

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Project Gaia, Inc.



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: January 2023 to December 2024

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

January 01, 2024

I am pleased to confirm that Project Gaia, Inc. reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labor, Environment, and Anti-Corruption. We are especially engaged in addressing the environmental principles.

In particular, our activities are focused on Principles 7, 8 and 9, “Adopt a precautionary approach to environmental challenges,” “Conduct environmentally responsible activities,” and “Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.” We provide guidance and solutions so that businesses can convert to the use of low-carbon, domestically produced liquid fuels in place of the inefficient use of solid biomass fuels and the use of polluting fossil fuels.

Please consider this our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents and on Project Gaia’s activities.

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 a non-profit civil society organization like ours. We commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Stokes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harry Stokes
Executive Director
Project Gaia, Inc.

Part II. Description of Actions

- ✓ We have incorporated the UN Global Compact principles into our internal operations, and we communicate progress following the Communication on Progress (COP) requirements.
- ✓ We have provided commentary to companies on COP.
- ✓ We engage with Global Compact Local Networks.
- ✓ We are involved in partnership projects on corporate sustainability.
- ✓ We engage companies in Global Compact-related issues, especially as relates to energy, environment and climate change and human rights especially as relates to refugee relief and community sustainability.
- ✓ We have joined and supported special initiatives and work streams.
- ✓ We provide commentary to companies on Communications on Progress.
- ✓ We seek to participate in Global Compact events.
- ✓ We organize learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for our clients and collaborators on specific topics relevant to corporate sustainability, and especially as relates to energy access and climate mitigation.
- ✓ We provide our expertise and our voice to the Global Compact community and to our partnerships. Some of the U.N. organizations we have directly worked with during this period include the UNHCR, UNIDO, the World Bank, SE4ALL, WHO and the World Food Program.
- ✓ We participated in COP28 as an official observer and made presentations in six or more side events relating to our expertise in clean-burning, low carbon fuels.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

- ✓ We have incorporated the UN Global Compact principles into our internal operations, and we communicate progress following the Communication on Progress (COP) requirements.
We disseminate this information on our website and in our reports.
- ✓ We have provided commentary to companies on COP
We provide this commentary to companies and agencies we work with as part of our client services.
- ✓ We engage with Global Compact Local Networks
We participate at U.N. meetings. Currently we are actively engaged with UNIDO, World Bank, ECOWAS, WFP and several LDC national governments.
- ✓ We are constantly joining or proposing partnership projects on corporate sustainability.
We specialize in forming partnerships to get development projects done. We work with African-owned businesses in Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Mali, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar, Zambia, Malawi, Sudan and South Africa, among others. We link these businesses with technical partners and with funders and financiers mostly in OECD countries. We provide a carbon finance Programme of Activities (PoA) for eligible businesses.
- ✓ We constantly engage companies in Global Compact-related issues.
We champion Global Compact values and the SDGs. Our main focus is on energy access, low carbon fuels, and climate mitigation activities.
- ✓ We seek to join and/or support special initiatives and work streams.
We volunteer for sector-enhancing initiatives, such as the Safe Fuel and Energy (SAFE), ISO and ASTM standards setting, Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB), Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP), regional trade associations, etc. We presented in 2023 at the GBEP biennial forum in Bangkok, the International Vienna Energy and Climate Forum in Vienna, and the COP28 in the U.A.E.
- ✓ We provide commentary to companies on Communications on Progress
We urge our clients to become Global Compact members if they are not and to renew their commitments under the GC. We assist them to develop a COP plan.
- ✓ We seek to participate in Global Compact global and local events.
We attend SEforALL meetings and other U.N. meetings. We are active members of the Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA).
- ✓ We organize learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for our clients on specific topics relevant to corporate sustainability
We held three of these workshops in 2023 and made presentations to over a dozen organizations. We issued four significant research reports.
- ✓ We provide our expertise and our voice to the Global Compact community and to our partnerships.
We do so electronically, in print, and in person and we pledge to redouble our efforts. We have several significant publications on our agenda to complete in 2024.