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## **COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)**

From: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

To: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

To our stakeholders,

I am pleased to confirm that Scholars of Sustenance Foundation 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 yours,

Ms. Kantarat Viseddhammapattara

Chairman



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## PART II. Description of Actions

- Engage with Global Compact Local Networks
  - Through our food rescue initiatives, we actively collaborate with various food-related companies that are part of the Global Compact Network in Thailand, urging them to join forces in minimizing food wastage throughout the supply chain.
- Join and/or propose partnership projects on corporate sustainability
  - We have submitted several project proposals for food rescue initiatives to the food, logistics, and gas companies listed as members of the Global Compact Network in Thailand. Our primary objective is to initiate a substantial collaborative effort aimed at the transformation of the food system in Thailand, with a particular emphasis on enhancing the food redistribution model by extending invitations to a diverse array of industries to participate.
- Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues
  - As an independent nonprofit organization, we continue to face challenges when it comes to engaging with companies regarding their internal governance. Our primary focus has been on fostering collaboration in areas related to Global Compact environmental principles, specifically Principles 7 through 9. Principle 7 calls for businesses to endorse a precautionary approach to environmental challenges, Principle 8 encourages initiatives that promote heightened environmental responsibility, and Principle 9 advocates for the advancement and dissemination of environmentally friendly technologies.
- Join and/or support special initiatives and work streams
  - We provided support to the Global Compact Network in Thailand for its television program entitled 'We Shift... World Change,' which aims to cultivate a knowledge-centric society with a focus on sustainable development concepts. In 2021, we had the privilege of sharing our experiences in pursuing Sustainable Development Goals, specifically numbers 2, 12, and 17, through our food rescue missions. Additionally, we highlighted success stories featuring our collaborative efforts with fellow Global Compact Network members in Thailand.
  - In the year 2022, we were honored to serve as a local partner for The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) AgriFood for Business training program in Thailand. This program was conducted under the leadership of the UN Environmental Programme TEEB, with generous support from the European



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Union. The training initiative was executed in collaboration with the Capitals Coalition, UNDP Thailand, and the Global Compact Network Thailand.

This comprehensive training opportunity empowered participants with the knowledge and skills required to assess and appraise the impact and interdependence of businesses with the natural environment and society. Such insights were intended to inform strategic decision-making. The program also equipped participants to identify the risks and opportunities inherent in business interactions with natural capital, as well as social and human capitals. This, in turn, enabled the integration of these considerations into business strategies.

This proactive approach aided businesses in transitioning toward a more equitable, nature-positive, and net-zero emissions stance, ultimately aligning with the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

- Participate in Global Compact global, and local events
  - We participated in the Global Compact Local Event, titled 'Uniting Business: Sustainability in ASEAN – UN Global Compact Leaders Summit Live in Bangkok 2022.'

### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

- 17 business members of the UN Global Compact Thailand have joined hands with us in a collaborative effort to catalyze a transformation within the food system of Thailand. Together, we work towards the common goal of supporting our food rescue mission, aimed at mitigating food waste and enhancing food equity across the nation.
- 82 individuals from the Global Compact Network business participants participated in the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) AgriFood for Business training program in Thailand.