



Global Compact Guidelines for “Communications on Progress”

Global Compact participants are expected to communicate with their stakeholders on an annual basis about progress in implementing the Global Compact principles through their annual reports, sustainability reports or other corporate communications. Participants are also expected to submit a short description and a URL link to these communications on the Global Compact and/or Global Compact local network website.

To safeguard the integrity of the initiative as a whole, only those participants who communicate progress will be allowed to continue their participation in the Global Compact.

1. **Communications on Progress (COPs).** COPs should include the following three elements:
 - a. **Statement** of continued support for the Global Compact in the opening letter, statement or message from the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman or other senior executive.
 - b. **Description** of practical actions that participants have taken to implement the Global Compact principles during the previous fiscal year.
 - c. **Measurement** of outcomes or expected outcomes using, as much as possible, indicators or metrics such as the 2002 Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Guidelines.

Note: COPs should be integrated in participants’ already existing communications with stakeholders, such as annual reports or sustainability reports. In the event that a participant does not publish an annual report or a sustainability report, a COP can be issued through other channels where employees, shareholders, customers and other stakeholders expect to read about the company’s major economic, social and environmental engagements.

2. **Link to and Description of COPs.** Participants are expected to submit a brief description and, where an online version exists, a URL link to their COP on the Global Compact website and/or Global Compact local network website. In the event that an online version of the COP does not exist, participants can submit an electronic version of their COP as an attachment with a description of how they are communicating the content to their stakeholders. More detailed information on how to enter the link to and description of COPs is available on the Global Compact website (<http://www.unglobalcompact.org>) under “About the Global Compact” “How to Participate” “Further Documents” (The login for submission is “ungc”, the passcode is “action”).

The Global Compact Office accepts COPs in all languages by allowing companies to post links to their respective reports on the Global Compact website and/or Global Compact local network website. The development of local Global Compact networks will offer opportunities to facilitate this process.

COPs are important demonstrations of participants’ commitment to the Global Compact and its principles. It is also a tool to exercise leadership, facilitate learning, stimulate dialogue and promote action.