



Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 2 October 2021

To: 2 October 2023

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.

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

We also pledged to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- To support and facilitate Businesses that support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges." (Principle 7)
- To collectively promote business "undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility" (Principle 8); and
- To encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies (Principle 9).

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 yours,

TAKAHASHI Yasuo
Executive Director
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan

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](#).*

Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) has promoted the GC and its principles through the following activities:

- Collaboration with Global Compact Network Japan (GCNJ) to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among business and other stakeholders in Japan and beyond through:
 - ✧ A series of joint researches and reports on the level of awareness and penetration of the SDGs among GCNJ member companies and organisations, as well as progress on five of the global goals: SDG 5, (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Human Rights), SDG 13 (Climate Change), and SDG16 (Preventing Corruption), which are the main focus of the UN Global Compact, and SDG 12 (Circular Economy) which is a focus for accelerate efforts by Japanese companies. The main purpose of this research reports is to understand the overall picture of SDG implementation taken by Japanese private sector and to support their initiatives by pointing out the areas that need to be focused from academic perspectives. The reports (English version) can be accessed from the following links:
 - SDGs Progress Report 2022 : Survey Results on the Efforts of GCNJ Companies and Organisations
(<https://www.iges.or.jp/en/pub/sdgs-business-progress-2022-en/en>)
 - SDGs Progress Report 2023 : Survey Results on the Initiatives of GCNJ Business and Non-Business Participants
(<https://www.iges.or.jp/en/pub/sdgs-business-progress-2023-en/en>)
 - *All reports are available in Japanese and English
 - ✧ Disseminated the key findings from the joint research reports through international events, such as “Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
 - ✧ Conducted media briefing and it was covered in newspapers and web magazines.
- Various supports to GCNJ and its member companies and organisations to promote their SDG implementation and disclosure efforts through following;
 - ✧ IGES president is a board member of GCNJ
 - ✧ Participating in SDGs Taskforce and supporting their activities from IGES perspective
 - ✧ Participating in value chain management committee for GCNJ strategy towards 2030.
 - ✧ Participating in GCNJ working groups on SDGs, ESG, Corporate Reporting, etc. and sharing knowledge and experiences
 - ✧ Providing information in GCNJ monthly meetings for members
 - ✧ Helping GCNJ representative build strategies and suggestions to participate in the SDGs Roundtable hosted by the Japanese government.

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.

IGES has contributed to the increased recognition of GC 10 principles and SDGs among Japanese business and beyond through several outcomes witnessed so far, including: increased media coverage, invited symposium, events and lectures, as well as a growing number of business participants and membership in UNGC/GCNJ networks. More details are as follows:

- ✧ Witnessed the significant increased number of new UNGC/GCNJ membership in this two years
- ✧ Increased media coverage, including reprinting the press release, on the key findings from the IGES-GCNJ joint research in key Japanese newspapers and online articles (approx. more than 50 times).
- ✧ Increased number of invited symposiums, events and lectures on the key findings from the IGES-GCNJ joint research (approx. 30 times).
- ✧ Contributed articles to the SDGs White Paper 2020-21/2022, Asahi Shinbun SDGs Action, etc. based on the key findings from the IGES-GCNJ joint research.
- ✧ Increased number of partnerships formalised with mutual aims to advance the GC 10 principles and SDG implementation through joint research and participation to GCNJ working groups