



# UN Global Compact Network Australia Director Candidate Brief

The [UN Global Compact Network Australia](#) (UNGCNA) seeks expressions of interest from adept professionals to be considered for appointment to the UNGCNA Board of Directors in May 2023.

We are looking for professionals with experience in the **sustainability strategy, government relations, membership bodies and communications and marketing**. We encourage professionals of various ages and backgrounds to apply, as we see the value of determination, passion, and diversity over years of experience. We are prioritising applications from individuals working in UN Global Compact participating organisations.

## Overview

The UN Global Compact is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative. It provides a universal language for corporate responsibility and provides a framework to guide all businesses. With more than 16,000 companies and 3,800 non-business signatories based in over 160 countries, and 69 Local Networks, the UN Global Compact is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative - one Global Compact uniting business for a better world.

As the principal sustainability initiative in Australia with over 230 participants, the UN Global Compact Network Australia (UNGCNA) unites participants of the UN Global Compact, including over 37 ASX 100 companies, other businesses, not-for-profits and universities, to advance the private sector's contribution to sustainable development. We connect, enable and lead businesses and stakeholders to create a sustainable future by supporting businesses to act responsibly and helping them find opportunities to drive positive business outcomes.

## The UNGCNA Board

The Board provides strategic oversight and governance for the UNGCNA. The main responsibilities of the Board are to:

- Ensure effective oversight and strategic direction of the organisation;
- Safeguard the reputation, purpose, culture and values of the organisation;
- Promote and ensure effective performance of the organisation; and
- Monitor the financial, legal, ethical and regulatory performance of the organisation.

The Board is currently comprised of seven directors, who serve for a term of two years. The total number of directors allowed under the UNGCNA's Constitution is ten with at least 50% from participating (i.e., member) organisations. Profiles of existing Board members are available on UNGCNA's [website](#).

## Purpose and values

The purpose of the UNGCNA is to empower business to act responsibly, set a positive example and create a sustainable future. The UNGCNA's and the UN Global Compact's values of integrity, respect for diversity and professionalism guide the UNGCNA's culture.

## Nominations

We seek the nomination of candidates to assist in contributing to our capability and diversity gaps. The appointments allow candidates the opportunity to join a dynamic Board working to capitalise on opportunities while assisting with raising the profile of the UNGCNA.



### **Key attributes:**

In line with the role of the board outlined above, the key attributes we are seeking in a Board candidate are:

- Demonstrated competence or experience in at least one of the following areas:
  - Sustainability strategy development, planning & implementation
  - Government relations
  - Communications and marketing
  - Membership bodies
  - Sponsorship and fundraising
  
- Relevant industry knowledge or experience in one or more of the core areas of relevance to the UNGCNA.
  - Broader sustainability and/or ESG
  - [Business and Human Rights](#)
  - [Environment and Climate Change](#)
  - [Anti-Bribery and Corruption](#)

Ideally, candidates will have:

- Tertiary qualifications in relevant areas including sustainability, commerce/business, law, public policy, social sciences, environmental sciences, marketing or communications
- Completion of the AICD Directors Course (or similar) is ideal, but not mandatory.

### **Application**

Please provide a covering letter, no longer than one page, outlining why you would like to be appointed to the Board of the UNGCNA, together with your resume and a completed experience & competency form to [secretariat@unglobalcompact.org.au](mailto:secretariat@unglobalcompact.org.au).

### **Key Documents**

[The UN Global Compact Network Australia Constitution](#)

[2020/2021 Annual Report](#)

[2020/2021 Directors' Report and Financial Statements](#)

[Board Members](#)