

2022 SDG Pioneers

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
<i>General</i>	
Who are the 2022 SDG Pioneers?	<p>Each year the UN Global Compact recognises a class of SDG Pioneers – business leaders working at any level of their company who are using business as a force for good to advance the 17 SDGs.</p> <p>Through their own company or by mobilising other businesses, they are helping to reach one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while also contributing to business success.</p> <p>In 2022 Local Networks, including the UK Network, spanning all continents will be hosting country-level SDG Pioneers campaigns to identify Local Pioneers who will then be contenders for the Global Round to be recognised at the 2022 UN Global Compact Leaders Summit.</p>
Who is eligible?	<p>Professionals who are working at any level of a UN Global Compact participating company are eligible to apply or be nominated. To check whether an organisation is a UN Global Compact participating company, please search the participant list online.</p> <p><i>For the 2022 SDG Pioneers, we only consider companies who were participants of the UN Global Compact on 31 May 2021 and have submitted at least 1 Communication on Progress (CoP).</i></p> <p><i>The UN Global Compact reserves the right to remove the SDG Pioneer recognition if the company and/or individual is later deemed to be a reputational risk to the SDG Pioneer campaign and/or the UN Global Compact initiative.</i></p>
What if I am affiliated with but not directly employed by a UN Global Compact signatory?	You are only eligible to apply or be nominated if you are either employed by the company (or its subsidiary).
My company does not yet participate in the UN Global Compact. Can I still apply?	Only individuals from a UN Global Compact Participant or Signatory company will be eligible to apply or be nominated. If your company is not yet participating in the UN Global Compact please visit the UN Global Compact website to learn more about how to join.
Who can submit a nomination?	You can nominate yourself or a colleague at your company, or someone you know from another UN Global Compact participating company. That individual will then be contacted to ensure their willingness to be considered and the accuracy of the submitted

	information.
What are the “SDGs”?	In September 2015, all 193 Member states of the United Nations adopted a plan for achieving a better future for all – laying out a path over the next 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet. At the heart of the “Agenda 2030” are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 related targets that address the most important economic, social, environmental and governance challenges of our time. To learn more about how companies are taking steps to contribute to achieving the SDGs visit the UN Global Compact website .
How do I apply myself or nominate someone who I think is doing great work?	Please complete the online application form, which is available here . To nominate someone, click here .
My organisation is doing great work. Can it be nominated?	No, the SDG Pioneers campaign highlights the work of individuals, not organisations.
What is the nomination deadline?	The nomination deadline is 31st January 2022.
Do I have to be a UK citizen or permanent resident?	Nationality does not matter as long as the nominee or applicant works for a UK company with headquarters in UK or a UK subsidiary of a global company.
<i>Selection Process</i>	
How will the SDG Pioneers be selected?	A multi-stakeholder SDG Pioneers Selection Group will vote on the candidates. The SDG Pioneers Selection Group will be comprised of representatives from: Global Compact Network Board Members, UN, Government Representatives, Academia, and civil society.
How and when will I be notified if I was selected?	The Local SDG Pioneer will be informed of his/her selection by 15 March 2022. This individual will then advance to the Global Round to compete. 2022 Global SDG Pioneers will then be selected and then recognised at the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit in June 2022. Due to the volume of nominations received, we may be unable to contact nominees who are not selected.
<i>Recognition</i>	
How will the Local SDG Pioneers be recognised? What will I receive if selected?	The Local SDG Pioneer will be announced and celebrated at a UN Global Compact Network UK event in spring/summer 2022. The Local Pioneers will receive visibility and be recognised for the great work that they have done to advance the Sustainable Development Goals. 2022 Global SDG Pioneers selected will be recognised at the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit in June 2022.

I have more questions. Who can I contact?

Please email elaine.wong@unglobalcompact.org.uk with any additional questions.