

UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT



Leading a new business future



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Network Australia

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The world's largest corporate sustainability initiative: inspiring ambition, enabling action, and shaping the business environment.

With more than 20,000 companies and 3,500 non-business signatories based in over 162 countries, and 72 Local Networks, the UN Global Compact is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative – one Global Compact delivering impact where it matters.

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72
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The UN Global Compact provides a principle-based framework, thought leadership, best practice case studies, resources, tools, and hundreds of events. We support companies to operate responsibly, innovate, and create long-term value for their stakeholders and our wider society.

By catalysing action, partnerships, and collaboration, we help organisations of all sizes all around the globe to lead a new business future.

To facilitate local engagement, there are Global Compact Networks operating in 70 countries.

UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK AUSTRALIA

With over 270 participants, we are Australia's largest corporate responsibility initiative. We offer industry-leading events and other engagement opportunities every year to help your business take action and accelerate the transition to a new sustainable future.

OUR MEMBERS SAY...



"The publications, summary documents and events curated by the GCNA are excellent and industry leading."

"Commitment to the Ten Principles has strengthened and enhanced the business sustainability governance and strategy."

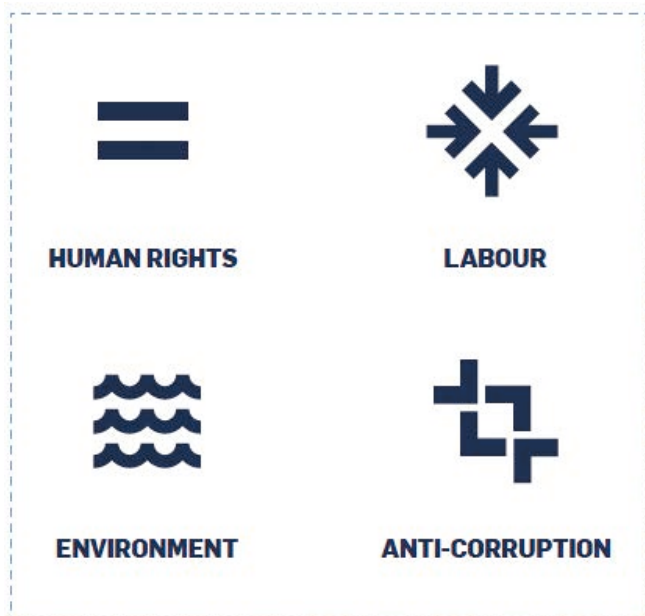
"The team have all been very helpful and accommodating, providing us with prompt responses and clear, relevant resources..."

"Great guidance on stakeholder expectations and what good/best practice looks like."

"The 'Making Global Goals Local Business' event in particular was fantastic, insightful, diverse and well-paced - great work team!"

THE TEN PRINCIPLES AND THE 17 GLOBAL GOALS

The Ten principles of the UN Global Compact provide a common ethical and practical framework for operationalising corporate sustainability. Derived from UN Declarations and Conventions, these universal principles define fundamental values that business should embed in their daily strategies and operations.



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have a different but deeply related purpose for business. As the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, these Global Goals represent the scale and ambition of the bold vision for humanity adopted by every UN Member State in 2015.

The Goals are aspirational, long-term targets for governments, business, and other stakeholders to work towards creating the future we want. Together, the Ten Principles and the SDGs equip business with both the values and vision to help companies make a meaningful contribution to people and the planet.



GLOBAL LEADERS DRIVING THE NEW BUSINESS FUTURE

We convene 20,000+ companies who are looking for ways to pivot their strategy and drive solutions to shape the future of sustainable business. Among them, over 270 are based in Australia.

OUR AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:



* listed participants chosen at random and may change.

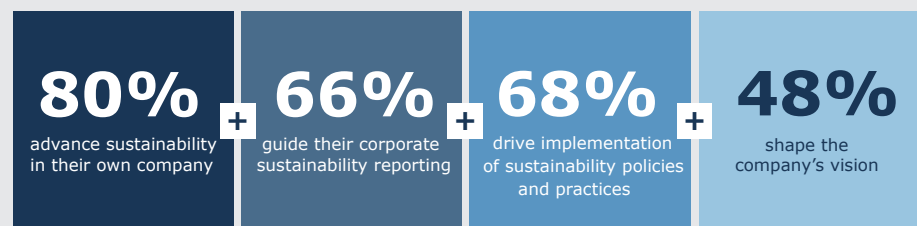


What the UN Global Compact does very well is showing the business case behind the SDGs and helping companies to embed them within their business processes."

