

**The Global Compact's nine principles in the areas of human rights, labour and the environment enjoy universal consensus being derived from:**

- [The Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)
- [The International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work](#)
- [The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development](#)

The nine principles are:

Human Rights

- [Principle 1](#): Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights within their sphere of influence; and
- [Principle 2](#): make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour Standards

- [Principle 3](#): Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- [Principle 4](#): the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
- [Principle 5](#): the effective abolition of child labour; and
- [Principle 6](#): eliminate discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

- [Principle 7](#): Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- [Principle 8](#): undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- [Principle 9](#): encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies