



25th of April 2012

H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

We hereby confirm that **ebbf - european bahai business forum** actively supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour an, environment and anticorruption. With this committment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

For over twenty years, since its foundation in 1990, **ebbf**'s members have been active, in the now over 60 countries where ebbf is present, and with the over 250 national and international events that **ebbf** organizes every year, in supporting activities of awareness and action in their respective nations also on the following specific areas:

- Fighting bribery and corruption, spreading the content of our knowledge centre and publication dedicated to this topic "On corruption and bribery, fighting to restore trust".
see: http://ebbf.org/ebbf/knowledge-centre/corruption_bribery

- The role of business in promoting human rights is another of the areas of specific activity for ebbf, starting from the knowledge centre and activities in this areas:
see: http://ebbf.org/ebbf/knowledge-centre/business_human_rights

- The area of sustainability is another pivotal area for ebbf, having taken part in most of the UN Summits dedicated to sustainable development and with a number of our members dedicated to creating new sustainable solutions in their corporations and enterprises. This is highlighted as one of our core values: <http://ebbf.org/ebbf/about-us/sustainable-development> and one of our most read publications:
see: <http://ebbf.org/mindful-people/publications>

- In the area of labour ebbf has a particular interest in creating equal opportunities for women and men, and has and will continue to participate in the main UN CSW summits in New York, with all our members actively aware and dedicated to bringing about this key principle for ebbf in their companies. Again in our list of publications and research a number of ways forward are offered with titles such as "towards a partnership of women and men: source of excellence in a global economy"





We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible through the following means:

- we will be participating as a UN registered NGO at the RIO+20 summit on sustainable development, as we have in most past UN sustainability summits.
- we will also be participating in the next UN Global Compact Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum: Innovation & Collaboration for the Future We Want from 15-18 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro
- participation in international, national and local networks

Our ongoing pledge is also to be involved and engaged in partnership projects; offering the broad perspectives and expertise coming from the varied sectors and nationalities of our members to both feed commentaries and suggestions to these projects and also promoting these projects and outcomes for action to our global audience.

ebbf is particularly eager to become an integral active part of the UN Global Compact as a non-business business association, at this moment in time, aware of the issues, the urgent needs and the opportunities that this particular moment in time offers us.

We see this active participation in the UN Global Compact as one of the best ways to live ebbf's vision statement:

**"contributing to
a prosperous, sustainable and just civilization
by promoting and applying
ethical values, personal virtues and moral leadership
in business and civil society"**

Sincerely yours,

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