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Civil Society & Business

Working Together for Peace, Security and
Sustainable Development



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✦ “UNITY in DIVERSITY – WORLD CIVIL SOCIETY”

**Business and Civil Society Working Together to build
Unity in Diversity**

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Civil Society & Business Partners for Sustainable Development

ECOSOC 2016 Partnership Forum move
From Commitment to Results: The Power of Partnerships for 2030 Agenda



3 Pillars of Sustainable Development

- 1.Environment
- 2.Economic
- 3.Social

UNAOC Adds
4. CULTURE

SHARED OBJECTIVES

→ Civil Society organizations and Businesses share the same Objectives

✦ STRENGTHENING **PARTNERSHIPS**

✦ BUILDING **TRUST**

✦ ACHIEVE **RESULTS**

✦ PROMOTE **SHARED VALUES**



SHARED CHALLENGES

➔ Civil Society Organizations and Businesses face the same challenges

✦ LACK OF **COORDINATION**

✦ UNEVEN LEVELS OF **COMPETITION**

✦ CULTURAL **DIFFERENCES**

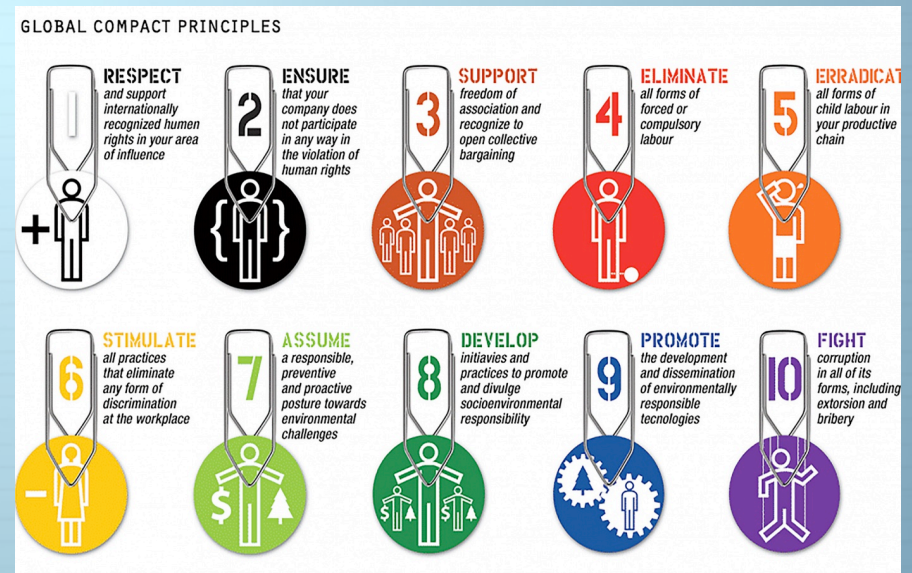
✦ **ISOLATION** OF PARTIES IN CONFLICT ZONES

✦ MISMANAGEMENT OF **RESOURCES**



UN GLOBAL COMPACT PARTNERSHIPS on Business 4 Peace

- ✦ Result Oriented Model of **Business 4 Peace** through **Business – Civil society Partnerships**
- ✦ Addresses the **“Role of Business in Contributing to Peace”**
- ✦ Promotes the **“Implementation of Responsible Businesses Practices aligned with the 10 Principles of UN global Compact”**
- ✦ Share **RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**, including the **promotion of intercultural and interfaith understanding**
- ✦ **RESPONSIBLE BUSINESSES** in **Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.**



Outcome



Promote INTERCULTURAL AND INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING



“MEET and COOPERATE” MINDSET



Create INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT IN THE WORKPLACE (social, economic, cultural)



Enhance “GLOBALLY INTERCONNECTED WORLD”



Engage in CSR (CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) EDUCATION and TRAINING



Sharing GOOD PRACTICES → REAL TRUE PARTNERSHIP to BUILD TRUST through DIVERSITY & INTERFAITH DIALOGUE (World Wide Fund for Nature)

Outcome: INEQUALITY



“Inequalities of income, opportunity and access to services exist in all countries, developing and developed, and continue to grow. In this connection, I will make it a priority.”

–Ambassador OH JOON, 2015-2016 President of the United Nations Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC)



INEQUALITY

From the United Nations Point of View

- ✦ Business and the United Nations might seem to have different purposes. Business has traditionally focused on **growth and profit**.
- ✦ The United Nations focuses its energies on **peace and security**, poverty reduction, and human rights.
- ✦ But many of our objectives are the same:
 - ✦ Building and supporting **strong economies and communities**, providing **opportunities** for people to pursue a livelihood, and ensuring that everyone can live in **dignity**.



Workshop Shahani Group Unity in Diversity World Civil Society India Launch

- ✦ The advocacy of the Shahani Group is in the education sector.
- ✦ Thadomal Shahani was an educationist in the true sense of the term. Born in the mid-nineteenth century in a scholarly Sindhi family, he learnt the **value of education early.**
- ✦ He realized early that **the best way to lift people out of poverty was to give them an education.**



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✦ The Shahani Group offered an **HOLISTIC APPROACH** to foster inclusivity through **7 key areas**:

1. Strengthen **Education** and Empower **Youth**
2. Partnership with **Corporate Sector**
3. Partnership with **Spiritual Groups**
4. Partnership with **Political Groups**
5. Partnership with the **NGO Sector**
- Partnership with the **Rural Sector**
- Partnership with the **Media**

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✦ Projects:

- ✦ Unity in Diversity Campuses and educational institute
- ✦ Unity in Diversity Companies encouraged and showcased for being inclusive
- ✦ Networking events with the NGO sector
- ✦ Social media and public relation networking for the Unity in Diversity Movement

LAST WORD

✦ *"Corporate Governance is concerned with holding the balance between economic and social goals and between individual and communal goals. The aim is to align as nearly as possible the interests of individuals, corporations and Civil Society."*

- Sir Adrian Cadbury

