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### **About Global Compact Network Canada**

Assist Canadian organizations with the advancement of the 17 SDGs and the 10 Principles of the UNGC



Offer Canadian businesses and non-business sectors a unique opportunity to learn and exchange best practices in corporate sustainability within the Canadian corporate sector and among global peers.

## **Role and Accomplishments**



Provide research support for the Children Rights and the SDGs for the Responsible Business Conduct Working Group.

Coordinate with UNICEF Canada's representative to understand the current research and initiatives of 60 Canadian companies.





Review and prepare minutes of the information provided by participating companies and partner organizations in webinars.

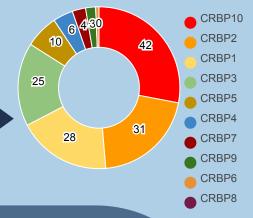
Help with the creation of the 2019 Annual report .



## **Main Project**

10 UN Children's Rights and Business Principles (CRBPs)

This research will help the working group to assist the current corporate understanding of child rights, locate existing gaps, and integrate these findings into tools that will help guide responsible business conduct.





#### Observations from this research

The majority of the Canadian companies reviewed are doing a good job in supporting children's education (CRBP 10).

There is a lot of work that Canadian companies could do to improve training on the interaction with children near businesses (CRBP 8).

"We are not the sources of problems; we are the resources that are needed to solve them. We are not expenses; we are investments. We are not just young people; we are people and citizens of this world"

From 'A World Fit for Us', Message from the Children's Forum, 5-7 May 2002, United Nations Special Session on Children.

#### **Memorable Moment**

Virtually convene the world's foremost corporate sustainability leaders to discuss and debate the values of the UN, the future unilateralism and the role that principles-based business can play in driving progress on the Global Goals.



#### **Skills Gained**



Adaptability from remote working



Sustainability report analysis





Active listening and note taking during webinars



Organizing, presenting and compiling information in Excel



Creativity developed in writing annual report