

The Ten Principles

The Global Compact's principles enjoy universal consensus being derived from:

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
- The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- The United Nations Convention Against Corruption

The Global Compact asks companies to embrace, support and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption:

Human Rights

- Principle 1 | Businesses should support and respect the protection of international human rights within their sphere of influence; and
- Principle 2 | make sure 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.