

Joining the UN Global Compact

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR CITIES

STEP 1.

Get to know the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact, learn more about their work on achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals and review the application guidelines.

[Download the application guidelines here.](#)

STEP 2.

Write a Letter of Commitment to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, signed by the Mayor or most senior Executive of your council. This is written on your organisation's letterhead committing the city to uphold and advance the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and to communicate on engagement every two years.

[Download a letter template here.](#)

STEP 3.

Complete the Online Application Form and upload a digital copy of the Letter of Commitment signed by your Mayor or most senior Executive.

[Access the online application form here.](#)

STEP 4.

You will receive confirmation from the UN Global Compact including log-in details to manage your online reporting once your application has been successful. Your city or region will also be listed on the [UN Global Compact website](#).

Once you have joined, you will also receive a welcome letter from the UN Global Compact – Cities Programme with more information, and your city or region will appear on the [Cities Programme website](#).

STEP 5.

Every two years, you will use your UN Global Compact log-in details to submit a [Communication on Engagement](#) to showcase your progress on the SDGs and to reaffirm your city's commitment to the 10 Principles of the UN Global Compact.

You will also be able to join a global network of cities contributing to news articles, publications and case studies on their work advancing the SDGs through the UN Global Compact – Cities Programme website and access other offerings and services through the Cities Programme.



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