



Organizations were encouraged to commit to development-related activities, programmes and partnerships in advance of their participation in the UN Private Sector Forum: Africa (20 September 2013).<sup>1</sup> Since 2008, the UN Private Sector Forum has provided an annual opportunity for businesses to make commitments to contribute to UN development goals.<sup>2</sup>

## 2013 Commitments to Action

**Acciona (Spain)** commits to replicate the programme Light at Home, a multi-stakeholder public-private partnership that provides communities in emerging economies out of reach of the grid access to renewable sources of energy. The programme, has been implemented in Peru and Mexico. Acciona is currently studying possible areas in Africa to implement the programme, specifically South Africa and Gabon, by 2015. The programme is characterized by collaboration with local and national governments to create favourable conditions for introducing a renewable energy framework and establishing renewable energy providers. *Contact: Juan Ramón Silva Ferrada, [juanramon.silva.ferrada@acciona.es](mailto:juanramon.silva.ferrada@acciona.es)*

**International Federation of Business & Professional Women or “BPW” (Switzerland)** commits to two projects based on Women’s Empowerment Principles 1, 4 & 5. These projects seek to empower women leaders and entrepreneurs in partnership with the private and public sector. *Contact Freda Miriklis, [freda.miriklis@bpw-international.org](mailto:freda.miriklis@bpw-international.org)*

- *Women on Boards in South Africa* – a six-month e-learning director development training programme.
- *The Entrepreneurship Programme for Women in Nigeria* – an emerging partnership with Abuja Enterprise Agency (AEA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Commonwealth Secretariat CYP Africa Centre and Government of the UK.

**Citi Foundation (US)** commits to supporting the development of a technology platform for Education For Employment (EFE) to increase job opportunities available to young people in Morocco and Tunisia by 30%. The technology platform will serve youth more efficiently by rapidly matching individuals to new job opportunities and reducing processing time from 1 week to 48 hours. In addition, Citi Foundation will support the development of a study that will inform EFE’s strategy, board and management for the possible creation of EFE-Algeria in 2015. *Contact Rachael Barber, [rachael.barber@citi.com](mailto:rachael.barber@citi.com)*

**Deloitte** offices in Nigeria, Botswana and South Africa independently commit to adopt specific schools within each of the countries where they operate. Each office has identified a school in need, and has committed resources and staff to support renovations, material improvements, and students and teachers directly to help them to achieve greater success. *Contact: Stasha Fyfe, [stfyfe@deloitte.co.uk](mailto:stfyfe@deloitte.co.uk)*

**Dietsmann (Monaco)** commits to establishing a comprehensive programme of training and technology transfer to its workers, focusing on skills such as, electrical and instrumentation technician, mechanics, HVAC, maintenance and HSE. Between 2013 and 2015, Dietsmann will hire 29 trainers in the 7 countries where the programme is in place (Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Libya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Sudan). Dietsmann will have trained 661 individuals by 2014, training a total of 699 people by 2015. *Contact: Peter Kutemann, [Peter\\_Kutemann@dietsmann.com](mailto:Peter_Kutemann@dietsmann.com)*

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<sup>1</sup> Please note this compilation of commitments reflects those received as of 17 September 2013. More information regarding these commitments, as well as those received after 17 September 2013 can be found at <http://business.un.org/commitments>.

<sup>2</sup> A tracking and summary report of progress made on previous Private Sector Forum commitments can be found in the Global Compact 2013 Leaders Summit Mobile Application.

**DHL Express (Germany)** commits to launching specific programmes aimed at realizing the potential of both African people and the thousands of SMEs across the Sub Saharan Africa. *Contact: Sumesh Rahavendra, [sumesh.rahavendra@dhl.com](mailto:sumesh.rahavendra@dhl.com)*

- *Made in Africa* is aimed at building leadership skills of local staff. Over 3,000 employees have already received basic training, and 300 employees will receive advanced management skills training by 2014-2015.
- Across all business units, DHL will invest millions of Euros focused on people, services, facilities and infrastructure and technology over the next 3-5 years in Africa.
- Along with other organizations, DHL will implement a comprehensive certified training programme which will be made available free of charge to all SME's across the continent. DHL will train 300 SMEs by 2014. DHL will train an additional 1,000 SMEs by 2015-2016.

**DLA Piper (US, UK)** commits to scale up its efforts to deliver skills-based legal education programmes to practicing lawyers and law students in East Africa. Teams of DLA Piper lawyers from across the firm's global offices will train government lawyers in Kenya on business negotiations and international arbitration and will teach interactive courses on legal drafting to law students in Zambia and Tanzania. *Contact: Sarah Andrews, [sara.k.andrews@dlapiper.com](mailto:sara.k.andrews@dlapiper.com), Elizabeth Dewey, [elizabeth.dewey@dlapiper.com](mailto:elizabeth.dewey@dlapiper.com)*

