The UN Global Compact and the Post 2015 Business Engagement Architecture

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UN Global Compact – Vision and Objectives

One vision

A more sustainable and inclusive global economy

Two objectives

One: incorporate respect for the Ten Principles into businesses’ strategy and operations

Two: encourage businesses to take action in support of UN goals and issues
UN Global Compact – Ten Principles

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**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.

**LABOUR**

**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**
The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**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.

**ANTI-CORRUPTION**

**Principle 10**
Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.
Role of Business in Sustainable Development

Corporate Sustainability

RESPECT

SUPPORT

LEADERSHIP

ENGAGE
Sustainable Development Goals

Among other things....

- SDGs being negotiated with **broad consultation** beyond Member States, including business
The UN conducted world-wide thematic consultations, which influenced key reports such as the SG’s report on the MDGs and the post-2015 agenda: “A Life of Dignity for All”

UN Global Compact was asked to bring the perspectives of the private sector and present the results to the SG:

- Local Networks conducted 43 consultations on thematic elements of the post-2015 agenda in five major regions, with over 500 corporate participants.
- A series of highly focused discussions with LEAD companies.
- UN Global Compact Issue Platforms consulted their participants.
Private sector priorities for the Post 2015 development agenda

Source: Input to the UN Secretary General on priorities for the Post-2015 development agenda based on Global Compact consultations among Local Networks and LEAD companies
Post-2015 Business Engagement Architecture

A Global Compact of Shared Value

Sustainable Development Goals
- Inclusive growth
- Social equity and progress
- Environmental protection

Long-term Business Goals
- Revenue growth
- Resource productivity
- Risk management

Corporate Sustainability

Drivers and Enablers
- Government policies
- Citizens and consumers
- Investors and business partners
- Management education

Advances Inspires

Motivates

Builds Trust

Scales up

Platforms for Action and Partnership

Transparency and Accountability

- Public records of commitments to principles and goals
- Measurement practices
- Reporting standards
- Certification schemes

The Global Compact
2014 Consultations - How

- UNIDO // UN Global Compact Co-leads on consultations “Engaging with the Private Sector”

- Five themes identified to scale-up PS engagement and corporate sustainability

- Results will feed into the UN Secretary-General’s synthesis report and will be presented to Member States

- 15+ Consultations around the globe

- Consolidated report presented during 2014 UNGA-week

- Implementation briefs developed on same themes
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