



H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
USA

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Dear Secretary General Antonio Guterres,

we are glad to inform you that the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact in the areas of human rights, labour standards, environment protection, and anti-corruption. With this letter, we express our intention to promote the implementation of these principles within our sphere of influence. We will continue to inform our stakeholders and the public of this commitment.


We further ensure support of the UN Global Compact through the following activities: As a higher education institution focusing on Europe, the UAS BFI Vienna plays an important role in the education and further education of future executives, as well as in the education about responsible and sustainable management and leadership. As university of applied sciences, our contribution lies in the inclusion of the topics 'corporate responsibility' and 'sustainable management' in our academic postgraduate programmes. In addition, we offer the 2-year master's programme 'Sustainability and Responsible Management' which involves corporate contribution to the achievement of the SDGs. As Global Compact member, we would like to incorporate the ten principles into our teaching and further education, and report biennially about our progress. We actively participate in the Austrian Global Compact Network and contribute our experience from the education sector.

We acknowledge that a crucial condition for our participation in the Global Compact is the biennial submission of a report on our engagement (*Communication on Engagement – COE*), which describes our organisation's efforts to promote the Global Compact principles and the initiative. We support the public accountability as well as the requirement of transparency, and we commit ourselves to reporting our progress in accordance with the COE-guidelines within two years after joining the Global Compact and then every two years.

Yours sincerely,



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