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The United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in UAE presents its compliments to all Diplomatic & Consular Missions and offices accredited to the UAE.

We are seeking the assistance of your esteemed Embassy or Consulate in disseminating an important survey conducted by the United Nations Global Compact Local Network in the UAE (GCN UAE) among relevant businesses and chambers of commerce within your network. This survey aims to assess the progress, opportunities, and challenges faced by businesses in contributing to the Sustainable Development 2030 Agenda.

Recognizing the pivotal role of private sector investments in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Addis Ababa Action Agenda emphasizes the importance of mobilizing diverse financing sources. The private sector drives innovation, provides essential resources, and creates economic opportunities that can lead to sustainable development. The UN Global Compact, the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative, calls on companies to align their strategies and operations with ten universal principles on human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption, and to take actions that advance societal goals.

This survey is a critical step for the UAE in preparation for the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), which serves as the primary United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. The insights gathered will inform a report and guide future actions to enhance private sector contributions to sustainable development. Responses will remain confidential and will be aggregated for analysis purposes only.

More details on the survey, including the survey link and instructions for participation, can be found in the attached document.

The participation of businesses within your network is vital to shaping strategies for sustainable development and promoting responsible business practices. We appreciate your support in advance.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in UAE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all esteemed Missions the assurance of its highest consideration and expresses our gratitude for your cooperation in this important initiative.

<u>To: All Diplomatic & Consular Missions and offices accredited to the United Arab Emirates.</u>



Dear Partner,

We hope this email finds you well. The United Nations Global Compact in the UAE (GCN UAE) is pleased to invite you to participate in a survey aimed at assessing the progress, opportunities, and challenges faced by businesses in contributing to the Sustainable Development 2030 Agenda. This initiative is part of our preparation for the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).

The HLPF serves as the primary United Nations platform for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs. This year, the HLPF will conduct an in-depth review of specific SDGs, including:

- Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Kindly note that this survey is intended for individuals who hold a leadership role in the company's sustainability strategy. Please ensure that it is completed by the appropriate person within your organization. Only one entry per organization located in the UAE is requested.

Your valuable insights through this survey will help inform a report and guide future actions to enhance private sector contributions to sustainable development. Your responses will remain anonymous and will be aggregated for analysis purposes only.

Survey Link

The deadline for completing the survey is June 21st.

Your input is crucial in shaping strategies for sustainable development and promoting responsible business practices. Feel free to disseminate the survey amongst your industry peers in the UAE.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at mailto:adele.guidot@globalcompact.ae and mailto:farzana.hussain@globalcompact.ae

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Warm regards,

