Global Compact Local Networks: Value Proposition for Participants
Global Compact Network Argentina

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Group training sessions on preparing Communications on Progress (COPs)
- Access to courses on responsible business and sustainability, organized with academia
- Sharing experiences and best practices within the network
- Invitation to the bi-annual general assembly of the Local Network
- Opportunities to participate in policy dialogues related to implementing the UN Global Compact ten principles and sustainability practices
- Access to knowledge and the United Nations network
- Use of the Local Network’s logo

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**BACKGROUND**

Established in April 2004, the Global Compact Network Argentina is a business-led network with a multi-stakeholder governing body elected for two-year terms by active participants. The network is supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Argentina in close collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

**Mission**

Promote, facilitate and implement the UN Global Compact principles and help the country achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

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251*

**Membership Fees:** None

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* As of April 2012
BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Leadership opportunities within the network’s three Issue Area Leadership Groups on anti-corruption, human rights and the environment
- Networking at the domestic and international level
- Opportunities for organizations and their commitments to be profiled on the Global Compact Network Australia website, including a link to the organization’s Communication on Progress (COP)
- Engagement in governance of the network
- Members have access to:
  - Information about global and local initiatives of the UN Global Compact;
  - Events and forums, held in association with other member organizations and stakeholder groups, focusing on anti-corruption, human rights and the environment;
  - Local Network events and forums around the world organized by the UN Global Compact Office, including the Annual Local Networks Meeting;
  - Tools and templates to assist in developing Communications on Progress;
  - A network of professionals who can provide feedback on corporate responsibility, citizenship and sustainability issues, and peer reviews of Communications on Progress; and
  - Regular updates and newsletters, including invitations to events and briefings and descriptions of best practices.

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA) launched in May 2009 in Parliament House Canberra. Initially a steering committee, the GCNA has transformed into a full member-based organization with a Board, comprised of business leaders and representatives from the academic community. By providing access to a range of services, forums, partnerships and knowledge from across industries and interest groups, the primary purpose of the GCNA is to help organizations integrate and operationalize the ten principles into their core business practices and to support United Nations goals. The network serves as a national and international platform for dialogue and learning that aims to be inclusive, practical and on the leading edge.

Vision: To act as a corporate citizenship movement in Australia committed to the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Mission: To engage UN Global Compact signatories in Australia through local events and to foster a strong, supportive network of like-minded businesses.

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Membership Fees:
Company: USD 5000
SME: USD 1000
Other: USD 500

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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Engagement in a learning platform for the implementation of the ten principles
- Assistance with the implementation of the ten principles and the preparation of the annual Communication on Progress (COP)
- Participation in events and working group meetings on the four main issue areas of the UN Global Compact: human rights, labor standards, environment and anti-corruption
- Opportunities to meet with stakeholders from civil society, academia and Government
- Presentation of best practice examples on the network website and in the annual report
- Sponsorship opportunities

**NETWORK ACTIVITIES**

- Two General Meetings per year, each focusing on a selected topic, exclusively for members of the Austria Network
- Regular working group meetings
- Public events on diverse topics

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Austria has been coordinated by RespACT (Austrian Business Council for Sustainable Development) since 2006. RespACT leads a Steering Committee of network members established in 2009 and organizes its biannual meetings. The Austrian Network is an active multistakeholder platform promoting learning and dialogue between companies and their stakeholders. Every UN Global Compact signatory in Austria is eligible for participation in the Local Network.
Global Compact Network Bangladesh

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Quarterly CSRC newsletters
- Invitations to seminars, workshops and capacity-building trainings focused on implementing the Global Compact ten principles
- Invitations to regional conferences
- Opportunities to network with other local and global members of the Global Compact
- Invitations to annual conferences
- Opportunities to participate in corporate responsibility sectorial events and dialogues
- Opportunities to participate in youth leadership events
- Access to a knowledge-sharing hub where corporate responsibility best practices are shared by stakeholders
- Recognition of network members at global and regional forums by highlighting success stories and experiences
- Opportunities to participate in national and international dialogues and discussions
- Access to corporate responsibility advisory services for sustainable growth in the private sector
- Opportunities for public-private partnerships through regular engagement with Government, business and other stakeholders

**NETWORK ACTIVITIES**

- Annual corporate responsibility conferences
- Regular training sessions on Communication on Progress (COP) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- Production of a corporate responsibility report for Bangladesh
- Corporate responsibility in the banking sector events
- Youth leadership events

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Bangladesh was launched on 26 January 2009 by the CSR Centre (CSRC) and the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI). BEI and CSRC have been designated as representatives of the Bangladesh Network.

The Bangladesh Network is comprised of 43 signatories of the UN Global Compact that are committed to implementing the UN Global Compact principles and to achieving long-term corporate excellence while setting a standard for socially responsible business practices in Bangladesh.

