



Global Compact
Netzwerk Deutschland

Welcome to the UN Global Compact and the UN Global Compact Netzwerk Deutschland e. V.

Dear Sir or Madam,

we are very pleased that your company has joined the UN Global Compact and would like to welcome you to the UN Global Compact Netzwerk Deutschland e. V.

Next Steps: What to expect as a participant of the UN GCD?

With this document, we would like to make it easier for you to get started with the UN Global Compact and the UN GCD by providing a summary of the most important information. We would also like to give you an initial insight into the wide range of support services in the field of corporate responsibility offered by the UN GCD.

General information on the UN GCD

The UN GCD brings together the German signatories of the UN Global Compact: You are now one of more than 1200 signatories: companies, civil society, science, associations and the public sector. By joining the network, you can learn about different topics of corporate responsibility, exchange ideas and work on practical solutions together with other network participants. For more information on the UN GCD and its organizational structure, click [here](#).

Use of the logo and communication of your participation

Communicate your commitment to employees and business partners. As an active signatory, you can use the "We Support" logo to make your participation visible both within the company and your external representation. The use of the logo can be requested with a corresponding short application ("Logo Request") via your profile on the UN Global Compact [website](#). Please note that each use must be requested individually and will only be approved if the [Logo Policy](#) is adhered to.

Offers, activities, and collaboration in the network

The UN GCD and the UN Global Compact develop information materials and tools as well as learning and dialog formats that are geared to the needs of companies. The thematic offering is based on the four core topics of the UN Global Compact (human rights, labor standards, environmental protection, corruption prevention) as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All activities aim at initiating long term change processes in your company, with formats offered for both beginners and advanced learners. The majority of the offerings are free of charge, with only a few formats charging a fee.

In addition, the UN GCD invites you and all signatories to a joint annual conference once a year, which is designed as an action-oriented learning and dialogue platform.

An overview of all current activities and offers can be found [here](#).

We are happy to inform you about upcoming events, publications and news at UN GCD in our

monthly newsletter (in German language), which you can subscribe to [here](#).

You can also find us on [LinkedIn](#).

The annual Communication on Progress (CoP)

As a participating company in the UN Global Compact, you are required to report on your progress in implementing the 10 Principles and to outline your activities to promote sustainable development. This annual Communication on Progress (CoP) is addressed to your company's stakeholders, i.e. investors, business partners, customers and suppliers, civil society organisations and government agencies.

Format of the CoP

In 2023, the UN Global Compact will introduce a new online digital platform for submitting the annual Communication on Progress (CoP) in the form of a questionnaire. The goal of the new format is to further strengthen transparency and progress reporting by companies, promote ambitious targets, and provide learning opportunities on the Ten Principles and the SDGs. The new CoP questionnaire will be completed via the company profile on the UN Global Compact website, making it available to a wide audience.

Content of the COP

The questions of the CoP questionnaire are divided into the following five topics/sections:

- Governance
- Human rights
- Labour standards
- Environment
- Anti-corruption

The CEO-Statement

The CEO-statement expresses the company's continued support for the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact. The statement can be completed digitally by the management or a representative. The standard text for the CEO Statement is provided by the platform and is the same for all participants.

The CoP questionnaire can be uploaded via the digital platform accessible from the respective company dashboard on the UN Global Compact page ([login page](#)). More information on the reporting format, submission deadlines and reporting support can be found [here](#).

Financial contributions

Depending on their gross annual turnover, companies must pay a financial contribution to the UN Global Compact Netzwerk Deutschland e. V. from 2026 onwards.

Find out what this means for your company in the [following list](#).

The UN GCG team is at your service. An overview of the team, including responsibilities and contact information, can be found [here](#).

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