

**POSTING TITLE:** Senior Manager, Programmes (Food Systems & Ocean Lead)

**LOCATION:** New York, NY

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## POSITION SUMMARY

The United Nations Global Compact is the world's largest sustainability initiative in the world with over 21,000 participating companies in over 160 countries and 61 Country 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 the Ten Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

UN Global Compact Programmes support the initiative's vision to mobilize a global movement of responsible companies and organizations to create the world we want. Building on two decades of expertise on environmental, social, governance, and financial issues, our Programmes have been designed to mobilize business to meaningfully contribute to the 2030 Agenda, and to demonstrate the essential role that the private sector can play in contributing to broader UN goals and priorities. The Programmes Unit leads the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and policy development in the Global Compact Office in New York.

Under the guidance of Chief, Programmes, Head, Programme Policy and Head, Ocean Stewardship Coalition and working in collaboration with the Head, Environment, the Senior Manager will be responsible for the successful development, integration and implementation of ambitious programmatic initiatives in the areas of sustainable food systems, ocean stewardship and other strategic high-impact industries and nexus issues to advance the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. The Senior Manager will contribute to leading the UN Global Compact's engagements on the UN Food Systems Summit and related programmatic, policy and partnership efforts.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Contribute to strategic development and implementation of nexus issues such as ocean stewardship, water-energy-food ecosystem, and other high-impact industry-based initiatives to advance the Ten Principles and the Sustainable Development Goals.

### ***Ocean Stewardship***

- Contribute to identify, develop and implement Ocean Stewardship Coalition strategy, working closely with Head, Ocean and Special Advisor, Ocean.
- Serve as senior liaison to the Ocean Stewardship Coalition based in New York, responsible for managing and integrating ocean work programmes and teams with UN Global Compact's strategy, programme portfolio, partnerships and operations.



- Contribute to the strategic engagement of the Ocean Stewardship Coalition in key global processes, such as G20, Climate and Biodiversity COP and UN Ocean Conference. Make relevant linkages to UN Global Compact processes and teams.
- Build strategic links and manage integration among ocean stewardship coalition workstream areas with UN Global Compact thematic priorities including the Forward Faster initiative and alignment with environment, social, governance and sustainable finance portfolios.
- Contribute and manage the development of a holistic organizational strategy on food systems, ocean and related nexus issues working in close collaboration with Programmes, UN Relations, Government Affairs and Global Operations teams.
- Advise on day-to-day management on ocean related engagements in New York and represent the team in New York.

## **Food Systems**

- Develop and lead a global strategy and programme on UN Global Compact's work on food systems with a view to increasing ambition, accountability and credibility of business contributions towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Build a strategic link on sustainable food systems with the Forward Faster initiative to generate business and policy outcomes.
- Mobilize businesses and activate high-impact sectors in the food value chain to deliver transformative and systemic impacts across environment, social and governance aspects, working in collaboration with Programmes, Participant Engagement and Local Network teams.
- Lead UN Global Compact's contributions and deliverables related to food systems in key intergovernmental meetings, including the UN Food System Summit+4 and the organization's role as co-lead of the private sector track.
- Serve as UN Global Compact focal point on food systems liaising with institutional partners in the UN, business, civil society and Governments including UN Food Systems Coordination Hub among other platforms.
- Lead programme and partnership initiatives, convenings, and build relationships with key players in the food systems ecosystem with a view to driving meaningful private sector engagement and impact.
- Contribute to and lead fundraising initiatives related to food systems and other strategic opportunities.
- Support the Assistant Secretary-General and CEO, Chief, Programmes and Head, Programme Policy on priority initiatives related to high-impact opportunities on food systems and other cross-cutting issues.
- Represent the UN Global Compact in relevant fora and convenings related to food systems and other special initiatives on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Build and manage an integrated team to support delivery of food work programmes and stakeholder engagements.
- Perform other duties as required.

## COMPETENCIES

**Communications:** Speaks and writes clearly and effectively. Listens to others, correctly interprets messages from others and responds appropriately. Asks questions to clarify, and exhibits interest in having two-way communication. Tailors language, tone, style and format to match the audience. Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed.

**Planning & Organizing:** Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies. Identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required. Allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work. Foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning. Monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary. Uses time efficiently.

**Teamwork:** Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals. Solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others. Places team agenda before personal agenda. Supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position. Shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

## CORE VALUES:

**Integrity:** Demonstrates the values of the United Nations in daily activities and behaviors; 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 behavior.

**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 behaviors to avoid stereotypical responses, and does not discriminate against any individual or group.

## EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Advanced university degree (Masters degree or equivalent) in international law, environment, management or related field is required.
- Minimum of 7 years of relevant experience in project/programme management, administration and relationship management. Experience working on issues related to



corporate sustainability is required, and understanding of sustainability especially as it relates to UN-business collaboration is required.

- Strong strategic and analytical skills, can synthesize information and offer recommendations/ solutions are required.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills for interaction with leadership and key internal functions are desirable.
- Proficiency in English is essential (full command on both spoken and written). Knowledge of other UN official languages would be desirable.

## RECRUITMENT PROCESS

- Please include the following materials in your email submission to **[UNGC1@unglobalcompact.org](mailto:UNGC1@unglobalcompact.org)** with the subject heading **“Senior Manager, Programmes (Food Systems & Ocean Lead)”**:
  1. Cover Letter
  2. Resume/CV
- Applications will be accepted until **31 May 2024**.
- Given the anticipated volume of submissions, only highly qualified candidates will be contacted. No phone calls or unsolicited emails outside of the submission process.

Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States. The Foundation for the Global Compact does not sponsor work visas

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