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UN GLOBAL COMPACT: OVERVIEW







24,500+
global participants

167
countries

62
country networks

138,000,000+
global employees

A PRINCIPLES BASED APPROACH

 HUMAN RIGHTS	 LABOUR
 ENVIRONMENT	 ANTI-CORRUPTION

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

UN GLOBAL COMPACT TEN PRINCIPLES



Human Rights

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that 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.

THE COMMITMENT



UN Global Compact Commitment:

1. Operationalise the Ten Principles
2. Report annually on progress
3. Support the wider UN development agenda

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS PARTICIPANTS

CONNECT

Connect with industry, experts peers and with the UN at the global and national level

LEARN

Gain the knowledge and skills to make progress and deliver impact.

LEAD

Show bold leadership and inspire others. Leverage your position and advocate for major impact

COMMUNICATE

Build trust and credibility by communicating measurable progress towards your sustainability goals and targets

The Academy



Events



Coalitions



Peer Learning Groups



Accelerators



Policy Advocacy & Campaigns



OVERVIEW OF UN GLOBAL COMPACT PROGRAMMES

GLOBAL

UN Global Compact Academy

Flagship learning platform available to all employees of business participants

Coalitions

CFO Coalition for the SDGs
CEO Water Mandate
Ocean Stewardship Coalition
Science-Based Targets

Flagship Events

Ring the Bell for Gender Equality
CEO Roundtable | Leaders Summit
Uniting Business Regional Events
SDG Business Forum | COP28 events
Private Sector Forum

Events

LOCAL

Accelerators

Climate Ambition
Business & Human Rights
Target Gender Equality
SDG Ambition
SDG Innovation for Young Professionals

Member's Breakfasts

Monthly interactive sessions for members to discuss sustainability challenges

Working Groups

Climate Disclosures
Modern Slavery
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Nature
Climate and Human Rights
Circular Economy

Policy Advocacy

APPG Engagement
Measuring Up 2.0 Report
Consultations

Events

COALITIONS

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COALITIONS TO DELIVER ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Scaling adoption of water stewardship practice by companies in critical geographies and sectors

Enabling companies to adopt leading water stewardship practices that support better outcomes for at least 3 billion people in 100 basins worldwide



A principles-based approach to sustainable ocean business

Scaling and broadening engagement in emerging markets, and small island developing states (SIDs)



DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION

Enabling companies to set science-based emissions reduction targets

Near-term targets aligned with 1.5°C

Net-Zero Standard: First science-based framework to set long term net-zero targets



Scaling corporate finance and investment as a catalyst for delivering the SDGs

70 companies linking 50% of corporate financing to the SDGs
\$500 billion in corporate investment by 2023

LEARNING EXPERIENCES



Academy

**Foundational
e-learning
courses**

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workshops**

**Live regional
exchange
sessions**

**In-depth
learning
plans**

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series**

**Available in
multiple
languages**

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

- Innovative online learning experiences across dozens of key topics and formats
- Insights and best practices from world-class experts, changemakers and practitioners
- Open to all employees of participating companies to help you scale learning and impact
- Access to company-wide reporting and certificates of completion



REPORTING

COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS



Digital platform featuring a standardized questionnaire to communicate performance, track and measure progress and continuously improve



Public database, open to all stakeholders for transparency, benchmarking and comparison



Featuring dedicated resources, targeted support, and relevant initiatives from Global Compact (Local/regional /global) to help companies learn at every step and benefit from peer experience

WHY NOW?

The world is not on track to meet the sustainable development goals...



“In short, our world needs climate action on all fronts - everything, everywhere, all at once”

Antonio Guterres
UN Secretary General
March 2023



151 years to close the economic gender gap globally



20% workers are working poor
160 million children in child labour



Annual cost of corruption is **3.6 trillion** dollars –
5% of global GDP



The world is headed for **2.8 degrees of global heating** by the end of the century



75% of businesses need to transform to some or a large extent to navigate to a Net zero transition

WHAT'S COMING?

