BUSINESS FOR THE RULE OF LAW

Business for the Rule of Law complements other work of the United Nations Global Compact ("UN Global Compact") by highlighting that the rule of law serves as a critical foundation for sustainable development. It provides an enabling environment where laws and institutions ensure accountability, certainty, equality, protection of human rights and access to justice. A strong rule of law allows people and businesses to feel confident about investing in the future.

The Business for the Rule of Law Framework ("Framework") engages responsible business to respect and support the rule of law – serving as a complement to, not substitute for, government action. In particular, the Framework outlines the business case and the ways businesses can take action to support the rule of law. This includes practical examples of how businesses are already doing so.

For more information, please visit Business for the Rule of Law Framework
www.unglobalcompact.org/library/1341
WAY BUSINESS CAN SUPPORT THE RULE OF LAW

Support for the rule of law by businesses also serves as a complement to, not substitute for, respecting the rule of law. Support is voluntary action taken by businesses that goes beyond the responsibility to respect universal principles by making a positive contribution to help strengthen legal frameworks and promote more accountable institutions.

Support for the rule of law can take a variety of interconnected forms, such as:

**Core Business**
Businesses can help to strengthen the rule of law through the products and services they supply commercially. These efforts include to, assist with the process of law making and implementation, access to information, and the administration of and access to justice.

**Strategic Social Investment and Philanthropy**
Businesses can provide financial and/or in-kind support to governments, the United Nations and other non-government organizations to strengthen the rule of law.

**Advocacy and Public Policy Engagement**
Businesses can publicly acknowledge rule of law challenges in their own operating environment and take action, independently or collectively, through advocacy and/or public policy engagement.

**Partnerships and Collective Action**
Businesses have the opportunity to engage in efforts to advance the rule of law through a broad variety of partnerships and initiatives that pool expertise and resources in order to deliver optimal positive impact.

START TAKING ACTION NOW

By joining and participating in the UN Global Compact, businesses can both acknowledge their responsibilities and express publicly their commitment to respect and support corporate sustainability principles – including in areas of human rights, anti-corruption, and peace – which are crucial to the rule of law. The UN Global Compact provides tools and guidance materials to help businesses to meet their responsibilities and commitments in these areas. There are also over 85 Global Compact Local Networks around the world which serve as key fora where businesses can talk about and take collective action on rule of law challenges at the local level.

To learn more please visit UN Global Compact
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