

Model Governance Foundation



**Communication on Engagement (COE)
for
United Nations Global Compact
March 2013 - August 2016**





MODEL GOVERNANCE FOUNDATION

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Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Model Governance Foundation reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Umesh Kumar
Chairman and Managing Trustee

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Part II. Description of Actions

Model Governance Foundation has undertaken wide range of activities which promote the Ten Principles of United Nations Global Compact. Few of them are as follows:

1. Organized **Samvaad 2015**, a 3-day youth conference at Ramanujan College (University of Delhi), New Delhi from 26th-28th June, 2015. Samvaad is a platform where distinguished luminaries from the fields of politics, business, academia, entertainment, journalism and sports will come together and share the stage with the leaders of tomorrow, engaging them in a dialogue while motivating them to reach out to their paramount potential in pursuit of solutions to the challenges that besiege the world. It aims to foster leadership qualities amongst students and young professionals by opening a cross-cultural dialogue on issues of national and international relevance.
2. Organised **Wake Up and Vote India** campaign with the aim to increase political participation. This campaign urges people to go out and vote in the 2013 State Assemblies Elections and the 2014 Lok Sabha Elections. In any democracy, the right to vote and elect our representatives is a great privilege. India fought for years to gain independence. Why should we now be enslaved all over again by mediocre and corrupt leaders? People underestimate and often take for granted this right and duty bestowed on the citizens of India to elect our own representatives to run the country.
3. Organised **Model Governance Summer School** in Lucknow from 1st - 10th June, 2016. The summer school was an intensive full-time programme, and consist of at least 60 contact hours, generally taking the form of 30 hours of interactive lectures, 10 hours of group discussions and 20 hours of student-led teamwork sessions facilitated by the tutors. The following themes were covered: Governance, Law and Public Policy, Research Methodology, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship.
4. Supported the following programmes – **The Lucknow Conclave**, **Gaon Chaley Hum**, and **World Law Dialogue**.
5. The following **National Development Cells** have been proposed to be established in order to achieve our objectives and Ten Principles of UN Global Compact:
 - Agriculture Cell
 - Governance Cell
 - Legal Cell
 - Media Cell

- Information Technology Cell
- Rural Development Cell
- Culture Cell
- Training Cell
- Human Rights Cell
- International Affairs Cell
- Water Cell
- Energy Cell
- Education Cell
- Economics Cell
- RTI Cell

6. We engage with various stakeholders regularly through our blog, publications, social media pages, meetings and conferences.
7. Our Advisory Board is preparing an Action Plan 2020 to align our new initiatives and activities towards general principles of sustainability and transparency along with Ten Principles of UN Global Compact.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Our initiatives and activities have yielded both quantitative and qualitative outcomes.

1. 50+ delegates from 20 colleges participated in Samvaad 2015 and Model Governance Summer School 2016.
2. We have engaged with 500+ volunteers through our various initiatives and online internship programmes. After completion of their active tenure, the volunteers become our alumni and promote our commitment towards Ten Principles of UN Global Compact in their workplaces, universities, and cities.
3. We have engaged with 10,000+ people through social media and email newsletters to raise awareness about Ten Principles of UN Global Compact amongst various stakeholders. Furthermore, our website has 25,000+ unique visitors during this period.