

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Business Council on Climate Change (BC3)



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: November 2021

To: December 2023

Part I. Statement of Continued Support

December 1, 2023

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Business Council on Climate Change 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,

Maura Fallon-McKnight, Executive Director

Part II. Description of Actions

The Business Council on Climate Change is a San Francisco-based multi-sector partnership dedicated to incubating, scaling, and sharing world-leading solutions to address climate change. As such, BC3 regularly engages member companies through organized learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for members on climate goals, corporate sustainability, and various UN initiatives.

BC3 achieves this through:

- Hosting quarterly Council Meetings where members collaborate to drive collective action on climate change, and support each other in advancing their individual climate strategies at their own companies
- Facilitating monthly ESG Leadership calls with our membership, where we discuss the opportunities and challenges that companies are encountering as they set ambitious climate targets to align with the 1.5 degree guidance
- Organizing BC3 Educational Events and webinars related to corporate sustainability and climate change
- Organizing working groups, such as our carbon removal and supply chain sustainability working groups.

The Business Council on Climate Change also runs two programs that help advance individual actions around climate change and environmental impact.

- Bay Area SunShares - BC3 Administers a Bay Area wide “SunShares” group-buy campaign (www.bayareasunshares.org); partnering w/ over 35 cities, counties & large companies to encourage residential solar and battery storage adoption.
- Employee Engagement around climate change - BC3 offers tools and support for companies to engage employees around climate change issues/personal choices (at work & home) that contribute to regional climate goals.

The Business Council on Climate Change engages our membership to advance the U.N. Global Compact Principles of Environment (Principles 7, 8 and 9 respectively), and we facilitate rapid learning and collective action on Global Compact-related issues, particularly as they relate to the environment.

Examples of such actions include:

- Hosting regular working groups and forums related to key corporate climate ambitions that align with 1.5 Degree goals
- Developing tools to engage employees around climate action at our member companies
- Creating opportunities for cross-sector collaboration in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco - particularly related to their Climate Action Plan

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

BC3 Actions: 2023

- Hosted a members-only panel and member discussion about the business imperative for assessing physical and transitional climate risk for large companies.
- Participated in panel discussions at the San Francisco Business Times Climate and Sustainability Event, spotlighting innovations and problems being solved in the Bay Area.
- Enabled over 5 MW of rooftop solar to date through our Bay Area SunShares program.
- Partnered with CERES around CA Climate Disclosure bills and 3 members signed on.
- Launched a Climate Equity Subcommittee with our Advisory Board.
- Implemented a bi-annually Employee Engagement Newsbite email to our members with tips for how they can engage their employees.
- The BC3 Website was overhauled for improved usability and easier navigation.
- We celebrated [Climate Champs](#) for the fourth time, recognizing BC3 member employees for their dedication and passion towards a sustainable future. BC3 Climate Champs truly understand that every job is a climate job, and they exemplify what it means to be a Climate Champion.
- Our Executive Director participated on a panel hosted by San Francisco Business Times which discussed how businesses are addressing climate change with leaders from Blue Shield of California and Gilead Sciences.
- We ran a virtual, 2-day **Carbon Removals Bootcamp** in October for members which included learning from experts and peer companies who have already launched removals strategies. The event focused on short and longer-term carbon removal strategies that support SBTi goals.

BC3 Actions: 2022

- Led a virtual event to celebrate incredible climate champions across our membership, and hosted four public “MyCAP” events to engage employees around Food, Waste, Transportation and Energy at our member organizations
- Members drafted and co-signed a letter to communicate the importance of setting science-based aligned targets to their supplier base. Simultaneously, we launched two SBT setting and achieving guides to empower your suppliers to reduce emissions.
- Helped register over 1,200 community members for our annual [Sunshares](#) campaign, surpassing sign-ups over the last two years!
- Collaborated with several amazing thought leaders, including [Carbon 180](#), [World Resources Institute](#), and the [Carbon Business Council](#).
- Launched a member-led Supply Chain Practitioners group, bringing together ESG and Procurement leaders to work collaboratively on decarbonizing their supply chains.

- Hosted a Carbon Removals Bootcamp, bringing in experts to the table to share knowledge and resources designed specifically for BC3 members.
- Convened the [All for Reuse](#) Owners Alliance four times and they're working on reuse case studies to share w/ the broader BC3 network.
- Partnered with [Ceres](#) to host a "Gov Rel 101" training session on climate policy advocacy, and we co-hosted multiple member briefing sessions on CA [SB260](#), the [SEC disclosure rule](#), etc.
- Distributed opportunities for members to engage in CA & federal climate policy advocacy activities, including direct advocacy, sign-ons and individual company actions.