



COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE) 2023

Stockholm School of Economics

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

To all SSE Stakeholders

The Stockholm School of Economics hereby submits the Communication on Engagement 2023 for the UN Global Compact, and by doing so we express our continuing support for the UN Global Compact and its ten principles.

The mission of the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE) is to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness through research and science-based education. Founded and governed by key actors from Swedish business and society, we are a private business school committed to sustainable development.

SSE's strategic direction is strongly aligned with the goal of making graduates capable of recognizing and creating sustainable value, which is consistent with the Global Compact principles. This direction shows in the development of an SSE sub-strategy for sustainability (2023-2027). Because the challenges we face, and their solutions, defy the boundaries of academic disciplines, SSE adopts a multidisciplinary approach with collaboration across all of SSE's core subjects—business, economics, and finance—and the involvement of all SSE's various activities. Therefore, the scope of this sub-strategy covers: Research, Education, Campus & Operations, and Outreach.

As an internationally oriented institution, SSE can influence the world positively, and given its knowledge and expertise, SSE has a duty to do so, in part by contributing to the promotion and dissemination of Global Compact principles. SSE's knowledge production and dissemination contribute to an understanding of the social and ecological challenges facing our societies and the planet. In its core areas SSE generates concrete measures and actions relevant to these challenges. We have established research priorities that reflect a rationale of societal relevance. The areas of sustainability, innovation, retailing, and governance & public policy receive special emphasis through targeted funding strategies, recruitment, internal support, and outreach. Sustainability questions continue to highlight SSE's research agenda; this work is largely driven by our dedicated center of excellence, the Mistra Center for Sustainable Markets (Misum), and across SSE's academic departments.

Our core values and educational mission, "FREE" (Fact and science-based mindset, Reflective and self-aware, Empathetic and culturally literate, Entrepreneurial and responsible), inspire the pedagogy that we adopt in our educational programs, and is closely related to the UN Global Compacts Ten Principles. The formulation and execution of SSE's educational mission help students become FREE in ways that are appropriate for contemporary challenges and opportunities in sustainable economic and business development.



Implementation of the Sustainable SSE strategy is led by SSE's Sustainability Group, which is chaired by the SSE President, and co-ordinated by the Chief Financial Officer. The Vice President Degree Programs, the Director for Communications and Marketing and the Facilities Director are also part of the group and responsible for their respective areas. The group leads and monitors the execution of the sub-strategy, which identifies goals for each of SSE's four sustainability domains: Research, Education, Campus and Outreach.

SSE is a champion signatory of the UN Principles of Responsible Management Education (UN PRME), and proudly shares its bi-annual "Sharing Information on Progress" (UN PRME SIP) report here to illustrate its achievements and the measures taken over the last two years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lars Strannegård". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'L' and 'S'.

Lars Strannegård
President, Stockholm School of Economics



Part II. Description of Actions

SSE has been signatory of UN PRME since 2013 and a UN PRME champion since 2018 for mainstreaming the SDGs in our curriculum, research, and partnerships. We attach our current “Sharing Information on Progress” (SIP) report to illustrate our actions that are supportive for the UN Global Compact and UN PRME principles, responsible business leadership and sustainable development.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Research

- Regular public research and practitioner seminars on SDGs and sustainability topics, with specific focus on sustainable finance, sustainable markets, and sustainable economic and business development.
- Increasing number of scientific publications related to sustainability topics (in 2019-2021 it was 130, during the period 2021-2023 270 publications were produced).

Education

- A new sustainability track is now available for the Master students.
- Renewed international partnership with the CIVICA alliance that engages students on topics related to societal sustainability challenges.

Campus

- New initiative to work on a sustainable campus and its facilities.
- Sustainability focused events and initiatives with internal stakeholders.

Outreach

- Proactive outreach through the media and debate articles, academic events, research, seminars, or popularized publications and presentations for general audiences.
- Numerous partnerships that offer new insights into research and industry through collaborations with international companies and research institutes.