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OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL  
RESEARCH COUNCIL

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) 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) by participating in local chapter by attending meetings including webinars which offer an opportunity to learn, network and also influence the strategic direction of the country particularly on addressing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I have delegated participation in the local chapter to Tirhani Manganyi (email: [tirhani.manganyi@mrc.ac.za](mailto:tirhani.manganyi@mrc.ac.za); Tel: +27123398521).

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.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Glenda Gray  
President & CEO: South African Medical Research Council