Rebecca Marmot, Chief Sustainability Officer, Unilever

PARTICIPATING COMPANIES SAY

THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT HAS HELPED:



Source: UN Global Compact 20th Anniversary Progress Report 2020

Sustainability is everyone's business. Companies' representatives that engage with us include:

Chief Executive Officer	Head of ESG	Chief Finance Officer	Chief Economist	Vice President of Environment
Chief Communications Officer	President	Chief Investment Officer	Chief Environment Officer	
Sustainability/Corporate Responsibility Director	Chief Sustainability Officer	Global Head of Sustainability	Head of Sustainable Finance	
Director of Climate Change	Head of Sourcing	Global Vice President of Communications	Chief Procurement Officer	
Vice President of Sustainability	Chief Sustainable Investing Officer	Head of Social Impact Investment		

WAYS TO ENGAGE AND BENEFIT

The United Nations Global Compact helps you cut through the complexity of the sustainability agenda to realise opportunities and manage risks in your business. No matter your size, sector, geographic location, or where you are on your sustainability journey, you will find inspiration and solutions to help you accelerate progress and deliver change.

GUIDANCE AND TOOLS

Access the UN Global Compact library to find the resources you need to take the next step on your sustainability journey. With guides, toolkits, and best practice case studies, we can help you define, implement, measure, and communicate an effective sustainability strategy.

UN GLOBAL COMPACT ACADEMY

Our Academy Learning Platform provides participating companies with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet sustainability objectives and achieve long-term growth. The Academy offers every employee of every participating company with access to a wide variety of topics and personalised learning paths to meet your organisation's specific needs. Live and on-demand programming allows participants to learn at their own pace.

PEER LEARNING GROUPS

Our facilitated learning communities provide participants with opportunities to connect, share, and learn from topic experts and each other on an on-going basis at the global, regional, and national level.

ACCELERATORS

Our Accelerators are global programmes delivered by Global Compact Local Networks. They are designed to activate and support cohorts of companies to make progress on specific goal(s) over a specific time frame. The UN Global Compact Network Australia currently runs the following Accelerators: Climate Ambition, Business and Human Rights, and SDG Ambition.

COALITIONS

Our multi-stakeholder coalitions are designed to deliver on our ambition to shape the eco-system for sustainable business globally. Through our coalitions, we work in partnership with other key actors to scale action on critical business issues such as water and ocean stewardship, climate, and sustainable finance.

POLICY ADVOCACY

Our policy advocacy activities connect relevant stakeholders and shape policy positions nationally, regionally, and globally. Participants are also invited to join our Calls To Action for business to publicly support policy positions or join campaigns advocating for change at the global and local level.

THINK LABS

Think Labs are global initiatives that bring together a small number of leading companies to define our thinking, curate best practices, and develop knowledge, guidance, and tools to empower business action on urgent topics such as Just Transition, Living Wage, Transformational Governance, and Women's Entrepreneurship. There is no cost to join a Think Lab, but participation is by invitation-only.

200+ BEST-IN-CLASS EVENTS AND HIGH LEVEL SUMMITS

UN Global Compact participants gain access to 200+ best-in-class live and virtual events organised at global, regional, and national levels. Every employee of a participating organisation can join these activities to learn and interact with peers, industry experts, civil society, and the UN. Our global flagship events, such as the annual Leaders Summit, convene thought leaders and practitioners from all over the world. Our Local Network events focus on national priorities, and help to link participants into global dialogues. The UN Global Compact Network Australia organises approximately 40 events per year.

WHY JOIN THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT & THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK AUSTRALIA?

REASONS TO JOIN:

CONNECT

With over 15,000 business participants worldwide and 70 Local Networks, the UN Global Compact is the world's largest sustainable business community, providing unrivalled opportunities to interact with peers, industry experts, civil society, and the UN through our many engagement opportunities.

LEARN

Gain practical knowledge and skills to deliver impact and meet stakeholder expectations. Participants access guidance and tools from our library; training from our Academy and Accelerators; and participation in business critical thought leadership and debate through our events and Peer Learning Groups.

LEAD

Show bold leadership and inspire others with our Think Labs and policy advocacy activities, as well as speaking and sponsorship opportunities.

COMMUNICATE

Build trust and credibility to advance the long-term success of your business by communicating measurable progress towards sustainability goals through our trusted reporting framework and platform. Participants can also showcase their performance with their Participant Profile on the global and Australia Network websites.

OUTPERFORM

Companies participating in the UN Global Compact have higher ESG scores, outperforming others on key indicators of supply chain sustainability, emissions management, corporate governance, labour standards, and human rights. This can lead to improved access to finance and lower cost of capital.

