Posting Title: Consultant, Sustainable Food Systems
Location: Remotely
Duration: 3 months
Expected Start Date: 15 November 2022

POSITION SUMMARY
The United Nations Global Compact is the world’s largest sustainability initiative with over 16,000 participating companies in over 160 countries and 65+ Local Networks around the world. As a special initiative of the UN Secretary-General, the UN Global Compact is a call to companies everywhere to align their operations and strategies with Ten Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

The UN Global Compact is supported by the Foundation for the Global Compact, a U.S.-based non-profit that exists solely to provide vital financial, operational and programmatic assistance to the work of the UN Global Compact.

The Foundation for the Global Compact is seeking a consultant for 3 months to support the scoping study of the UN programming landscape related to sustainable food systems and the potential positioning of the UN Global Compact in this field. This includes exploring what may be the best entry points for the Global Compact to contribute to sustainable food systems without overlapping efforts of other business initiatives and UN efforts.

The consultant will work remotely and will report to the two co-Chiefs Programmes at UN Global Compact Office New York.

BACKGROUND

- The UN Global Compact developed the Food and Agriculture Principles and the Soil-Principles (2013-2016) - as part of the zero-hunger secretariat, which is now run by IFAD, FAO, WFP.

- At the UN Food Systems Summit in 2021, the UN Secretary-General António Guterres underlined that in addition to Governments, the business community — from small and medium enterprises to multinational corporations — has an important role to play through responsible business practices and innovative solutions to make food systems more sustainable, resilient and equitable, while adapting their practices to ensure all people can access a nutritious and healthy diet. He called on all stakeholders to work together to build more inclusive and resilient food systems. However, there is currently not a One UN approach to the private sector and food.
• The Secretary-General committed the UN system to jointly lead a “UN Food Systems Coordination Hub” that collaborates with, and draws upon, wider UN system capacities to support follow-up to the Food Systems Summit. The Food Systems Coordination Hub among the Rome-based UN agencies has been created at the global level, working across the United Nations system and with partners and lead jointly by the Rome-based agencies — the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP). The hub collaborates with, and draws upon, wider United Nations system capacities to support follow-up to the Food Systems Summit. These partners will include non-governmental actors, such as civil society and business.

• In March 2022 the UNSG launched the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance in response to concerns over the potential consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, as well as the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This group includes heads of UN agencies, development banks and other international organizations.

• In May 2022 Germany under its G7 Presidency and the World Bank, launched a Global Alliance for Food Security in the G7 group as a way for equipping the world to face this looming famine. A Secretariat at the World Bank is supporting the Alliance. The aim of the new Alliance is to ensure that the support reaches those in most urgent need. It supports the UN Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance and coordinates aid measures relating to food security. In addition to the immediate response to the current crisis, the long-term transformation of global agri-food systems towards more resilience and sustainability is a key focus.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

• Conduct a scoping study of the UN landscape related to the role and the engagement of the private sector in sustainable food systems. This includes the work of WFP, FAO, IFAD, UNDP, UNEP, the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance and the Global Alliance for Food Security.

• Explore the potential positioning of the UN Global Compact related to sustainable food systems and how it can differentiate from other existing multi-stakeholder initiatives, including business led sustainability initiatives at the global and regional levels. This includes advising and mapping best entry points for the Global Compact to contribute, without reinventing the wheel or overlapping efforts.

CORE VALUES:

• Integrity: Demonstrates the values of the United Nations in daily activities and behaviours; acts without consideration of personal gain; resists undue political pressure in decision-making; does not abuse power or authority; stands by decisions that are in the Organization's interest,
even if they are unpopular; and takes prompt action in cases of unprofessional or unethical behaviour.

- **Professionalism**: Shows pride in work and in achievements; demonstrates professional competence and mastery of subject matter; is conscientious and efficient in meeting commitments, observing deadlines and achieving results; is motivated by professional rather than personal concerns; shows persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges; and remains calm in stressful situations.

- **Respect for Diversity**: Works effectively with people from all backgrounds; treats all people with dignity and respect; treats men and women equally; shows respect for and understanding of diverse points of view and demonstrates this understanding in daily work and decision-making, examines own biases and behaviours to avoid stereotypical responses, and does not discriminate against any individual or group.

**EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent).
- Minimum of seven years of relevant experience in the areas of sustainable development or corporate sustainability including a minimum of three years of relevant experience specifically related to sustainable food systems.
- Proficiency in English is essential (full command of both spoken and written).
- A good understanding of the work of the UN Rome-based agencies, as well as the work done by WEF and the WBCSD on food.

**RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

Please include the following materials in your e-mail submission to hrinquiries@unglobalcompact.org with the subject heading: **Senior Consultant, Sustainable Food Systems**

1. Cover Letter
2. Resume/CV

Applications will be accepted until **5 November 2022**.

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