



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 (June 2020)

Automatic extension of the CoP/CoE due date and Delisting 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 or Delisting date falls inclusively between 1 March 2020 and 30 November 2020 an automatic extension of the due date by nine (9) months will be granted.

For all organizations with a **COP/COE due date** from 1 March – 30 November 2020, inclusive:

- The extension will be automatically applied and does not need to be requested.
- The extended reporting due date will be featured on the organization's profile page on the UN Global Compact website.
- The public reporting status of organizations eligible for this extension will remain the same as it was on 29 February 2020: Active or Non-Communicating
- Organizations that have been granted an automatic extension of their reporting deadline can choose to submit their CoP/CoE by their original deadline.
- Once an organization submits a COP/COE, the next due date will be set automatically for twelve (12) months hence.

For all organizations with a **Delisting date** from 1 March – 30 November, inclusive:

- Organizations that are due to be delisted from 6 April 2020 to 30 November 2020 will be automatically granted the nine (9) month extension.
- The extension will be automatically applied and does not need to be requested.
- The extended delisting date will be featured on the organization's profile page on the UN Global Compact website
- The public reporting status of organizations eligible for this extension will remain the same as it was on 29 February 2020: Non-communicating.

- Organizations that were de-listed from 1 March 2020 to 6 April 2020 for failure to communicate on progress will be offered a fast-tracked re-joining 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 re-joining organization will not be required to upload a CoP/CoE at the time of re-joining. Their CoP/CoE 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" until they submit an updated CoP/CoE
- Organizations must request fast-track re-joining by 1 June 2020.
- Organizations delisted from 1 March 2020 to 6 April 2020 that do not apply for reprieve will remain delisted 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.