

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL SOUTH AFRICA



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 1 JANUARY 2021

To: 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief Executive or equivalent.

STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT

10 JANUARY 2023

To our stakeholders:

I am excited to confirm that Junior Chamber International (JCI) South Africa re affirms its support to the United Nations Global compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour Law, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global compact which covers the period 2021 -2022. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the impact created in our various projects taken in support to the UN Global Compact and its principles suggested for an organisation such as ours. Using the JCI RISE projects based on the JCI Action Framework, our enterprising leaders identified some of the most pressing challenges during and post COVID-19, identified root causes and collaborated with various stakeholders in society to tackle these challenges. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication

Sincerely Yours

Simphiwe Zuma
2023 National President

Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

The following projects were conducted in support of the principles of the UN Global compact.

HUMAN RIGHTS

JCI South Africa members in Tshwane in partnership with members from Japan support the building of the Morena Children's home and in light of COVID- 19 challenges secured sponsorship from Sanlam of R12000 for groceries to ensure zero hunger for the children at Morena Children's home

To address the right of people to good health, JCI Sandton contributed to the food drive for Joburg citizens that had no food due to COVID-19 lockdown, this food drive was able to support over 200 families.

To address the challenge of unemployment and thus afford the citizens the right to work, our organisation partnered with various individuals and organisations launch an initiative called BizHub to educate start-ups and SMMEs on business management skills to help them run sustainable business in spite of the challenging economic environment.

To Address the challenge of inequality and gender based violence, JCI ran the Gender based violence dialogue which were educational tools to encourage the general public and the business sector to invest in learning in these areas.

LABOUR

As stated under the Human rights section, our BizHub initiative was aimed at educating start-ups and SMMEs to run sustainably and thus to protect the right of the people to find or create employment. In addition to that JCI South Africa partnered with Brand South Africa to recognise Top Outstanding Young South Africans (TOYP). In this annual program, we aim to promote the work of young people who are already creating impact so that they can inspire others to the same. Often the recognition given affords them opportunities to amplify their voice, acquire more funding and employ more people.

ENVIRONMENT

In support of Principle 8 which encourages businesses to promote environmental responsibility, JCI South Africa local organisations have participated in World Clean Up campaign which mobilises citizens to take care of their community and take responsibility for its upkeep, this is an ongoing process.

ANTI CORRUPTION

To address Principle 10, JCI South Africa identified that educating the young people on the values of accountability, integrity, patriotism and transparency would be the best way to tackle corruption & bribery. As a result, through JCI Sandton we have run a program called – Agenda 2063 -The Africa We Want, which created a platform for young people from across the continent to be educated on these principles in line with the 7 aspirations of the Agenda 2063

The programs were run in partnership with various stakeholders including the Mandela Institute of Development Studies.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The Food drive for Morena Children's home and Joburg citizens ensured over 200 families/ individuals did not go hungry.

The BizHub initiative educated over 20 individuals and also ensured that one individual got further one to one mentorship and business financial and in kind support to the value of R50 000.

The Gender Based Violence dialogue have engaged over 2000 participants on our online platforms as well as when the physical meetings took place. We believe these efforts will have go a long way in creating a culture of peace.

LABOUR

The Top Outstanding Young South African (TOYP) program awarded 10 outstanding Young South Africans who are contributing in the fields of business, human rights, academia, Climate change and politics. Some of these outstanding personalities have gone on to grow in their fields partly because of this recognition. For example, one of the winners has gone to write a national best seller which educates individuals on financial literacy, and two South African individuals have gone on to be recognised amongst World's Top 10 outstanding young people. In addition to this, the program engaged over 15 000 on our online platform as they read through the profiles and voted for their most inspiring candidates.

ENVIRONMENT

JCI South Africa has collaborated annually with organisations that have brought together more than 100 younger people across the country cleaning up their communities.

ANTI CORRUPTION

The Agenda 2063 initiative had engaged over 1000 younger people across the continent, it has created an awareness amongst young to become more deliberate in their role in developing a better Africa.