



September 27, 2017

António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
405 E. 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

Please accept this letter as an expression of the University of Dayton's commitment to support the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, the environment, and anti-corruption. The University of Dayton's application to join Global Compact and lend our support to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a natural outgrowth of our recent year-long strategic visioning process. That process, which involved more than 3,000 stakeholders, has helped us to frame our self-understanding as "the University for the Common Good."

In making this application to participate in the Global Compact, we pledge to:

- Build upon our existing sustainability and fair and ethical sourcing programs to better align our institutional procurement, employment, facilities management, and other operating practices with the UN SDGs;
- Expand curricular and programmatic offerings that relate to sustainability, social justice, and human rights in order to develop student and faculty capacity to advance UN SDGs;
- Broaden community engagement and outreach around sustainability, human rights, and regional socioeconomic development, and better align these efforts with the UN SDGs;
- Empower young people to take ownership of the UN SDGs as part of their intellectual, academic, and vocational formation, and develop their capacity for doing so;
- Support transdisciplinary efforts to promote innovative scholarship and pedagogy.

This letter affirms our acceptance of all reporting and transparency requirements, which includes the submission of a Communication on Engagement (CoE) within two years of application and a biennial update thereafter. The CoE will detail our institutional commitment to, and progress toward, the implementation of the ten principles of the Global Compact.

Sincerely,

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President