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**Message from United Nations Global Compact
On the Occasion of
The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
“Post 2015 Agenda: Ensuring indigenous peoples’ health and well-being”**

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This year's theme puts a spotlight on the rights of indigenous peoples' to health and well-being, each a fundamental human right. Assertion of these rights is featured in the Sustainable Development Goals proposed by the General Assembly.

Respect and support for all rights of indigenous peoples are implicit to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact. The world's largest corporate sustainability initiative, the UN Global Compact promotes a model of businesses playing a critical role in a sustainable and inclusive global economy that delivers lasting benefits to all people, communities and markets.

With more companies now impacting indigenous people and communities, the UN Global Compact has developed a number of tools and resources to help companies operate in ways that are fully respectful and supportive of the rights of indigenous peoples. These include:

- [Business Reference Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(Español | Français | Русский \)](#)
- [Practical Supplement of Case Examples to the Guide](#)
- [Good Practice Note on Free, Prior and Informed Consent \(Español\)](#)

Business action in support of the Post-2015 development agenda is complementary to the minimum expectation that companies will respect human rights, including those of indigenous peoples. There is a common interest to be obtained. When businesses consult with indigenous peoples on matters of mutual concern, they are more likely to achieve sustainable growth, for example by obtaining and maintaining social license to operate, gaining an understanding of local operating contexts, and meeting the expectations of investors, communities and other stakeholders. Additionally, positive engagement with indigenous peoples in benefit-sharing arrangements or as owners, contractors and employees can contribute to productive long-term relationships based on trust and mutual respect.