

United Nations Global Compact



The [UN Global Compact](http://www.unglobalcompact.org) is a strategic policy initiative for businesses that are committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With over 10,000 corporate participants and other stakeholders from over 130 countries, it is the largest voluntary corporate responsibility initiative in the world.

The Global Compact pursues two complementary objectives:

1. Mainstream the ten principles in business activities around the world,
2. Catalyze actions in support of broader UN goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Participation in the Global Compact is open to degree-granting academic institutions such as universities, colleges, and business schools; and other academic organizations which are committed to implementing the ten principles of the Global Compact in their organization and which are willing to collaborate as strategic partners in the progress of the initiative. Academia adds critical dimensions to the UN Global Compact's operations. Through thought leadership, research, educational resources, learning know-how, and educational infrastructure, this sector can increase knowledge and understanding of corporate responsibility.

In March 2013, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) became a participant as an institution in the United Nations Global Compact initiative. Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) is encouraged to engage in the Global Compact initiative in one or more of the following ways:

- Education on topics related to the Global Compact
- Applied research and thought leadership in relation to the Global Compact
- Dissemination of the Global Compact principles
- Providing support for UN Global Compact business participants
- Lending capacity to Global Compact Local Networks or the Global Compact Office

It is worth mentioning that the International MBA and the Department of Management Science and Technology are also participants in the initiative since 2006 and 2007, respectively. Finally, Athens University of Economics and Business, the International MBA and the Department of Management Science and Technology are members of Global Compact Network Hellas.

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