

## Sample Commitment Letter for Non-Business Organizations



February 9th 2014

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the SJOHAM BAABAJI MISSION 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 in the following ways:

1. The SJOHAM BAABAJI MISSION will contact the focal points of the Local Networks in the Netherlands and in India, The Netherlands Network (GCNL) and The Global Compact Network India (GCNI), to explore participation.
2. The SJOHAM BAABAJI MISSION will propose Partnership Projects on Corporate Sustainability. As we are an International Organization with the Observer Status of the UNFCCC, and we support and help to realize the Millennium Development Goals, we will forge partnership projects with business participants and other supporting stakeholders of the UN Global Compact, including UN agencies and programs. In the recent years we have visited the following UN conferences:
  - UNFCCCs' COP16/CMP16 in Cancun, Mexico, from 29 Nov - 10 Dec 2010;
  - UNFCCCs' COP17/CMP17 in Durban, South Africa, from 28 Nov - 9 Dec 2011;
  - UNFCCCs' AWG-KP (AWG-KP 16) and AWG-LCA (AWG-LCA 14) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 3 - 8 April 2011;
  - The Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV) in Istanbul, Turkey, from 9 - 13 May 2011;
  - UNFCCCs' AWG-KP (AWG-KP 16 part 3) and AWG-LCA (AWG-LCA 14 part 3) in Panama City, Panama, from 1-7 October 2011;
  - UNFCCCs' SB36 in Bonn, Germany from 14-25 May 2012;
  - RIO AAN DE MAAS meeting in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on 30 May 2012;
  - UNCSDs' RIO+20 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20-22 June 2012;

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- National Platform Rio+20 (NPRio2012) in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 19 July 2012, at the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment;
- UNFCCC's COP18/CMP18 in Doha, Qatar, from 26 Nov - 8 Dec 2012;
- UNFCCC's COP19/CMP19 in Warsaw, Poland, from 11 - 22 Nov 2013;

In 2014 we will visit the 6th Annual Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) event, Gender Equality and the Global Jobs Challenge in New York (USA) on 6 March 2014. We are planning to go to UNFCCC's COP20/CMP20 in Lima, Peru, from 1 - 12 Dec 2014.

3. The SjOHAM BAABAJI MISSION will invite companies in Global Compact-related issues within The Netherlands Network and The Global Compact Network India to engage themselves to join our projects. We are currently preparing our 2014 Projects (i.a. projects in five African countries; Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan and Zambia). And we will offer ourselves as potential partners-to-business on specific projects of The Netherlands Network and The Global Compact Network India.

4. The SjOHAM BAABAJI MISSION will offer its participation and support to initiatives and specialized workstreams, to the best of its abilities.

5. The SjOHAM BAABAJI MISSION will make an effort to analyze and review the Communications on Progress (COPs) and provide feedback directly to companies in the spirit of continuous improvement. We also will involve ourselves in specific corporate activities and programs, where needed.

6. The SjOHAM BAABAJI MISSION will participate in Global Compact global events like the 6th Annual Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) event, Gender Equality and the Global Jobs Challenge in New York (USA) on 6 March 2014, and the Global Compact Climate Summit on 23 September 2014, in New York, USA. We will also participate in local events in the Netherlands and in India.

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,



His Holiness Shri Shri Sjoham Baabaji

Founder/Chairman of the SjOHAM BAABAJI MISSION