



# Vaisala joins the UN Global Compact

*Vaisala joined the United Nations Global Compact in October 2008. The Global Compact is a UN initiative that promotes ten guiding principles in respect of human rights, labor rights, protection of the environment and anti-corruption.*

Participation is voluntary and companies commit to publicly embracing, supporting and enacting these principles in their sphere of influence.

Commitment to the Global Compact shows dedication to corporate responsibility and a desire to act as a responsible corporate citizen. Vaisala has already taken steps to promote responsible business and the Global Compact. It has, for instance, arranged staff training regarding the company's code of conduct, started the process for corporate responsibility reporting and reformulated its community outreach policy.

## Concrete steps towards a better future

Next year, Vaisala will participate in an energy conservation program promoted by the Confederation of Finnish Industries, EK, and the Federation of Finnish Technology Industries. It has also agreed to cut its energy use at its Helsinki plant by 9% by 2016. This figure is based on the targets set by the Finnish energy and climate strategy of 2005 and

the energy conservation agreement. Vaisala has carefully monitored energy use at its factory for the past year and will implement energy reducing initiatives from next year onwards.

## Focus on the greater good

One of Vaisala's values is to focus on the greater good, which is reflected in the way the company conducts its business. This is expressed both in the way it wants to provide added value to its customers but also in the way it treats the environment. It emphasizes responsible innovation and constantly tries to find even better and more efficient solutions for customers' problems. Vaisala believes that a commitment to Global Compact will inspire the company and its collaborators to make the world a better place to live in.

**Further information:**  
[www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)

## The UN Global Compact - guiding principles

### Human Rights

**Principle 1:** Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

**Principle 2:** make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

### Labor 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 labor;

**Principle 5:** the effective abolition of child labor; and

**Principle 6:** the elimination of 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.

### Anti-Corruption

**Principle 10:** Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.