

To the United Nations Global Compact C/O

Sanda Ojiambo, Assistant Secretary General and CEO

Statement of Continuous Support to the United Nations' Global Compact

Dear Ms. Ojiambo,

Bonsucro is a global multi-stakeholder network and standard-setting organisation for the sustainability of the sugarcane sector.

Bonsucro is the global industry platform with the aim to collectively accelerate the sustainable production and uses of sugarcane. Our five-year strategy for Bonsucro builds on the achievements and progress of recent years, blends experience with new approaches, recognises where we need to do better, and sets an agenda for continuous improvement based on rigorous monitoring, evaluation and learning.

You can find out more about our strategy and objectives here:

<https://bonsucro.com/wpcontent/uploads/2021/05/Bonsucro-2021-26-Strategic-Plan-full.pdf>

This letter is a confirmation as part of our Communications on Engagement, to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of the Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. I am sending below a short report on our Communications on Engagement (COE).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Best regards,



Norma Tregurtha, Director of Engagement and Markets

Bonsucro is a non-profit multi-stakeholder platform for sustainable sugarcane. We have over 300 members in over 50 countries, and certified mills and sugarcane farmers in 22 countries. Our latest activities in relation to our commitments to the UNGC focuses on:

1) Direct engagement with UNGC:

- Since end of 2021 we have been part of Brazil's Global Compact Network and its [Platform for the Sustainable Agribusiness](#). Currently we participate in the Platform's working groups around Sustainable Finance, Traceability, and Regenerative Agriculture.
- We have contributed to the Sustainable Finance working group, in the role of project coordinator, that [delivered a Sustainable Finance Guide to agribusiness companies](#).

2) Bonsucro's Activities in Support of the UNGC Principles (2022-2024)

[Bonsucro's strategic plan](#) aligns to the United Nation's Global Compact Principles as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), below you will find a summary on key highlights and progress on key commitments from our strategic plan.

- **Bonsucro Impact Fund:** The Bonsucro Impact Fund creates grants using income from the sale of Bonsucro Credits through our Credit Trading Platform. All trades are charged a transaction fee, around 50% of which is invested into the Bonsucro Impact Fund. The fund was launched in 2020 and has been funding projects that contribute to achieving Bonsucro's strategy in key social and environmental topics. Please find in Annex I the current projects with grants from the Bonsucro Impact Fund across the globe.
- **Bonsucro Production Standard:** Bonsucro has worked with its governance bodies and members to further refine and improve its global standards on sustainability for sugarcane farmers and mills. The new version ([BPS 5.2](#)) became effective in December 2023 and will be rolled out in all the 22 countries where Bonsucro has certified producer members.
- **Human Rights Due Diligence:** Bonsucro has improved its due diligence systems aligned to the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Between 2020 and 2024 we have supported our members to continuously improving their policies, grievance mechanisms and risk identification and management systems and have partnered with expert organisations to provide training on the UNGPs to our network, supporting increased alignment to [Bonsucro's Code of Conduct](#).
- **Living Wages in Sugarcane:** Bonsucro has organised a multi-stakeholder [Living Wage Working Group](#) to support our governance bodies and the Secretariat in the pursuit of our strategic commitments to increase wages in the sugarcane sector. We have also partnered with IDH and are working to test its Salary Matrix in Bonsucro certification.
- **Climate Action:** Bonsucro has developed a [Climate Action Roadmap](#) to support the sugarcane sector in advancing commitments and achievements on climate change mitigation and adaptation. This included the launch of [Bonsucro ClimateCane Tracker](#), a tool that will help our members to set [science-based targets](#) for GHG emissions' reduction.

3) Measurement of Outcomes

Every year Bonsucro publishes its Outcome Report, with analyses on metric KPIs from independently verified data across key environmental, social and economic criteria. Highlights from our latest Outcome Report include:

- On average, Bonsucro certified **farms reduce land-management GHG emissions by 17% within five years**
- Bonsucro certified farms **reduce water consumption by an average of 41% over five years** of certification.
- **196,200 workers worldwide are covered by the human rights measures** detailed in the Bonsucro Production Standard.
- There was a **54% rise in the trade of Bonsucro certified sugar**, representing more than 1 million extra tonnes sold in 2021-22 compared to the previous year.

The full report and analyses can be found on our website here: <https://bonsucro.com/wp-content/uploads/Outcome-Report-2022.pdf>

We would also like to share the Progress Report of Year 2 of our Strategic Plan, where we monitor achievement of Bonsucro's strategic commitments: <https://bonsucro.com/wp-content/uploads/Bonsucro-Strategic-Plan-Year-2-Progress.pdf>