



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# New governance for the UN Global Compact Network France: Guillaume Texier Elected Chair

Paris, 2 June 2026 – The UN Global Compact Network France brought together more than 500 business leaders, experts, institutional representatives and civil society stakeholders on Tuesday for its Annual General Meeting. This year’s edition was marked by the renewal of the network’s governance: Guillaume Texier, Chief Executive Officer of Rexel, was elected Chair, succeeding Florent Menegaux, Chairman of Michelin, whose three-year term came to an end. In addition, nine new companies have joined the Board of Directors.

### Renewed governance to support the transformation of the private Sector

At the conclusion of **Florent Menegaux**’s term, the Board of Directors elected **Guillaume Texier** to lead the UN Global Compact Network France, as the Network’s 2024–2030 Strategy has established a clear roadmap for the organization, the leading corporate sustainability network in France.

The UN Global Compact Network France extends its sincere gratitude to **Florent Menegaux** for his unwavering commitment throughout his three-year mandate. During this period, he championed the principles of the UN Global Compact and helped strengthen the governance of a continuously growing network, reflected in the achievement of the IDEAS certification in 2025.

“My commitment as Chair of the UN Global Compact Network France was guided by a simple conviction: no organization can achieve lasting success on a planet it helps to weaken,” said **Florent Menegaux**. “During my term, we focused our efforts on three priorities: deepening support for member companies, increasing the visibility of the Network’s initiatives on the international stage, and making the UN Global Compact a benchmark for sustainable development in business. The Network’s strong growth, now making it the largest Global Compact Network in terms of engaged companies, demonstrates the effectiveness of our actions. Today, I hand over the responsibility to Guillaume Texier with confidence, convinced that he will continue and strengthen this collective momentum in service of our members. I would also like to thank the Network’s team and members for their commitment throughout these three years.”

“I intend to build on the work initiated by Florent Menegaux, with the conviction that the role of businesses in economic and environmental transformation is changing in nature: it is no longer simply about making commitments, but about integrating these issues at the very core of business models,” added **Guillaume Texier**. “The UN Global Compact has a key role to play in this transition. The practices implemented by its members, energy efficiency, supply chain transformation, industrial innovation, and the reduction of operational carbon footprints, demonstrate that this transformation is already underway. My priority will be to accelerate this movement, strengthen the Network’s impact among large companies, and provide SMEs and mid-sized companies with practical tools to engage in this transition. As the largest Global Compact Network in the world, we have a responsibility to lead by example.”

The General Meeting also resulted in significant renewal of the Board of Directors, with the appointment of nine new member organizations: ADDEV Materials, Bureau Veritas, Elis, Isodom, Legrand, MEDEF, MBO+, Rexel and SERFIM TIC.

The UN Global Compact Network France also extends its sincere thanks to **Armelle Perrin-Guinot**, Director of Societal Commitments at Veolia, for her dedication as Vice-Chair over the past three years. The Network further thanks Abalone, Altavia, Legallais, Protechtoms, Résistex, Suez and Worldline as their mandates on the Board of Directors come to an end.

### **Sustained growth momentum amid economic and geopolitical uncertainty**

All resolutions presented to the General Meeting were adopted, enabling the Network to move confidently into the second half of 2026.

With more than 2,300 members at the end of 2025, including 1,400 SMEs, over 700 mid-sized companies, and 206 large corporations operating across France, the Network continues its strong growth trajectory, mobilizing businesses to transform their business models by integrating sustainability considerations into their operations and strategies.

### **Strengthened offerings to accelerate business transformation**

In 2026, the UN Global Compact Network France launched a series of thematic learning programmes covering issues such as water stress, deforestation, forced labour in value chains and anti-corruption. Designed for operational managers, these programmes help participants better understand emerging sustainability challenges and anticipate regulatory developments.

In June, the Network will publish the results of its second study on Communications on Progress (CoP), the annual sustainability reporting exercise completed by UN Global Compact participants. Supported by a new data visualization platform, the study will enable companies to benchmark their performance against French and international peers.

The data will also contribute to an unprecedented analysis of European companies' contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will be presented at the end of September during the week of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

“At a time when sustainability issues are under increasing pressure due to a challenging economic and geopolitical environment, the United Nations Global Compact continues to demonstrate its relevance in addressing the increasingly complex needs of businesses by connecting local action with global ambition,” said **Nils Pedersen**, Executive Director of the UN Global Compact Network France. “Thanks to a strong and engaged community, the Network provides its members—from SMEs to multinational corporations—with a robust framework that equips them to anticipate and adapt to the transformation of their business models.”



### Board of Directors as of 2 June 2026

- **ADDEV MATERIALS** (*Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes*), represented by Pascal Nadobny, President
- **AFNOR CERTIFICATION** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Julien Nizri, Chief Executive Officer
- **BRL INGÉNIERIE** (*Occitanie*), represented by Stéphanie Fillon Linglin, Deputy Director
- **BUREAU VERITAS** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Karine Havas, President of Bureau Veritas France
- **EGIS** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Martine Jauroyon, Director of Citizenship Engagement
- **ELIS** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Claire Bottineau, CSR Director
- **ISODOM** (*Réunion*), represented by Yannick Berezaie, Chief Executive Officer
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- **MBO+** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Ladislav Smia, Sustainable Development Director
- **MEDEF** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Sophie Frachon, CSR Programme Director
- **MICHELIN** (*Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes*), represented by Eve Hagendorf, VP Sustainable Performance and Transformation
- **NUTRISET** (*Normandy*), represented by Adeline Lescanne, Chief Executive Officer
- **ORANGE** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Alban Martin, VP Digital Inclusion and Social Affairs
- **PWC FRANCE ET MAGHREB** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Émilie Bobin, Partner
- **RENAULT TRUCKS** (*Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes*), represented by Karine Forien, Senior Vice President Strategy, Sustainability and Communications
- **REXEL** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Guillaume Texier, Chief Executive Officer, and Céline Coulibre-Duménil, Chief Sustainability Officer (alternate representative of the Chair)
- **SANOFI** (*Île-de-France*), represented by Sandrine Bouttier-Stref, CSR Director
- **SERFIM TIC** (*Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes*), represented by Aurélie Fallourd, QHSE and CSR Manager
- **UNESCO**, represented by Julien Pellaux, Director of Partnerships (qualified personality)
- Ethics Advisor: Dominique Lamoureux

#### About the United Nations Global Compact

Launched in 2000 by Kofi Annan, the United Nations Global Compact is a voluntary leadership platform that calls on companies worldwide to align their operations and strategies with Ten Universal Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. As the official French Network of the United Nations Global Compact, the organization also supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the integration of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the French business community.

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#### About the UN Global Compact Network France

As the official French Network of the United Nations Global Compact, the UN Global Compact Network France brings together nearly 2,300 companies and 60 non-profit organizations across the country. Supported by a team of 25 employees, it helps the French private sector implement the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact as well as the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. This voluntary commitment to corporate sustainability enables French businesses to align with the 2030 Agenda and, in particular, the Paris Agreement.

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