**EQUALS Group (Australia)** commits to establishing the Akanu Ohafia Institute of Learning by December 2014. The institute will offer free, sustainable, vocational training. The institute will provide disadvantaged children and youth with academic and practical skills and links to vocational institutions in other countries. Sustainability of the institute will be a priority; a section of the property will be devoted to agriculture which will create income to meet some of the financial needs of the institute. *Contact: Marie Chittleborough, [mchittleborough@equals.edu.au](mailto:mchittleborough@equals.edu.au)*

**FirstBank of Nigeria, Ltd. (Nigeria)** commits to launch a platform to conduct sustainability research, organize conferences and seminars in sustainability as well as ensure that sustainability becomes part of the academic curriculum. Through capacity building for SMEs, and especially women-run businesses, the programme will contribute to economic growth and gender equality in Nigeria. By 2014, the platform will achieve the following (*Contact: Ismail Omamegbe, [Omamegbe.I.Ismail@firstbanknigeria.com](mailto:Omamegbe.I.Ismail@firstbanknigeria.com)*):

- All MBA students in the Institution including Executive MBA students will be required to pass a compulsory module in sustainability;
- Annually build the capacity of 500 women-led SMEs on the subject and practice of sustainability.

**Green Project Management Global (US)** commits to providing advisory support, training and certification to support the Hydro Carbon Pollution Restoration Project-HYPREP under the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources, of Nigeria. By 2013, GPM will train and certify unit heads and the project management office in the Ministry of Petroleum. By 2014, we will provide GPM curriculum, tools, and training to the Center of Excellence in Restoration which will become a public/private partnership to provide educational programmes to the people of Nigeria to elevate awareness and competency in sustainability. *Contact: Joel Carboni, [joel.carboni@greenprojectmanagement.org](mailto:joel.carboni@greenprojectmanagement.org)*

**GlaxoSmithKline (UK)** commits to work with multiple partners (i.e. private sector, government and NGOs) to address health needs in Africa. GSK commits to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in order to improve access for 20 million under-served people by 2020. The company will work with Save the Children, UNICEF and GAVI to supply affordable vaccines for polio, rotavirus infection and pneumococcal diseases such as meningitis and pneumonia. GSK will help WHO to achieve their goal of reaching 15 million people globally with antiretroviral treatment by 2015 and eradicating polio by 2018 by providing vaccines to UNICEF. GSK will contribute to the fight against malaria, including developing a potential new malaria vaccine with our partners. *Contact: Clare Griffin, [clare.h.griffin@gsk.com](mailto:clare.h.griffin@gsk.com)*

**Global Business Coalition for Education (UK)** commits to identifying, publishing, and disseminating at least five case studies that showcase best practices for companies to engage effectively in education, with an emphasis on Africa, in 2013-2014. The GBC-Education also commits to mobilize members to use media and mobile technology to raise awareness and improve learning quality during 2013-2015. *Contact: Kevin Kalra, [kevin@gbc-education.org](mailto:kevin@gbc-education.org)*

**Mota-Engil (Portugal)** commits to engage and employ local workers where it has operations in Africa, investing in long-term relationships by providing employees with opportunities to acquire new skills. The company commits to opening centres in every branch to offer basic technical training and up to 3 levels of qualifications, investing over US\$5 million per branch achieving 103,120 hours of training by 2018. *Contact: Joyce Ngwira, [Joyce.Ngwira@mota-engil.com](mailto:Joyce.Ngwira@mota-engil.com)*

**NetDimensions (China)** commits to providing free online learning opportunities for young entrepreneurs, local NGOs and government ministries as well as established non-profits and businesses. Subjects that will be made available include finance, basic management, project management and other development-specific topics. NetDimensions commits to establishing these learning portals in 5 African countries, with 5,000 Registrations and 1,000 course completions in these countries by 2014. The company also commits to expanding the portals to include 10 more African countries and aim for 10,000 registrations and 5,000 course completions in all 15 countries by 2015. *Contact: Rienk Brouwer, [rienk.brouwer@netdimensions.com](mailto:rienk.brouwer@netdimensions.com)*

**Pearson (UK)** commits to increase total investment in innovative education solutions that deliver improved learning outcomes from US\$15million in 2011 to \$30 million. By 2014 Pearson commits to establishing a multi-year, flagship partnership focused on opportunities to employ ICTs and other alternative/innovative approaches to overcome learning barriers in Africa and other regions, particularly in marginalized communities. By 2018 Pearson commits to directly helping 20,000 new graduates from across Sub-Saharan Africa transition into employment through the growth of our CTI Education Group. Pearson also commits to collaborate with partners across business, civil society, and government sectors to build a robust framework for effectively measuring and reporting Pearson's impact on improving learning outcomes in Africa. *Contact: Amanda Gardiner: [amanda.gardiner@pearson.com](mailto:amanda.gardiner@pearson.com)*

**Public Investment Corporation (South Africa)** commits approximately US\$1.8 billion over a period of five years to investments in large-scale long-term infrastructure projects in South Africa and SADC. These projects will reduce environmental impact and contribute to the growth of the SADC economy through job creation, skills transfer, poverty alleviation and rural development. PIC also commits US\$500 million to the rest of Africa over a period of 5 years. These funds will be invested in economic infrastructure for energy, transport, water, broadband connectivity, liquid fuels and logistics; social infrastructure in the form of affordable housing, education, and healthcare; clean energy and environmentally friendly technology and job creation, new enterprises and broad-based economic empowerment. *Contact: Brandon Furstenburg, [brandon.furstenburg@pic.gov.za](mailto:brandon.furstenburg@pic.gov.za)*

