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## **Period covered by this Communication on Engagement**

From November 2021 to November 2023

## **State of continued support**

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the Nigeria Network of NGOs 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 National 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,



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## Description of Action

**For the Nigeria Network of NGOs:** Internalised the principle within the work of the Nigeria Network of NGOs by ensuring that the Nigeria Network of NGOs' secretariat adheres to the 10 principles. In our pursuit of ensuring that nonprofits operates within an enabling environment, the Network embarked on a systematic documentation of how restrictive or enabling the environment is for local CSOs across the country through a qualitative research on the laws, policies, institutions and practices that affect civic space across four states (Borno, Kano, Enugu and Lagos States) drawn from four of the six geo-political zones of the country. We have our work published in several documents explaining our findings and recommendations on how the government at the Federal and State levels can work better with civil society organisations to promote and protect the civic space in Nigeria.

A Civic Space Scan Report and policy brief to ensure an enabling environment at the sub-national level using a case of four States- Borno, Enugu, Kano and Lagos was developed. Recommendations were sent to embassies of some countries such as the United Kingdom, European Union Countries and the United States of America. The report and brief was also scheduled to be presented at the UPR Information Pre-sessions to provide national human rights institutions and civil society organisations with an international platform through which they can inform the representatives of the recommending states about the human rights situation in the State under review. NNNGO will speak at this pre-sessions in Geneva by December 2023. <https://covid19.nnngo.org/index.html>

**Engagement with Global Compact Local Networks:** Attended webinar and physical meetings called by the local network in Nigeria----the Nigeria Economic Summit Group.

**Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues:** Physical engagement meetings with Shell in May 2023 to follow up on their sustainability report and activities following our 2022 engagement to discuss areas of common interest and showcase the work of our members for possible partnership.

**Other actions to support the Global Compact and to engage with the initiative:** Four physical validation workshops in Borno, Kano, Enugu and Lagos to present the full civic space scan report to civil society organisations in each of the focal states: To improve the quality of the research and get feedback on the accuracy of the research report gathering 117 CSO representatives (human rights defenders, network/coalitions and public officials who work on civil society issues) working on civic space in each state.

## Measurement outcomes

- Documented Civic Space Scan at the Sub- national level for advocacy to the government to serve as a foundation and baseline for progressive discussions.
- Ongoing engagement and advocacy around implementation of self-regulatory mechanism and the code of conduct manual for the civil society sector.