



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

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that SNV Netherlands Development Organisation supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

As a Dutch international development organisation with more than 50 years working in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, we are dedicated to a society in which all people, irrespective of race, class or gender, enjoy the freedom to pursue their own sustainable development. SNV supports people to access and develop the capabilities, services and opportunities needed to live a healthy, productive and prosperous life, while sustainably using the natural resources they depend on. We cooperate with governments, local development partners, businesses, knowledge institutes and low-income communities to transform ideas into policy, policy into action, and action into sustainable results.

With this commitment, we express our intention to support our offices and partners to align their practices with Global Compact principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We are committed to Global Compact principles and engage, whenever is possible, in partnerships that advance UN Global Compact's principles and support UN Sustainable Goals. We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance, participation in Country/Local Networks and involvement in specialized initiatives.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit ourselves to reporting on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allert van den Ham', enclosed within a blue oval border.

Allert van den Ham
Chief Executive Officer
SNV Netherlands Development Organisation