



THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT

A guide for values-driven companies



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WHAT IS THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT (UNGC)?

The UNGC is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative. It's a framework for companies that are committed to sustainability and responsible business practices.

For product manufacturers and retailers, this includes incorporating the UNGC's **Ten Principles** into business strategy, policies and procedures, addressing potential human and labour rights issues within their supply chains, and upholding principles of environmental sustainability and anti-corruption. It also includes committing to the UN's 17 **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

THE TEN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The UNGC calls for companies to embrace and enact a set of core values in the areas of:

Human Rights

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-corruption

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.



THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

In addition to addressing the UNGC's Ten Principles, the UN encourages companies to work towards achieving its Sustainable Development Goals.

These 17 interlinked global goals aim to wipe out extreme poverty, cut inequality and preserve our planet by 2030. They were set up by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 and have since been adopted by 193 countries.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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ABOUT SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MATTERS

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Libby is also an active and influential member of the eco-labelling and green community, is a Green Star Associate with the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), and in 2018 was a participant on the GBCA's Expert Reference Panel for Human Rights.

She has 14 years' experience working with product manufacturers and retailers who want to elevate their ethical and social sustainability standards. She partners exclusively with values-driven organisations, to educate, inspire, empower and activate.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Do you have any other questions about modern slavery risks within your company? If you'd like to chat, we offer an obligation-free discovery call. You can ask us anything you'd like to know about the process of developing a **Modern Slavery Statement** for your company.

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