

A new way to communicate progress

Reporting to stakeholders in a transparent and public manner is fundamental for businesses committed to sustainability. The annual Communication on Progress is the primary mechanism for participating businesses to demonstrate progress made towards the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the Sustainability Development Goals.

Beginning in 2023, the UN Global Compact introduces a new Communication on Progress (CoP) which transitions from a narrative format to a standardized questionnaire supported by a digital platform. All business participants will be required to disclose their progress using the new Communication on Progress system as of 2023.

Value of the new Communication on Progress

The new CoP will result in improved data that drives sustainability progress. Each question aligns with existing global reporting frameworks such as the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) or Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and are designed to add value to participants in several ways:



Build credibility and brand value



Measure and demonstrate progress



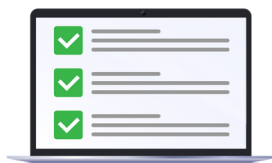
Receive insight, learn and continuously improve performance



Compare progress against peers

Two Key Requirements

Complete Online Questionnaire



Completion of the standardized online questionnaire with 60+ questions to disclose progress made in the areas of governance, human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. The completed questionnaire will be publicly available.

E-Sign CEO Statement of Continued Support



Submission of the electronic statement by the Chief Executive Officer expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and the Ten Principles through a digital signature system.

Submission Period

With the new CoP, a universal submission period will be introduced that runs from March 27 to July 15 in 2023.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Preparation		Submission period					Business Participants with CoP: Active					
						Business Participants without CoP: Non-Communicating					Expulsion	

Business participants who fail to submit one or both elements of the CoP by July 15 will be designated as 'non-communicating'. Participants who fail to submit the CoP by 31 December will be expelled from the UN Global Compact.

Further Resources

- [CoP Policy](#)
- [CoP Questionnaire \(PDF, Excel\)](#)
- [CoP Guidebook](#)
- [Information Webinar on the new CoP \(recording, slides\)](#)

Academy E-Learnings

- Questionnaire Deep Dive: [Governance](#) 20min
- Questionnaire Deep Dive: [Human Rights](#) 15min
- Questionnaire Deep Dive: [Labour](#) 20min
- Questionnaire Deep Dive: [Environment](#) 30min
- Questionnaire Deep Dive: [Anti-corruption](#) 15min
- Further resources on the Academy: [access here](#)