The role of the GCLNs in promoting the labour principles

- the way forward -
GC Local networks

Orientation given by the UNGC Office
- Policy paper on network governance “what is a local network?” and the “Guidance for local networks”
- LNs determine their own internal governance arrangements and activities
- However, some basic requirements exist:
  - Make a special effort to involve the local affiliates of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).

ILO Survey conducted in 2007, presented to November 2007 GB
Overview of currently active GCLNs to gauge to what extent workers’ and employers’ organizations are involved in their governance and activities
66 GCLNs at the time of survey (63 country-level, 3 sub/regional networks)
Source of info: questionnaire, interviews and information from GCLN websites
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*a In South Africa, BUSA (Business Unity South Africa) jointly manages the South African link together with the National Business Initiative and acts as secretariat.
*b Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, South Africa and Tunisia.
*c Madagascar, Morocco, South Africa and Tunisia.
*d Peru.
*e Colombia, Mexico and Peru.
*f Brazil.
*g China, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
*h In Singapore, a national tripartite initiative acts as secretariat for the Global Compact.
*i China, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
+j Singapore and Sri Lanka.
+k The Nordic network. Please note that the Nordic network does not have a Steering Committee.
+l Armenia, Belarus, Croatia, Italy and Turkey.
+m Italy, Spain and Turkey.
From GCLN Focal Points’ perspective...
Responses from employers’ & workers’ orgs

- Among the respondents, 36% of the employers’ organizations indicated their active participation in Global Compact events or CSR-related activities, and 40% have participated in more than five activities over the past five years.

- 2 of the surveyed employers’ organizations also participated in Global Compact projects (eg. Growing Sustainable Business (GSB) initiative)

- Among the surveyed workers’ organizations, 20% stated that they participate in UNGC activities. Only 3 trade unions have been invited to more than two events on CSR over the past five years.

- There was an overall consensus that participation in the GCLN would add value to the organization’s work on CSR.
Exercise: Experience Sharing

How have employers’ and workers’ organizations participated in your Local Network activities?

How could their participation maximize the objectives of your Local Network?

What could be some challenges?