



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 Practical Action supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, 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, where appropriate and feasible, in the following ways:

- Engage in Global Compact Local Networks
- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices
- Provide support to corporate partners and other stakeholders as they implement sustainability initiatives that benefit local communities
- Support Global Compact principles, special initiatives and work streams through our four programme goals; Energy Access, Urban Water Sanitation and Waste Services, Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Agriculture.
- Ensure our work, projects and programmes adhere to our ethical code of conduct including our organisational policies such as safeguarding, Prevention of Financial Crime and Fraud; Protection of children and vulnerable adults.

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,

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Chief Executive

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