptation and resilience, and the SDGs, as well as engaging in UNFCCC policy work and partnerships with governments, business, and other civil society.

Actions have included:

- Led UNFCCC delegations to yearly COP, intersessional meetings, and working groups within the UNFCCC network focused on climate change adaptation and capacity building.
- Served as reviewer for the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) AR6 report in Working Group II on the application of science to social and policy action.
- Applied general portions of the redesigned SeaTrust Institute flagship educational program AWARE^(SM) (Action Within a Resilient Environment) for capacity building for populations vulnerable to climate and environmental change as support for on the ground activities in climate and environmental adaptation.
- Developed new capacity building projects and partnerships with Rotary District 1070 to provide consultation to obtain and use water quality monitoring equipment, train users on climate change adaptation strategies for local waterways, policy communications including assisting with building a GIS database and public facing map of activities that support scientifically supported community science for policy change, awareness, education and local activities.
- Worked with local businesses to create awareness of the SDGs and the UN Global Compact goals and objectives as they apply to local communities and development.

Measurement of Outcomes



Outcomes for the above- mentioned activities include:

- We provide opportunities for both students and professional colleagues including business as part of our delegations to UNFCCC climate change meetings, training them before the meetings to better understand the process and to participate as part of an NGO delegation to learn how government, business and civil society interact in these sessions. Daily debriefings further contribute to their working through some of the conflict areas as well as consider what meaning collaboration in these arenas entails, including the role of the business community in negotiations, actions and policy implementation.
- Capacity building involvement continued as in the previous report with the Paris Committee on Capacity Building, ACE, the Durban Platform and other UN initiatives as well as participation with RINGO (the research NGO constituency) and other policy groups within and tangential to the formal UNFCCC process (such as the UNCC – University Network on Climate Capacity) is part of participating as an admitted observer in the process. As I am also an IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) reviewer for AR6 which is now the standard for science applied to the SDGs, their targets and indicators by countries and communities, the critical dialogue of integration of science into the process, and where all stakeholders need to concern themselves with that science is part of the collaboration dialogues with all stakeholders including business.
- AWARE, the flagship educational program, was modularized to allow for its application in consultation as well as support of local programs related to specific action related to the SDGs in the areas of waterways, scientific monitoring, ocean and human health, policy communication and partnership development. The first two modules were piloted in this context in late 2021.
- Partnerships for resilience and integrating the SDGs into plans and policies for intergenerational climate change adaptation were expanded through Rotary Clubs beginning in the UK and Ireland and frameworks for expanding this approach to support water quality and river monitoring and policy engagement in developing countries globally through the UN connections, Rotary projects already in place through its community network of 40+ years, and its integration of youth groups and clubs with on the ground activities. The AWARE training program including 60 Pathways for supporting adaptation and capacity building projects is being made available to these new programs through a virtual network that was established in the last part of 2022 – SeaTrust Lighthouse.