

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Royal Institute of British Architects



Period covered by this Communication on Engagement:

From: April 2019

To: April 2021

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief Executive or equivalent.

15.04.2021

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the RIBA reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Yours sincerely

Alan Vallance
RIBA Chief Executive

Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

- RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge: <https://www.architecture.com/about/policy/climate-action/2030-climate-challenge>
- A Decade of Action – survey and case study report: <https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-page/a-decade-of-action-riba-members-and-the-sustainable-development-goals>
- Introduction of a new Education and Professional Development Framework, including education themes and values and mandatory competence areas: <https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-page/the-way-ahead>
- RIBA Sustainable Outcomes Guide: <https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-page/sustainable-outcomes-guide>
- Updated Code of Professional Conduct for RIBA Members and Code of Practice for Chartered Practices
- Delivery of core CPD for all RIBA Members on: climate change, sustainability and ethical practice
- Preparation for engagement at COP26
- Promotion of UNGC membership and encouragement of RIBA Chartered Practices to join the Compact

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

- RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge: number of RIBA Chartered Practices signed up to the challenge; number of projects delivered in line with the metrics of the challenge
- A Decade of Action – survey and case study report: responses to the survey indicating the level of knowledge and competence of architects in respect of the SDGs, sustainability and ethical practice. An annual survey will show how the knowledge of the profession progresses and improves
- Introduction of a new Education and Professional Development Framework, including education themes and values and mandatory competence areas: member revalidation every 5 years
- RIBA Sustainable Outcomes Guide: delivery of more sustainable architectural projects
- Updated Code of Professional Conduct for RIBA Members and Code of Practice for Chartered Practices: holding members and Chartered Practices to a higher standard – cases to be considered on a case by case basis to examine where members are being held to account on provisions which are relevant to the SDGs and the UN Global Compact
- Delivery of core CPD for all RIBA Members on: number of delegates/views of digital CPD and feedback from delegates/viewers
- Preparation for engagement at COP26: representation at COP26
- Promotion of UNGC membership and encouragement of RIBA Chartered Practices to join the Compact: number of RIBA Chartered Practices signing up to the UNGC