



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

24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that TI-Kenya 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 TI-Kenya. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheila".

Sheila Masinde  
**Executive Director**

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

TI-Kenya has been involved in the following engagements aimed at promoting transparency and accountability in the private sector in the reporting period.

1. Continued advocacy on anti-corruption legal and institutional frameworks that is aimed at improving the business environment.
  - a. Under the auspices of the Open Government Partnership (OGP):
    - i. TI-Kenya leads the commitments on Beneficial Ownership Transparency that is currently aimed at strengthening the legislation on Beneficial ownership in Kenya.
    - ii. TI-Kenya is a member of the Open Contracting cluster through which advocacy relating to transparency in public procurement is done; specifically through advocating for adoption of technology in Public procurement.
  - b. Additionally, TI-Kenya is a member of steering committee in the Methodology for Assessing Procurement System (MAPS) II project by the National Treasury whose objective is to determine the extent to which the country's procurement system is competitive, transparent, cost effective and comparable with international best practice.



2. **Participation in Global Compact local events:** TI-Kenya participated in various UN Global Compact Kenya activities organised by the local network including CEOs roundtables among others.
  - a. TI-Kenya also recently joined the UNGC-K anti corruption working group.
3. **Other engagements with the private sector :**
  - a. **British Chamber of Commerce Kenya (BCKK)** forums – TI-Kenya participated in various closed sessions with private sector players as convened by the British Chamber of Commerce Kenya specifically aimed at discussions on the role of private sector in governance and anti corruption matters in Kenya.
  - b. **Africa Business Ethics Conference** - TI-Kenya participated in the Africa Business Ethics conferences held in Nairobi 2021 under the theme *Business Ethics and Sustainability; A Case for Self-Regulation* and in 2022 whose theme was *Reimagining a new Kenya: restoring integrity through public and private sector partnerships*. TI-Kenya participated as a panellist in both sessions.
  - c. **The Blue Company** – TI-Kenya has participated in various activities convened by the Blue Company. This is an initiative that is geared towards creating a corruption free business environment in East Africa. One key activity included a Webinar during the 2021 Africa Anti Corruption day on July 12<sup>th</sup> under the theme *Regional Economic Communities: Critical actors in the implementation of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption*. TI-Kenya enumerated the role of the Private sector in the fight against corruption.
  - d. **Business and Human Rights project** – TI-Kenya is currently spearheading a project aimed at enhancing Business and Human Rights in Kenya with a bias to the energy and extractives sector. The project has engaged various stakeholders including private sector with regards to building their capacity to analyse human rights risks and remedies linked to their investments. The project will create a great platform for civil society and private sector to jointly engage on business and human rights in Kenya. The project will run until December 2024.

### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

1. Following TI-Kenya's continued advocacy on beneficial ownership transparency in Kenya, the country's beneficial ownership register is now partially open; beneficial ownership information from companies winning public tenders is now made available to the public. This is a great stride in improving the public finance management and the business environment since there is transparency in the ownership of companies that government is doing business with.
2. The various engagements with the private sector have served to create awareness on the role of private sector in the fight against corruption in addition to building their capacity on various aspects of business ethics.