COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS (CoP)/COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (CoE): COVID-19 CRISIS RELATED TEMPORARY CHANGES IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

NOTIFICATION TO PARTICIPATING BUSINESS AND NON-BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (April 2020)

Automatic extension of the CoP/CoE due date

During this difficult time, the UN Global Compact recognizes that some organizations may need additional time to prepare and submit their Communication on Progress (CoP) or Communication on Engagement (CoE). Therefore, for those organizations whose CoP/CoE due date falls inclusively between 1 March 2020 and 30 November 2020, an automatic extension of the due date by nine months has been granted.

Specifics (relevant to all participating organizations):

- This extension of the reporting deadline by nine months is granted to all due to report between 1 March and 30 November 2020.
- The extension has been automatically applied and does not need to be requested.
- The extended reporting due date will be featured on the company’s profile page on the UN Global Compact website.
- The extension will be made retroactively covering the mentioned period (March – November 2020) including those organizations whose due date has already passed.
- The public reporting status of organizations affected by this extension will remain the same as it was on 29 February 2020: Active or Non-communicating. Organizations that became Non-communicating on or after 1 March 2020 will automatically be reverted back to Active and granted the 9 months extension. For organizations delisted on or after 1 March 2020, see info below.
- Organizations that have been granted an automatic extension of their reporting deadline can choose to submit their CoP/CoE by their original deadline. Whatever reporting date chosen within this extension period will mark the new deadline for the next CoP/CoE.

Information concerning only organizations de-listed on or after 1 March 2020 for failure to communicate:

- Organizations that were de-listed on or after 1 March 2020 for failure to communicate on progress will be offered a fast-tracked rejoining process.
- This fast-track process will entail a letter of re-commitment from any authorized representative of the company (as opposed to a CEO statement) clarifying the specific circumstances under which it is re-joining.
- The rejoining organization will not be required to upload a CoP/CoE at the time of re-joining. Their CoP will be due within 9 months of re-joining. Those delisted organizations that apply for re-joining / reprieve within this deadline will have the status of "non-communicating".
- Organizations must request fast-track re-joining by 1 June 2020.
- Organizations delisted since 1 March 2020 that do not apply for reprieve will remain de-listed and will be able to rejoin the UN Global Compact following the regular process.

Participating organizations make a commitment to transparency and accountability towards the UN Global Compact and its Ten Principles. The Communication on Progress (CoP) and the Communication on Engagement (CoE) are central elements of this commitment. Those organizations whose reporting deadline will be moved to 2021 as a result of this extension, are encouraged to report on progress for 2019 and 2020 to avoid missing a year of reporting.