



November 20, 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 World Information Technology & Services Alliance (WITSA) supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and and 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):

- WITSA represents the Information and Communications Technologies industry. This industry is the key driver of economic development. WITSA members make up over 90% of the industry.
- Many of the innovations that are improving the lives of people around the globe emanate from the ICT industry.
- WITSA conducts a major event called the World Congress on IT. Secretary General Kituyi from UNCTAD spoke at the last congress in Guadalajara, Mexico on September 30, 2014. By involving the UN at its highest level WITSA highlights the role of the UN and its ten principles.
- In addition WITSA produces policy positions that support ICT development as they are intended to inform government officials in passing legislation supporting the freedom of speech and open societies.
- WITSA is also a participates in UN activities such as the IGF and the former GAID.

WITSA recognizes that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communications 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 there after according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary General
WITSA