

Deraya University's United Nations Global Compact Communication on Engagement

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Deraya University Action



Deraya University is a leading higher education institution committed to upholding the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact. This Communication on Engagement (COE) highlights the university's diverse range of activities and initiatives undertaken between January 2023 and December 2024, demonstrating its dedication to promoting human rights, labor standards, environmental responsibility, and anti-corruption practices.

Statement of Continued Support

Deraya University is recognized for its dedication to community engagement and international cooperation. We are a leading force in fostering a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future for both our local and global communities. We achieve this through exceptional education, groundbreaking research, and responsible operations. In line with these values, I am honored to reaffirm Deraya University's unlimited support for the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles. These principles, encompassing human rights, labor standards, environmental responsibility, and anti-corruption practices, pave the way for a better world. We are committed to not only upholding these principles but also contributing to the broader societal goals outlined in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Since joining the UN Global Compact in 2014, Deraya University has consistently championed these principles. This commitment is deeply embedded within our strategic plan and further emphasized in our recently launched Deraya University Center for Research and Development. We are proud to stand alongside other esteemed institutions as signatories to the University Commitment to the SDGs, the SDG Accord, and the United Nations Academic Impact.



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Principles 1 & 2: **Human Rights**

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Medical Convoys

Deraya University organizes medical convoys to provide health services to underserved communities, promoting the right to health and well-being (SDG 3). These convoys involve students and faculty, fostering practical experience and respect for human rights.

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Bahia Hospital Collaboration

Our partnership with Bahia Hospital offers students valuable training in women's cancer care, contributing to their professional development and enhancing patient well-being.

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Anti-Bullying Campaign

Deraya University launched a campaign to raise awareness about bullying, offering resources and guidance to students through psychological and legal expertise. This initiative promotes a safe and supportive learning environment.

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Commitment to Accessibility

Deraya University is committed to ensuring accessibility for all. We have a disabled-friendly campus and an academic support center that provides tailored support for disabled students. Additionally, we offer 10% of all job openings to disabled workers, fostering inclusivity within our workforce.



Principles 3 – 6: Labour

Upper Egypt Pharmacists' Festival

This first-of-its-kind event connects pharmacists with job opportunities, fosters professional development, and promotes gender equality in the workplace (SDG 5). The focus on companies with strong women's empowerment practices aligns with our commitment to fair treatment.

Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Deraya University upholds a strong policy on women's rights and gender equality. We actively promote equal opportunities for women in all areas of employment and leadership.

Scholarships for Young Girls

We offer various scholarships to young girls from our local community. This initiative empowers them to pursue higher education and unlock their full potential.

Principles 7 – 9: Environment

Deraya Center for Research and Sustainability

Demonstrating our commitment to Sustainability, we launched the first-ever center of excellence for research and Sustainability in Upper Egypt. The Deraya Center fosters innovation and solutions for environmental challenges.

Sustainable Campus Operations

Deraya University prioritizes environmental responsibility. We continually improve our campus operations to reduce energy consumption, making our activities more cost-effective and environmentally efficient.

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Art for Climate Exhibition

The Youth and Sustainability Student Club organized an art exhibition, "Art for Climate," raising awareness about environmental challenges and inspiring action towards a sustainable future (SDG 13).



Principle 10: **Anti-Corruption**

National Anti-Corruption Academy Training

Recognizing the importance of ethical conduct, faculty and students participated in anti-corruption training at the National Anti-Corruption Academy. This demonstrates our commitment to fostering integrity and good governance.

Integrity in Operations and Supply Chain

Deraya University has established comprehensive policies, processes, and training programs to ensure integrity within its operations and supply chain. We are committed to upholding ethical standards in all our endeavors.

External Recognition



We are deeply gratified to receive external recognition for our achievements. In the most recent Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, which assess universities' contributions towards the SDGs, Deraya University secured an impressive global ranking of the top 1500 in 2024. This ranking further solidifies our position as a leader in specific areas of SDGs tracks.

Conclusion

Deraya University remains committed to continuous improvement and welcomes opportunities to learn and share best practices. We believe that by upholding the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact, we can contribute to a more just, sustainable, and equitable future.



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