**The Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact**

Corporate sustainability starts with a company’s value system and a principled approach to doing business. This means operating in ways that, at a minimum, meet fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. Responsible businesses enact the same values and principles wherever they have a presence, and know that good practices in one area do not offset harm in another. By incorporating the Global Compact principles into strategies, policies and procedures, and establishing a culture of integrity, companies are not only upholding their basic responsibilities to people and planet, but also setting the stage for long-term success.

The UN Global Compact’s Ten Principles are derived from: the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html), the [International Labour Organization’s Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work](http://www.ilo.org/declaration/lang--en/index.htm), the [Rio Declaration on Environment and Development](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/rio20/futurewewant), and the [United Nations Convention Against Corruption](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/index.html).

1. **Human Rights**

[Principle 1](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-1): Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

[Principle 2](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-2): make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

1. **Labour**

[Principle 3](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-3): Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

[Principle 4](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-4): the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

[Principle 5](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-5): the effective abolition of child labour; and

[Principle 6](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-6): the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

1. **Environment**

[Principle 7](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-7): Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

[Principle 8](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-8): undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

[Principle 9](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-9): encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

1. **Anti-Corruption**

[Principle 10](https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles/principle-10): Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.