HIGHER MARGINS, MARKET VALUATION, CREDITWORTHINESS

Companies participating in the UN Global Compact have higher ESG scores than non-participating companies

HIGHER ESG SCORES LEAD TO:



Source: Boston Consulting Group (2017)

UN GLOBAL COMPACT COMPANIES OUTPERFORM THEIR PEERS



Source: Arabesque Analysis

EcoVadis analysis of approximately 30,000 companies operating in more than 150 countries, across some 150 industries, confirms a correlation between the UN Global Compact endorsement and higher EcoVadis scores

+13 UN Global Compact participants score 13 points higher on supply chain sustainability compared to non-participants, on average

Source: EcoVadis (2019). Commitment vs. Practice: A Comparison of CSR performance of the UN Global Compact Signatories vs. Non-signatories

JOIN US

Join the 20,000+ participating companies that have already committed to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and be part of the movement that is leading the business transition.

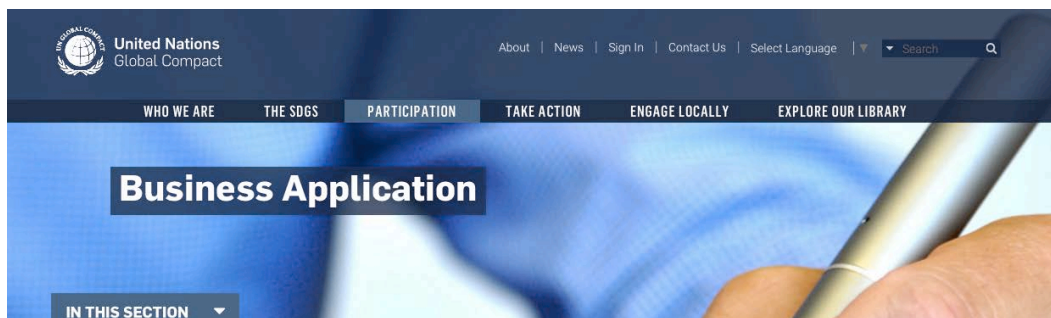
WHAT'S REQUIRED?

To participate in the UN Global Compact, we require a Letter of Commitment addressed to the UN Secretary-General and signed by your organisation's highest-level executive committing to:

- Operationalise the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact;
- Take action in support of the Sustainable Development Goals; and,
- Submit an annual Communication on Progress (COP).

Detailed guidance and the Online Application Form can be found [here](https://unglobalcompact.org/participation/apply/business).

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Business Application

Business Applicants who are eligible to join the UN Global Compact fall under the following definitions:

- Company – any legal entity engaging in business, such as a corporation or partnership, with **at least** 250 full-time direct employees and/or any state-owned companies
- SME (Small and Medium Enterprise) – same as a Company but with less than 250. companies are required to have at least one direct employee and active operations.

Step 1

Review the [Application Guidelines](#) for a detailed step-by-step guide to the Business Application joining process.

Contact



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FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Annual Contribution: Participants (including Parent Companies)		
Corporate		
> US\$30bn annual revenue	US \$30,000	(A \$39,600)
US\$10bn – US\$30bn annual revenue	US \$25,000	(A \$33,000)
US\$5bn – US\$10bn annual revenue	US \$20,000	(A \$26,400)
US\$1bn – US\$5bn annual revenue	US \$15,000	(A \$19,800)
US\$500m – US\$1bn annual revenue	US \$7,500	(A \$9,900)
US\$250m – US\$500m annual revenue	US \$5,000	(A \$6,600)
US\$50m – US\$250m annual revenue	US \$2,500	(A \$3,300)
SME		
<US\$50m annual revenue	UNGCNA Participant Fee: A\$2,000	
Non-Business		
Academic Institutions	(A \$1,500)	
Business Associations		
Civil Society / NGO		

Annual Contribution: Subsidiaries	
Annual UNGCNA Fee for companies with parent companies overseas (based on local Australian revenue)	
> US\$5bn annual revenue	A \$9,500
US\$1bn – US\$5bn annual revenue	A \$8,000
US\$500m – US\$1bn annual revenue	A \$6,000
US\$250m – US\$500m annual revenue	A \$4,000
< US\$250m annual revenue	A \$2,000
Annual UNGCNA Fee for Australian subsidiaries of an Australian parent company	
Consolidated Entity	A \$4,000

All subsidiary participants have access to the Academy and full UNGCNA benefits.

Financial contributions will be invoiced by the UN Global Compact Network Australia (UNGCNA) in Australian dollars. UN Global Compact Office (GCO) retains 70% of the fee income from Participants with annual revenue greater than USD10bn. GCO retains 50% of the fee income from Participants with annual revenue between USD50m and USD10bn. The first USD100k in fee income earned is retained by the Local Network. Local Networks retain 100% of the fee income from SMEs, subsidiaries and non-business participants. The exchange rate is based on the average exchange rate for the three months to 1 October 2021 (USD:AUD 1.32).

CONTACT US

BE PART OF THE BUSINESS FUTURE - GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TEAM



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**TOGETHER, LET'S ACCELERATE BUSINESS ACTION FOR A
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE!**

