

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

11th April 2018

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Technical University of Denmark supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

Founded in 1829 with the mission of creating value for the benefit of society, the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) is an institution whose education, scientific advice and innovation rest on a solid foundation of world-class research. As an elite technical university, renowned for prioritization of collaboration with private and public sector stakeholders, our vision is to act as a driving force for welfare and sustainable value creation in Denmark and abroad.

In other words, sustainability matters in our internal organization and in our external relations. Currently, DTU is in process of making the university still more fit for acting proactively for the UN Transforming the World – The 2030 agenda for sustainable development. In line with this, the UN Global Compact is a relevant network for DTU; both in terms of learning from and sharing experiences and ambitions with other stakeholders.

- A remarkable part of DTU's research is within areas that contribute to societies' sustainable development, e.g. DTU was appointed Europe's Leading Technical University in the Energy Sector in 2016<sup>1</sup>. Other examples are environmental life cycle assessments, water and resource management, healthy and sustainable food production and marine ecosystem management. DTU applies significant research strength to laying the foundations for technologies and processes that promote innovation and sustainability, and which address major societal challenges.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.shanghairanking.com/Shanghairanking-Subject-Rankings/Energy-Science-Engineering-2016.html>

- DTU's study programmes are designed to ensure that sustainability is an integrated part of all courses. Similarly, all students complete programme components intended to boost skills in innovation and entrepreneurship.
- DTU utilizes its scientific knowledge —along with our insights into different sectors and their framework conditions— to provide scientific decision support that contribute to solving the complex societal problems faced by both public and private sector enterprises.
- Through DTU's highly prioritized collaboration with industry and efforts to nurture internationally leading innovation environments, we convert our research into applied solutions and reinforce the innovation potential of industry.

Organisation-wise DTU prioritises creating environmentally sustainable campuses, e.g. through energy efficient building solutions, recycling of water and waste, phasing out of undesirable substances according to EU's list LOUS.

DTU welcomes differences in personal preferences, nationalities and cultures. We believe that diversity is a driver for groundbreaking research, education, scientific advice and innovation.

DTU's management paradigm ensures that all the above mentioned values and ambitions are strongly embedded in policies and practices, making it clear what it means to be a DTU student, employee or collaborating partner. We are looking much forward to bringing this approach and our competencies into our engagement in the UN Global Compact.

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 to report 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 that reads "Claus Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Claus Nielsen  
Executive Vice President