

COMMUNUCATION ON PROGRESS



EASTERN CARIBBEAN-SOUTHEAST ASIA
Economic and Cultural Chamber

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Introduction

I am pleased to confirm that the Eastern Caribbean-Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber 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 ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely,



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Our Organization

The objective of the Eastern Caribbean-Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber is to promote and develop economic and cultural exchange between the small island developing states in the Eastern Caribbean States and the emerging Southeast Asian countries.

The Chamber aims to further the government interests of the sovereign Eastern Caribbean States of Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and consequently support their citizens as well.

The Chamber intends to be a vehicle for the promotion and advancement of strong and good relations in these two regions. It is positioned to advancing the Eastern Caribbean as a high-value investment region for businesspersons and a world-class tourism destination. In addition, the Chamber is determined to support the governments of these countries in strengthening alliances within Southeast Asia not only in economic and cultural aspects but also in other global matters such as the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict and Climate Change. The Chamber is a non-government organization that serves as a facilitator enabling trade, investment and tourism and an inter-regional vehicle that fosters international relations for these Eastern Caribbean States.

We are “Bridging the Eastern Caribbean and Southeast Asia” to bring two worlds apart closer together.

Our Approach to the 10 Principles

The Eastern Caribbean Southeast Asia Economic and Cultural Chamber has committed to the UN Global Compact in May of 2017. Our participation was brought forth by our aspiration to connect two regions and our stakeholders:

- Citizens
- Academe
- Businesses
- Governments

In this context we operate remotely in 2 regions, the Eastern Caribbean and Southeast Asia. To do so, as an organization, we have upheld the Basic Principles of the United Nations to our stakeholders by ensuring that information is freely and easily accessed through our official platforms and all formal forms of communication.

Synopsis of Current Programmes

Labour Principles

The chamber strongly supports the UN Global Compact's Labour principles.

Businesses are essential to our economies, be it a micro, small, medium or large enterprise, we value them to provide services, products, and employment. As a business organization, our chamber finds that business are in need of relevant market information and support in countries and regions that they have yet to tap. To assist them on their ventures we provide the following services:

CONSULTANCY

- A range of consultancy services are offered on an ad-hoc basis, including advice to investors and companies intending to visit, trade and do business in the Eastern Caribbean region and in Southeast Asia.
- Support with introductions and creating astute partnerships.
- Bespoke services include organization of trade missions, assistance in regional trade shows, company and government representation, and market intelligence.

EVENTS

- The Chamber, through strategic partnerships, will implement various conferences, seminars, workshops, investment, trade and travel programs including targeted trade visits to the Eastern Caribbean region and to Southeast Asia.

Measurement of Outcomes:

- Our chamber was able to provide market intelligence to companies based in both regions to assist them in their business expansion prospects.
- Connect to government officials to encourage stronger diplomatic and economic relations.
- Organize a networking event for businesses and individuals to develop interest to the regions and gain more traction.
- Participate in panel discussions to educate future leaders.
- Publish reports for interested parties.
- Publish a newsletter to keep stakeholders updated.

Environmental Principle

The chamber reinforces its support to the UN Global Compact's Environmental principles.

As the Eastern Caribbean and Southeast Asian region are both vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes, our chamber finds it crucial to help mitigate the effects by informing the public with relevant information.

Measurement of Outcomes:

- Participate in panel discussions to educate future leaders.
- Publish relevant information for climate change mitigation through the chamber's various platforms.
- Organize events that highlights responsible investment and tourism in the Caribbean region.