

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 1 October 2021

To: 31 December 2023

Part I. Statement of Continued Support

13 December 2023

To our stakeholders

I am pleased to confirm that **Regency Foundation Network** reaffirms its support of the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

In this annual Communication on Progress, we describe our actions to continually improve the integration of the Global Compact and its principles into our business strategy, culture and daily operations. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R Kyle".

Richard Kyle
CEO

Part II. Description of Actions

About Regency Foundation Networx (RFN)

Established in 1999, Regency Foundation Networx is a public benefit organisation that aims to be an advocate of change, inspiring business and society to make mutually beneficial decisions that bring equality to our world.

RFN's mission is to advance the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact, aiding the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), encouraging sustainable business practices, developing educational resources, and implementing community development programs to create a world that embraces a passionate and accountable approach, empowers people, protects its environment and respects its cultural diversity.

Working in collaboration with various United Nations Agencies and other stakeholders and partners, RFN largely focuses its development efforts on countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Our projects which advance the UNGC's principles and the UN's SDGs include the following:

1. In South Africa, RFN's flagship program is ResponsibleME which is an education and prevention initiative that is making a positive impact in the lives of youth by advocating responsible choices through knowledge. Working with educators, learners and communities, this outreach program promotes healthy and considered life choices around sexual behaviour, self-development, nutrition, effective communication, and supportive relationship with friends and family. Structured as a four-year program, it aims to promote sustainable behavioural change around risky sexual behaviours and ensure that solid support structures are in place in schools, families and the community to reinforce these changes.

Since the start of the ResponsibleME program in 2008, it has been implemented in over 500 schools. During this period over 3 900 educators have been trained – reaching more than 190,000 children and impacting over 25,000 family and community members. The program has contributed to a 67% average reduction in teenage pregnancies in clusters of participating schools over a four-year engagement with 90% of learners feeling more confident to say "no" to sex after the program. www.responsibleme.org
2. IT'S AFRICA'S TIME promotes and encourages the adoption of the 'inclusive business' model as a component of corporate growth strategy in Africa. Consisting of an online business network and a television series that airs on channels across Africa, the initiative shows how an inclusive business approach can enable sustainable socio-economic development and holistic concern for the environment.
3. TIME FOR GLOBAL ACTION, our television series and multimedia initiative, is a collection of global stories documenting examples of innovative, inclusive business and its contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Featuring some of the world's most forward-thinking corporations, whose evident commitment is driving sustainable development and inclusive economic growth, TIME FOR GLOBAL ACTION explores the interventions and partnerships that are powering shared value creation and the universal outcomes encompassed by the SDGs. Each 26-minute documentary covers a different issue, contextualising broader socio-economic issues and the need for such interventions.

4. SA INC, our award-winning television series, is a collection of stories documenting examples of innovative, inclusive business-led development across South Africa. Featuring some of the country's most inclusive corporations, whose evident commitment is driving social transformation and economic growth, this series explores the interventions and partnerships that are powering sustainable and shared value creation. Shared through the human experience of a range of stakeholders, the programming reflects on positive, win-win, replicable and scalable initiatives that are aligned to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
5. RFN acts as a consultancy by creating inclusive opportunities between the United Nations, alliance partners, governments, civil society and other organizations. Through our corporate social investment development and management programs, we focus and align CSI activities with core business operations, as well as direct and manage CSI budgets and activities. This initiative matches companies with NGOs and other existing social programs, creates frameworks for social reporting, managing and evaluating CSI expenditure, and leverages CSI to enhance the reputation and branding of the companies.
6. With a strong focus on development, information campaigns are essential to evoke individual and collective action, emphasizing the significance of partnerships, advocacy and government intervention. RFN offers co-created communication solutions, building brand reputation by showcasing ethical and inclusive business practice and responsible social development initiatives through brand-appropriate TV, radio and online platforms.

Through this custom-based approach, we aim to position ourselves as a communications agent for good - uncovering the heart of business and helping companies earn their way into peoples' lives.

For more information on our projects please visit our website: www.regency.org

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

- Promoted the UN Global Compact Ten Principles and UN's SDGs, and educated a variety of audiences about sustainability through the successful broadcast of our television series' via a global network of television broadcasters and channels with a total audience reach of over 800 million.
- Successful dissemination of content, promotion of campaigns and active engagement of audiences via online channels and social media platforms.
- Supported businesses in implementing and reporting on their sustainability efforts.
- Have a positive influence on how businesses advance human rights, the environment UNGC principles and SDGs by promoting best practices.
- Proposed and implemented partnerships on corporate sustainability and engaged with other stakeholders by creating discussion forums.
- Support workstreams and attend events promoting sustainability, and film these events for online distribution.

- For a more detailed overview of the measurement of outcomes for our ResponsibleME programme please visit the website www.responsibleme.org