**Regency Foundation Network (UK)** and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) commits to promoting *It's Africa's Time* to encourage the adoption of the inclusive business model as a part of the corporate growth strategy in Africa, and to demonstrate how this approach can contribute to UN goals and priorities. The TV series will feature examples of responsible corporate engagement across the African continent and illustrate profitable core business models that also yield a sustainable social and environmental impact. *Contact: Susan Hill, [susanh@regency.org](mailto:susanh@regency.org); Richard Kyle, [richardk@regency.org](mailto:richardk@regency.org)*

**Rio Tinto (UK)** commits to build local capacity and improve access to, and quality of local education in Madagascar's Anosy region. The company will provide an education programme that offers a range of opportunities: literacy learning for youth and adults, extracurricular learning programmes, as well as technical training and leadership mentoring. Rio Tinto will also contribute to the construction of school facilities. By 2014 Rio Tinto will deliver more than 1,300 bursaries to primary, secondary and university students in 9 communities to maintain retention rates above 95% and a dropout rate of less than 5%. *Contact: Laurel Green, [Laurel.Green@riotinto.com](mailto:Laurel.Green@riotinto.com); Liyang Li, [liyang.li@riotinto.com](mailto:liyang.li@riotinto.com)*

**Sika AG (Switzerland)** commits, by 2016, to intensify trainings and seminars for Sika staff and partners such as contractors and craftsmen and to offer all employees 1 training/seminar per year, helping to develop their understanding of, and inclusion in, local markets. Sika will strengthen support for social and ecological projects in the Sika African countries via international organizations like the Global Nature Fund or via the Romuald Burkard Foundation. *Contact: Klaus Strixner, [strixner.klaus@ch.sika.com](mailto:strixner.klaus@ch.sika.com)*

**Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited (Japan)** commits to scale up its school programme to build to 2 more schools in Malawi and Ethiopia by 2014. Using a portion of the revenues generated from the sale of Olyset Net production in

Tanzania, Sumitomo Chemical has constructed /completed 14 school projects in 10 different countries in Africa. *Contact: Scott N. Mitchell, [smitchell@sumichem.com](mailto:smitchell@sumichem.com)*

**Total (France)** commits to provide low-cost access to solar lamps through Total service station networks. This Awango project is developed in partnership with the IFC Lighting Africa initiative and other credible third parties, and is at cost for Total. Total aims to provide more than 1 million Awango Solar Lamps to citizens in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, Senegal by 2015. *Contact: Julie Vallat, [julie.vallat@total.com](mailto:julie.vallat@total.com)*

**United Nations Federal Credit Union (US)** commits to build stronger communities in East Africa, specifically in Nairobi's Kibera slum and Tanzania through local grassroots projects in 2014. These projects include providing leadership training, infrastructure development and agriculture investment. *Contact: Elisabeth Philippe, [ephilippe@unfcu.com](mailto:ephilippe@unfcu.com)*

**WEConnect International (USA)** commits to launch operations in Africa in 2013 starting in Nigeria and South Africa. WEConnect International, a corporate-led global non-profit that empowers women business owners to succeed in global markets, will build local partnerships to help identify, train and certify growth-oriented women-owned businesses to compete for corporate contracts. By the end of 2015, WEConnect International will train over 450 women business owners and certify over 70 women-owned businesses in Nigeria and South Africa. *Contact: Michael J Tobolski, [mtobolski@weconnectinternational.org](mailto:mtobolski@weconnectinternational.org)*

**Yara International (Norway)** commits to scale up the Ghana Grains Partnership (GGP), adding another 6,500 farmers (equalling an 80% growth) to the Masara N'Arziki by 2014. This project will maintain economic viability through high yields, which lead to high repayment rates for farmers. By focused interventions, Yara and partners in the GGP aim to improve productivity, making a significant and lasting impact on rural livelihoods and food security. To date, more than 8,000 farmers have joined, seeing yield levels triple compared to the average and revenues increased by US\$ 3 million. *Contact: Bernhard Stormyr, [bernhard.stormyr@yara.com](mailto:bernhard.stormyr@yara.com)*

**Youth Empowerment & ICT Foundation (Nigeria)** commits to provide seed funding to 50 innovative ICT projects by young entrepreneurs; to provide employment for 250 youth; to provide US\$2.5m in funding by 2016. The SME ICT Entrepreneur Fund will provide seed funding to young start-ups in the technology industry. In order to identify the best ideas, a semi-annual competition will be held with the top ideas receiving seed funding, ongoing support, workshops, further education and training. Regular assessments will be made to ensure the progress of the identified projects and to offer guidance and support to achieve agreed milestones. *Contact: Benedict Onyesom [benedict.onyesom@zenithbank.com](mailto:benedict.onyesom@zenithbank.com)*