INCREASING CLIMATE CHANGE RISK

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: Select Findings from Recent Report



- Global warming will continue to increase in the near term.
- Many changes in the climate system, including extreme events, will become larger in the near term with increasing global warming.
- Multiple climatic and non-climatic risks will interact, resulting in increased compounding and cascading impacts becoming more difficult to manage.
- Losses and damages will increase with increasing global warming.

Source: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, *Synthesis Report of the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report*, March 20, 2023.

INCREASING REGULATION



STAKEHOLDER PRESSURE



ESG ambition and targets are growing, but ambition needs to be translated into quality actions.



Consumers, investors, employees and regulators are increasingly on the lookout for false or misleading ESG claims.



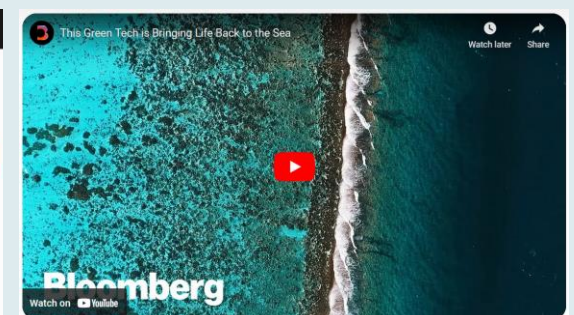
The consequences of greenwashing are rising – in terms of reputation, business performance and legal penalties.



Transparency builds trust, so accurate disclosure is key.

Source: PwC

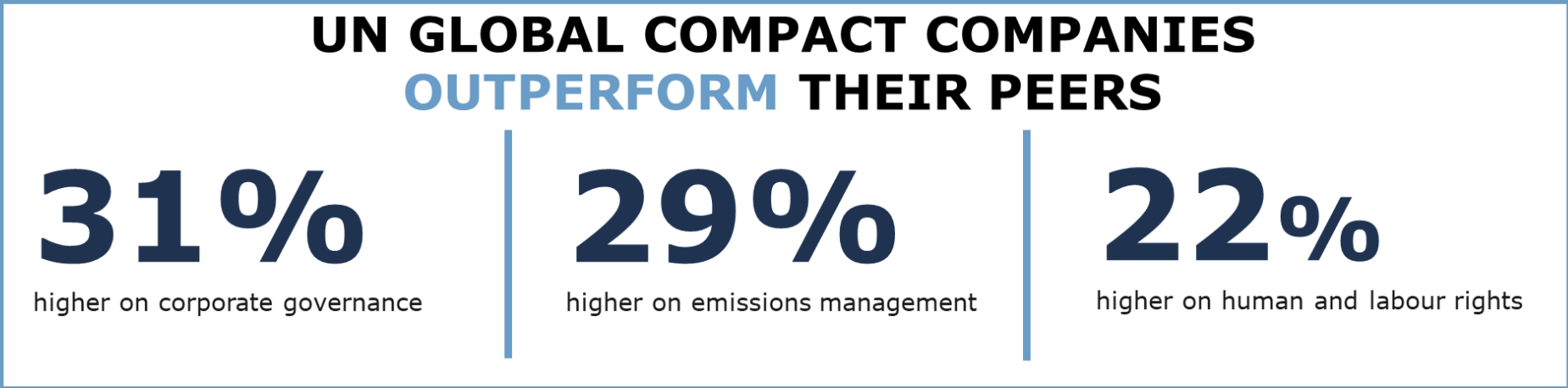
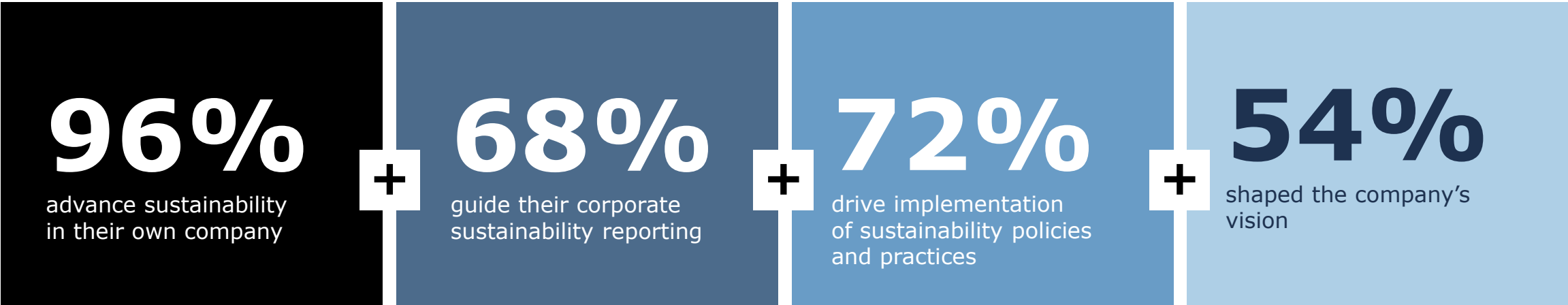
NEW CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



