



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

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Dear Honorable Mr. Ki-moon,

It is our honor to write this letter in application for the UN's Global Compact. As an NGO working in the development sector, the Global Compact principles are closely aligned with our own. In particular, we fully support the 10 principles of the Global Compact, which include:

- Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.
- Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.
- Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
- Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and
- Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.
- Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

We also pledge to aim, over the next two years, support the GC in one or several of the following ways:


- Engage with Global Compact Local Networks (#1) and Participate in Global Compact global and local events (#6): WAVE will reach out to the Lebanese and U.S. GC Networks, where WAVE's offices are located. Additionally, WAVE will aim to connect with GC networks wherever it has ongoing field projects across the MENA and Central Asia regions.



- Join and/or Propose Partnership Projects on Corporate Sustainability (#2) and Engage companies in Global Compact-related issues (#3): WAVE will aim to partner with GC private sector entity on corporate sustainability proposals. These could include topics in promoting computer literacy or ICT skills to persons in developing countries, which are projects that WAVE has worked on in the past. We would welcome private sector support on these endeavors, through possibly their CSR initiatives. We are particularly interested in partnering with ICT companies, such as Microsoft and Cisco, and engage them in training programs for women in order to support their business and IT skills.
- Provide commentary to companies on Communications on Progress (#5): Finally, we wish to avail ourselves to commentary on Communications on Progress (COPs), particularly for GC companies with respect to their programs that supports women's professional development and leadership.

We acknowledge that a requirement of the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication of Engagement (COE) that explains our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the 10 principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We therefore commit to report on progress in this endeavor every two years after joining in accordance with the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely,



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