

# UN GLOBAL COMPACT TEN PRINCIPLES

## Human Rights

- 1) Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- 2) make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

## Labour

- 3) Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- 4) the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
- 5) the effective abolition of child labour; and
- 6) the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

## Environment

- 7) Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- 8) undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- 9) encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

## Anti-Corruption

- 10) Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

# UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT

Launched in 2000 by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the United Nations Global Compact is a call to companies to align strategies and operations with ten universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and take actions to advance broader UN goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals.

UN Global Compact is mobilising a global movement of sustainable companies and stakeholders to create the world we want.



The SDGs were adopted in 2015 by all 193 UN member states. They call for economic growth, innovation, circular economies and upgraded infrastructure, as well as providing a path to end extreme poverty, fight inequality, and protect the planet.

The Global Goals were hailed as a 'paradigm shift for people and planet' by former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

They are going to transform our world and that transformation will create opportunities for new business models to deliver new products and services into new markets.

UN Global Compact advocates a principles-based approach to the Goals and supports business engagement to achieve them.



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"The Global Compact is uniquely prepared and positioned to help businesses seize the opportunities of the SDG era. "

*UN Secretary General,  
António Guterres*



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# GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK UK

“The General Assembly ... recognises that the Global Compact Local Networks provide an avenue for diffusing United Nations values and principles and facilitating partnerships with business on a broad scale.”

UN General Assembly Resolution 70/224

## Who We Are

We are part of the world's largest responsible business initiative connecting UK companies and other organisations in a global movement dedicated to driving sustainable growth. We promote practical sustainability leadership, share knowledge across sectors, and actively shape the responsible business environment to create a world we want to live and do business in.

Our mission is to turn global momentum on sustainability into practical local action.

**Making Global Goals Local Business**

The UN Global Compact's universally recognised Principles, rooted in UN treaties, provide a robust foundation from which we lead UK business action on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We use our power to convene business and other organisations to find practical solutions to global challenges.

## Benefits of Joining the UK Network

- Support for UK-based companies seeking to maximise the value of their engagement with the UN Global Compact.
- High-quality learning events (25+ per year) with leading practitioners from industry and other relevant organisations providing opportunities to hear from experts and exchange knowledge peer-to-peer across industry sectors.
- Dedicated Working Groups on Modern Slavery, SDG Reporting, and other themes to enable deeper discussions into UK-specific challenges. The Network Secretariat can facilitate the set-up of ad hoc working groups at the request of members facing particular challenges.
- Practical guidance and peer review for Communication on Progress (COP) and Modern Slavery Statements.
- Network newsletter provides UK-oriented information on engagement opportunities with the UN Global Compact and other organisations actively promoting responsible business in the UK. Network members may use this resource to publicise their relevant activities.
- Government engagement through the Network's well-established lines of communication with Departments responsible for the UNGC's core areas of interest. This includes DFID, FCO, BEIS, DIT, DCMS, DEFRA, and the Cabinet Office.
- UK-based Network Secretariat available to provide timely support on any question or issue related to processes of the UNGC, such as COP submission, logo use authorisations, contacts at HQ, or access to the UNGC website dashboard.

## How to Join the UN Global Compact

Organisations that wish to join the UN Global Compact can apply by completing a simple on-line form at:

[www.unglobalcompact.org/participation/join](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/participation/join)

All applicants are required to submit a Letter of Commitment from their CEO. Business applicants will be asked to select an Engagement Tier (Participant or Signatory).

## Financial Contribution

Companies with over USD50 million annual turnover will be required to make a financial contribution based on their annual turnover.

## How to Join the UK Network

All UN Global Compact signatories that are active in the UK are welcome to join the UN Global Compact Network UK.

Organisations not subject to the mandatory financial contribution will have to pay a modest membership fee to join the Network.

You can learn more at:

[www.unglobalcompact.org.uk/how-to-join/](http://www.unglobalcompact.org.uk/how-to-join/)

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