COSTS OF INACTION > COSTS OF PREVENTION


PARTICIPATING COMPANIES SAY

THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT HAS HELPED:



Source: UN Global Compact Annual Progress Report 2021 & Arabesque Analysis

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME 2024 OPEN WEBINAR SERIES



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Webinar Series
Collecting Scope 3 Data
1st Feb - 22nd Feb, 2024

A four-part series to support businesses in efficiently collecting Scope 3 emissions data from across their value chain using a variety of tools, surveys, software, & case studies.



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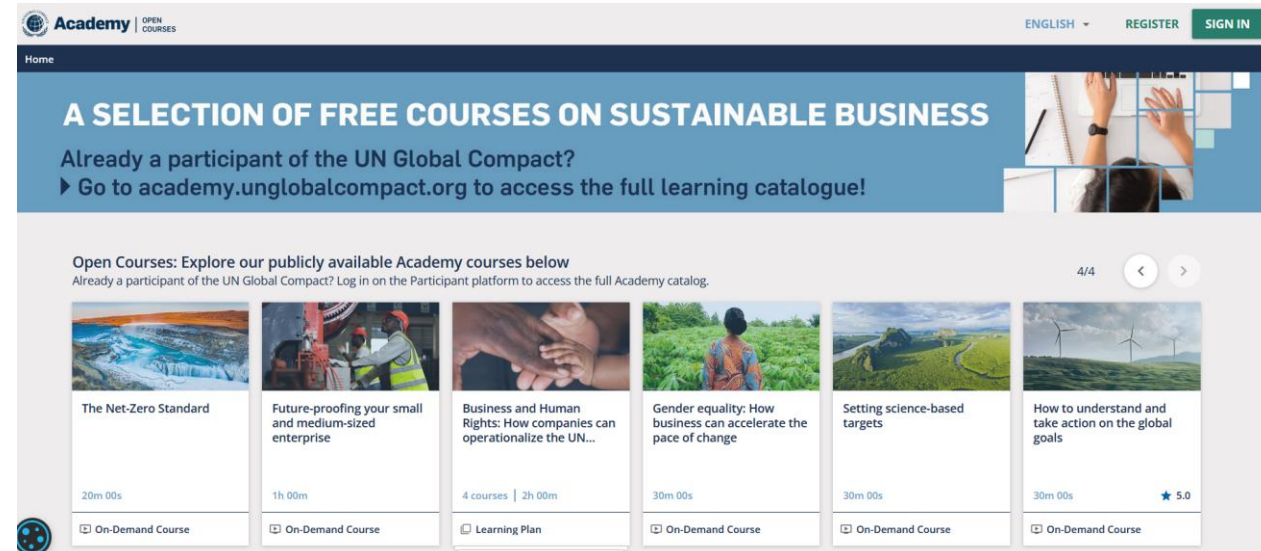
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- [UN Global Compact Network UK](#)
- [UN Global Compact Network UK – Sustainability Reporting Week 2023 Webinar Series](#)
- Recordings from 2023 reporting week available at the link here.
- Sign up to our [newsletter here](#) to find out about our latest open-access events including details on Sustainability Reporting Week 2024.
- UN Global Compact Academy – has a range of open access, free courses across environment, social, governance and the UN SDG's – [find out more here](#).





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