



Communication of Engagement

Period covered by this communication

From: 31st October 2020

To: 31st October 2022

I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

To our stakeholders,

I am pleased to confirm that the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) 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 letter serves to affirm and communicate our engagement with the UN Global Compact and we warmly welcome feedback on its content.

Herein, we describe our actions that our global organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its ten principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders via our own channels.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rikke Friis', is positioned above the printed name.

Rikke Friis,

Executive Director Programme, Policy & External Relations

II. Description of Actions

In the past two years, DRC has contributed to ongoing process and work that aligns with the Ten principles via our core mandate as well as activities that enhance sustainable development in the contexts where we engage. We have built additional capacity and have pursued the following activities

- Developed the DRC Strategy 2025 which includes a specific commitment to enhance environmental and climate practices in programmes, operations and via advocacy to support vulnerable people affected by climate and forced displacement.
- Launched and communicated our commitment of a minimum 50% carbon emission reduction by 2030 in line with the Science Based Targets methodology. To succeed carbon baselines are being elaborated throughout the 40 DRC country operations together with programs to ensure that carbon reduction initiatives focus on the areas that have the highest emission.
- Engaged in a strategic partnership with other civil society organizations in Denmark developing unified carbon accounting tools and methodologies to be used in the humanitarian sector.
- Enhanced our organizational climate capacity through development of training materials and continuous training sessions for DRC staff on carbon accounting and the use of climate and environment screening and assessment tools.
- Published the first DRC Climate and Environmental Framework (January 2021).
- Signed "The Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations" in June 2021 and committed to a set of principles to guide humanitarian action in response to the climate and environmental crises.
- Undertaken research together with the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) "Exploring the Environment-Conflict-Migration Nexus in Asia".
- Launched a corporate-civil society multi-year strategic partnership with Mr. Green Africa and Unilever to support fair and inclusive waste value chains in Kenya.
- In partnership with the Global Logistics Cluster, WFP and Save the Children, launched the multi-year WREC (*Waste Management and Measuring, Reverse Logistics, Environmentally Sustainable Procurement and Transport, and Circular Economy*) project on Environmental Sustainability in Humanitarian Logistics, dedicated to reduce and manage the harmful consequences of humanitarian logistics, supply chain induced waste and pollution in a focused and sustained manner over an initial period of two years, started from February 2021.
- Hosted the DRC Global Event 2020 on Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Forced Displacement engaging key stakeholders, researchers and thought-leaders to explore how climate change and environmental degradation interplays, affect and often times compromise already existing vulnerabilities of communities affected by forced displacement.
- Co-authoring two annual civil-society led publications (*The SDG Spotlight Report*), which highlights the challenges that Denmark faces in achieving the Sustainable Development

Goals (SDGs) in Denmark and globally. The reports include concrete recommendations on how to solve the challenges of each of the 17 goals.

- Delivered a multi-year strategic flagship youth programme enhancing social and economic resilience with and for 25,000 crisis-affected youth in Jordan together with local and international partners and funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation.
- Participated in UNGC Denmark General Assembly 2022

III. Measurement of outcomes

- Based on our Strategy 2025, DRC tracks people reached at the global level against nine outcome areas and two overall strategic breakthroughs via rights-based approaches and supported by our global results framework.
- DRC has published the first Climate and Environment Performance Report (June 2022), the latter being published on a yearly basis to perform progress monitoring.
- Tracking of progress towards achieving our 50% carbon reduction target in 2030 will take place on a yearly basis to ensure that continuous progress is made based on carbon emission calculations throughout DRC country programming and operations.
- Integration of climate and environmental considerations into programming will be measured through the number of projects having incorporated the use of environmental screening and assessments as part of project design.