

Quito Declaration

As a result of the key challenges presented during the I International Forum on Social Responsibility held in Quito on the 23rd and 24th of October 2013, we, and the organisations we represent, consider important to put down in this document the main commitments and expectations of the Forum.

- 1. The attendees of the Forum and signers of the Declaration commit to disseminating concepts of social responsibility within their communities and governments as well as to persuading other actors to work together towards building socially responsible territories, where a balance between economy and ecosystem is guaranteed.*
- 2. We believe that the continuation of this high-level dialogue is crucial for a better dissemination of social responsibility concepts and for the improvement of the societies in which we live in. Hence, we request the governmental authorities, business leaders, academia representatives and civil society members that have supported the creation of this international platform to follow up with this process and organize once a year a new Forum on Social Responsibility.*
- 3. Sustainable development requires the existence of a clear juridical framework, with States that are ethical, efficient, transparent and advocates of peace and common good and where social and economic actors respect and ensure compliance with the normative of the states and international treaties. In this sense, this Declaration will be proactively presented to government authorities and to the United Nations General Assembly to persuade the adoption of a Universal Declaration on Social Responsibility.*
- 4. The global economic system in which we live must be revised so as to build more stable and inclusive societies. There is the need for practices and alliances that focus on strengthening justice, environmental protection, respect for human beings, equality of opportunities, employment creation and redistribution of wealth. Through these practices and alliances, solidarity will be reinforced.*
- 5. In order to reach a better social coexistence and a sustainable and mutually supportive human development, each citizen must lead the change. We believe that a better understanding of responsibility enhances creativity and innovation as key instruments to build socially responsible territories that take into account the role of each citizen in society. For this, the ones that sign this declaration encourage the press to disseminate social responsibility concepts and support their adoption in the societies in which they serve.*

In view of all the above, the citizens of the different countries convened at this Forum subscribe to this Quito Declaration and declare their adherence to the United Nations Global Compact and the Millennium Development Goals, while supporting the efforts of the Municipality of the Metropolitan District of Quito and the Government of Ecuador.