



Global Supply Chain Forum

Barbados

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1. Climate change

2. Conflicts

3. COVID-19

4. Costs of Capital for SMEs





1. Digitalization

2. Greener and Resilient SC

3. Partnerships





Digitalization

- New technologies are the “Present”
- Digital corridors
- Skills are available
- Digital Ecosystem
- Political-will = sustainability



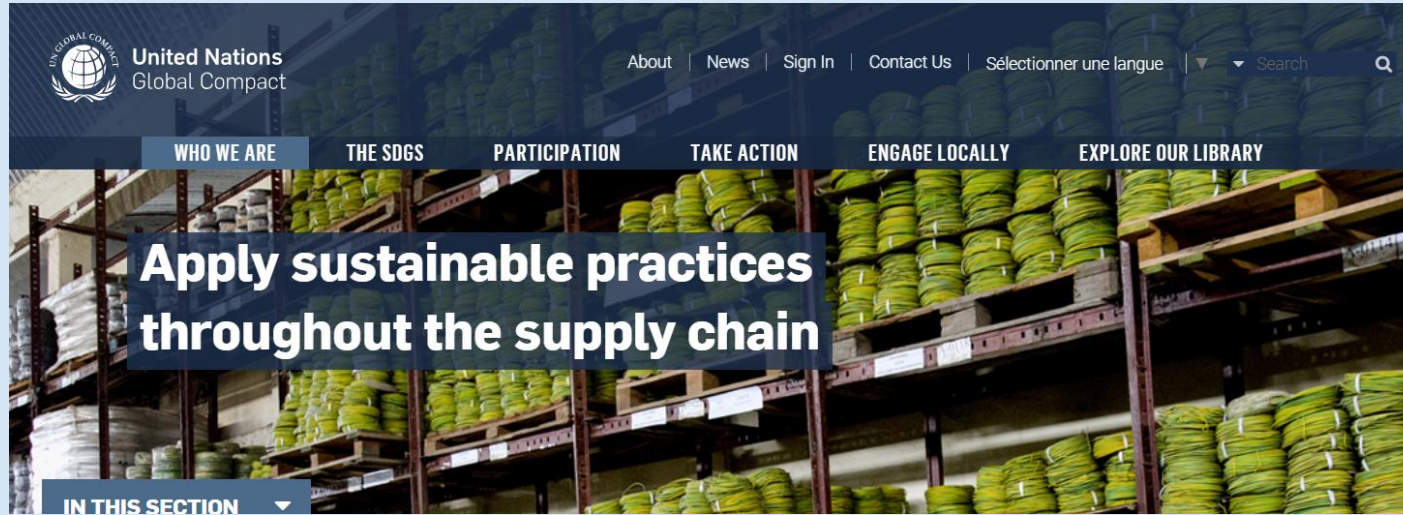
Greener and Resilient Supply Chains

- New roles for National Trade Facilitation Committees
- Climate-smart trade
- Capacity building
- Resource mobilization



Partnerships

- Public - Private Partnerships
- Diversification of Supply Chains
- Enabling factors: digitalization, technology, capacity building, and access to finance.
- Regional Strategies



UN Global Compact

- Sustainable Supplier and SME Programme
- SPARK
- UN Global Compact Caribbean Network





Over 30 initiatives such as

- Trade and Transport Cost Dataset (UNCTAD and WB)
- A Transport and Logistics SIDS Declaration
- UNIDO Hub in the Caribbean
- UN Global Compact
- WIMAC Innovation Challenge for Women
- 2026 Supply Chain Innovation challenges
- And more.....

Tangible outcomes

On the road to Saudi Arabia 2026

Challenges will remain

- Proliferation of CBAM
- Value-added
- Foreign exchange risk
- Gender inequalities

Inclusivity:

- One size does NOT fit all
- Human-centric policy approach

Innovation + Political will

- Tailor-made solutions
- Access to data
- Involve partners (SMES, youth, etc)



One of the things that we carry from UNCTAD 15 was the theme, from inequality and vulnerability to prosperity for all.

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Prime Minister, Barbados



The Global Supply Chain Forum is a **Blockbuster of a Netflix series** that will without a doubt be renewed for a second season in 2026

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