

9th June 2016.

H.E. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General, United Nations, New York, NY10017 USA.

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TRALEE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TRALEE

Dear Mr Secretary General,

I am writing to express the support of the UNESCO Chair in the Institute of Technology Tralee's Co. Kerry, Ireland to the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. We commit to doing this alongside our commitment to UNESCO under our Chair "Transforming the lives of People with Disabilities their Families and Communities through Physical Education, Sport Recreation and Fitness". 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):

- Conduct applied research and thought leadership to advance best practices allied with the UNESCO Chair remit.
- Promote the UN Global Compact <u>Ten Principles</u> and educate a variety of audiences about sustainability in a broad interdisciplinary manner connected with our Institute and UNESCO Chair Goals.
- Support UN Global Compact business participants in implementing and reporting on their sustainability efforts, most especially in the context of our work with businesses connected with our UNESCO Chair bridge building activities with Community and enterprises.
- Lend capacity to <u>Global Compact Local Networks</u> and/or the UN Global Compact in New York as relevant most especially at the intersection between the Compact, SDG's and our UNESCO Chair.
- The Institute via its UNESCO Chair will join the <u>Principles for Responsible Management Education</u> (<u>PRME</u>) for more information on implementing the Compact.

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

Dr Oliver Murphy

President.