

## PARTNERS

For further information on the approach of the UN Human Rights Office to engagement with the business sector, please visit:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Business/Pages/EngagementWithBusinessSector.aspx>

### **Microsoft**

Building upon initial discussions started in 2012, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights is working with Microsoft since 2016 to develop and deploy technology that has a positive impact on human rights.

Microsoft will be providing the Office some support worth 5 million USD – both in cash and in-kind - over the next 5 years, which will be invested in four main areas:

1. to build internal capacities to address human rights challenges in the digital sphere;
2. to develop advanced technology in the form of a dashboard - Rights View - that will provide the teams an overview of the human rights situation in specific countries in order to better predict, analyse and respond to crisis;
3. to support broader adoption and implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights;
4. to support the communication work of the Office, in particular its institutional campaigns like Stand Up.

### **United Nations Foundation**

The UN Human Rights Office has a longstanding agreement with the United Nations Foundation (UNF) to collaborate on outreach and awareness raising activities, identify supporters and receive funds to support the work of the Office so it can fulfil its mandate to promote and protect all human rights for all people.

As part of this agreement, the United Nations Foundation raises funds for a range of work by the UN Human Rights Office, including:

1. The work under the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;
2. Technical cooperation work in the field;
3. The work on combating discrimination and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people, including through the UN Free & Equal campaign.

Pursuant to this agreement, the United Nations Foundation is partnering with companies, including Gap Inc. (2017, 2018) and H&M (2018), in an effort to raise awareness and funds in support of the work of the UN Human Rights Office's UN Free & Equal campaign. In 2017, the United Nations Foundation received over USD 60,000 to support the campaign.

The UN Human Rights Office applies its [approach to engagement with the business sector](#) in relation to partnership agreements between the United Nations Foundation and business enterprises that benefit the Office's human rights work.

In 2017, UNF also established a partnership with the UN Human Rights Office to engage members of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), a program of UNF, in the "Stand Up for Someone's Rights Today" campaign and on the anniversary campaign of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 2018.