Questionnaire

At its fourteenth session in 2015, the Permanent Forum will review the following: (a) Outcome of the high-level plenary also known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples; (b) Post-2015 Development Agenda; (c) Youth, self-harm and suicide.

1.   Please provide information on how your agency is working with these important issues in the seven socio-cultural regions of the Permanent Forum[1]. Where possible, please include information on the situation of indigenous women in your responses.

   a. The WCIP Outcome Document recalls "the responsibility of transnational corporations and other business enterprises to respect all applicable laws and international principles, including the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and to operate transparently in a socially and environmentally responsible manner."[2]

   The UN Global Compact launched a Business Reference Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the Second Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in 2013. The Guide aims to increase understanding among business of the rights of indigenous peoples and to provide practical suggestions for respecting and supporting these rights. As of, August 2014, the Practical Supplement to the Reference Guide features twenty case studies showing business initiatives that respect and support indigenous peoples' rights in all but two of the Permanent Forum's seven socio-cultural regions (Arctic and Africa).[3]

   In addition to the Business Reference Guide, the Global Compact has been working stridently to ensure that multi-national companies' understanding of indigenous peoples' rights themes is enhanced through the Human Rights and Business Dilemmas Forum (HRBDF). The indigenous peoples' rights sub-section of this important resource includes a comprehensive introduction with scenarios, dilemmas, examples, and suggestions among others, twenty-six on-the-ground case studies exploring dilemmas faced by organizations around the world, a Forum promoting dialogue between different stakeholders, and external resources on indigenous peoples. The forum also includes a similar subsection to gender equality, including several case studies that show good practice actions by the private sector in relation to indigenous women.

   For more information on indigenous peoples' rights and gender equality on the Human Rights and Business Dilemmas Forum, please visit:

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[1] UNPFII's seven socio-cultural regions are Africa; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean; the Arctic; Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America; and the Pacific.
[2] General Assembly resolution 69/2, Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, A/RES/69/2 (22 September 2014), available at undocs.org/A/RES/69/2
[3] The Business Reference Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, available at https://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/human_rights/IndigenousPeoples/BusinessGuide.pdf

- Indigenous peoples' right: http://hrbdf.org/dilemmas/indigenous-peoples/#.VJLzRyvF800
- Gender equality: http://hrbdf.org/dilemmas/Gender/#.VJL3RCvF800

b. The Post-2015 agenda will require unprecedented efforts and levels of interplay between business, governments, civil society, and other key stakeholders to be developed and implemented. The UNGC has been key in these efforts by linking and promoting a convergence of interests between the public and private sector. This increased convergence between both sectors is clearly reflected in the Post-2015 Business Engagement Architecture, which was released at the UNGC Leaders Summit in September 2013 and is designed as an invitation to organizations, initiatives and networks working globally to engage business on sustainable development to join forces with the UN Global Compact and other like-minded organizations in supporting corporate commitments and actions that advance UN goals.

In addition, from January to April 2013, country-based Local Networks carried out 43 consultations on the Post-2015 agenda in five major regions. Over 500 corporate participants attended. Consultations took place in the following countries:[4]

- Americas: Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay
- Asia/Australia: Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Vietnam
- Europe: Belarus, Bulgaria, Greece, Germany, Macedonia, Netherlands, Nordic Network, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, UK
- Middle East/North Africa: Egypt, Gulf States, Iraq, Syria
- Sub-Saharan Africa: Kenya, Uganda, Zambia

c. Various activities on youth have been implanted by the UN Global Compact. Developed by UNICEF, the UN Global Compact and Save the Children – the Children's Rights and Business Principles are the first comprehensive set of principles to guide companies on the full range of actions they can take in the workplace, marketplace and community to respect and support children's rights.

Furthermore, on May 28, 2014, the UN Global Compact and UN Habitat hosted a Google Hangout on Youth Employment, Skills and Entrepreneurship. Speakers from business, international youth organizations and the United Nations exchanged ideas on promoting entrepreneurship among young people. The role of the private sector in providing youth with training and mentoring to establish new enterprises was also explored.

For more information on this activity, please visit the Google Hangout on Youth Employment, Skills and Entrepreneurship page:
https://plus.google.com/events/c8gv3tajuqcu8vnd0rndqli3r9o

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[4] *Corporate Sustainability and the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda.* Available at:
https://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/news_events/9.1_news_archives/2013_06_18/UNGC_Post2015_Report.pdf

2.   With respect to the implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum addressed specifically to your agency:

(i)   What are some of the obstacles your agency has encountered in implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum, including those addressed specifically to your agency? N/A

(ii)   What are some of the factors that facilitate your agency's implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum, including those addressed specifically to your agency? N/A

3.   Given the Forum's recommendation for the adoption of policies on indigenous peoples' issues, please specify whether your agency has:

(i)   A policy or other similar tool on indigenous peoples' issues:

-   The UN Global Compact has worked out a Business Reference Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (also available in Spanish, French and Russian) and launched it at the Second Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights in 2013 URL: https://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/human_rights/IndigenousPeoples/BusinessGuide.pdf
-   A Practical Supplement to the Guide has been designed with the aim to provide relevant case examples which are applied to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. URL: https://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/human_rights/IndigenousPeoples/Case_Examples.pdf
-   Good Practice Note on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, and the Role of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (Also available in Spanish). URL: https://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/human_rights/Human_Rights_Working_Group/FPIC_Indigenous_Peoples_GPN.pdf

(ii)   Recent programmes on indigenous peoples' issues;

-   Other Tools and Resources on Business and Indigenous Peoples' Rights can be found in the webinar recordings in the UN Global Compact website, it is possible to download slides and recordings from the webinars held.
-   Panel event at the WCIP

Collaborate with external stakeholders and build community of practice among business on indigenous peoples' rights.

(iii)   Budgetary allocations for indigenous peoples' issues;
None

(iv)   Projects/activities on indigenous peoples' issues,
- Ongoing collection of case studies for Practical Supplement
- Development of an Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Business Practitioners Network with First Peoples Worldwide and Future500
- Awareness raising among business of the UN Declaration, and associated GC tools & resources (webinars, events, etc).

In order to facilitate the quantification of data by the Forum, please indicate the number of programmes and projects/activities devoted to indigenous peoples issues in the past year.

4.   Does your agency have regular or ad hoc capacity-building programmes on indigenous peoples' issues for staff, or a plan for capacity-building activities in this area, at headquarters or in the field?

5.   Does your agency have a focal point on indigenous peoples' issues? If so, please provide the name and contact information of this person.

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6.   Please provide a list of conferences and other meetings organized or supported by your agency on indigenous peoples' issues for 2014 and 2015.

In-person events organized by the Global Compact or with its support:

- **13th Session of UNPFII Side-Event: Building Bridges: The Business Case for Indigenous Peoples' Rights,** New York, USA, May 20, 2014
- **African Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights,** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, September 16 – 18, 2014

- **World Conference on Indigenous Peoples side-event: Business Respect and Support for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,** New York, USA, September 22, 2014
- **Third Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights,** Geneva, Switzerland, December 1 – 3, 2014

2015
- **14th Session of UNPFII Side-Event: Launch of Business & Indigenous Peoples' Rights Practitioner's Network** April 2015
- **Webinar on International Day of World's Indigenous People** 9 August 2015
- **Asia Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights,** Malaysia or Singapore, September 2015
- **Fourth Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights,** Geneva, Switzerland, November 2015