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**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 43*

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** None

**WEBSITE:**
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* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Access to internal information regarding events, facts and news about the UN Global Compact, including calls for partnerships and responsible business best practices in the native language
- On-going support implementing corporate sustainability principles
- Facilitation of partnerships for sustainable development projects
- Ongoing dialogue between network participants and members of Government, NGOs, and universities on responsible business issues
- Expert support in the preparation of the Communication on Progress (COP)
- Use of the Local Network website for publicizing responsible business activities (press releases, best practices, calls for partnership, etc.)
- Opportunities to participate in network events
- Access to individual advice, speakers and experts
- Opportunities to collaborate with the UN, other international agencies and other local networks
- Facilitation of collective action on issues via the collaboration of different actors

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact was first introduced in Belarus on 20 December 2006, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Global Compact Local Network Belarus was officially established soon after in March 2007. The network is managed by a Steering Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting, and technical support is provided by Sustainable Community Development Fund, “Innovations for Regions” programme.
BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

● To engage in a national platform for outreach and dialogue on issues related to the UN Global Compact ten principles, responsible corporate citizenship and the advancement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals

● To become part of a networking platform to share and learn best and emerging practices to advance practical solutions and strategies to common challenges

● To gain access to a neutral venue for advancing sustainability solutions in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including United Nations agencies, Governments, civil society, labour and other non-business interests

● To take part in conferences and workshops where key experts will give presentations on critical issues concerning the UN Global Compact principles

● To receive guidance on the Communication on Progress (COP) and how to improve performance and reporting in implementing the UN Global Compact principles

● To engage in COP Peer Review Programs that provide a multi-industrial benchmark platform

BACKGROUND

In February 2010, the General Assembly set up the Global Compact Network Belgium (GCNB) and oversaw the election of a Steering Committee with the support of the Belgian Federal Public Service, Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Cooperation, which provides the Focal Point of the GCNB. Membership is open to all organizations (for profit and non-profit) that are registered and operate in Belgium. There are two types of membership: associated membership and formal membership.

The GCNB has a formal organizational structure. The network’s activities are coordinated by three distinct bodies within the GCNB: the Steering Committee, the Secretariat and the Honorary Board. Elected by the General Assembly of Formal Members, the Steering Committee manages the network, oversees its activities, and represents the GCNB to the UN Global Compact Office. Committee members have a two-year term and convene on a quarterly basis. The Secretariat supports the work of the Steering Committee, which establishes it. The Honorary Board is a collection of individuals who bring unique knowledge and skills to the network; however, it does not have formal authority to govern the network. The primary responsibility of an Honorary Board member is to elevate the GCNB’s profile among potential supporters and partners as their schedule and responsibilities allow.

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Global Compact Network Brazil

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- **Sustainability Knowledge and Culture** – Opportunities to participate in thematic task forces and improving individual member’s corporate social responsibility goals
- **Corporate Reputation** – Increased credibility, including improvement of corporate brand, employee morale, reputation among stakeholders, and increased ability to attract new talent
- **Training and Information Sharing** – Access to seminars, trainings, workshops and best practice exchanges with members of the Brazil Network and networks in other countries
- **Communication on Progress** – Support meeting the annual requirement to submit a Communication on Progress (COPs)
- **Leadership on Sustainability** – Opportunities to develop sustainability leadership through dialogues, experience exchange and role modeling
- **Development of Skills** – Invitations to participate in annual meetings and relevant thematic discussions on topics such as solid waste, climate change, human rights and education for sustainability, among others
- **Dialogue with the United Nations in a Local Context** – Access to UN knowledge of development issues, facilitated policy dialogues with UN experts and representatives, and an enabling environment for business participation in development projects
- **Expand the Horizon** – Opportunities to engage in other UN initiatives for improving corporate citizenship, such as: the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), Sustainable Energy for All, Caring for Climate, the CEO Water Mandate, the Women’s Empowerment Principles and Every Woman Every Child

**BACKGROUND**

Established in 2003, the Global Compact Network Brazil is managed by a Steering Committee with 35 members and a Board of Management with five business members. The network has six thematic task forces: Governance, Communications, Environment, Education, Anti-Corruption, and Human Rights and Labour. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Brazil houses the Secretariat for the Network.

**Vision:** To help signatories in Brazil uphold their commitments related to the UN Global Compact.

**Mission:** Raise awareness among Brazilian organizations and foster the adoption of a management model committed to the UN Global Compact principles.

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**Network Activities**

**Events:** Meetings exclusively for Brazil Network participants surrounding key UN Global Compact events

**Learning:** Workshops based on relevant issues such as management of solid residues and business opportunities, as well as workshops on corporate reporting and converging COPs with GRI standards.

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436*

**Membership Fees:**
Only for Steering Committee members, based on annual revenue

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* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Technical support, such as through conferences and trainings on the Global Compact Management Model, Communication on Progress (COP) and implementation of the ten principles
- Knowledge sharing and exchange of best practices
- Access to global toolkits for guidance in a localized manner
- Facilitation of partnerships and collaboration with businesses and other stakeholders
- Opportunities for enterprise promotion through the network
- Ability to engage with a broader audience through participation in specialized forums in Bulgaria and abroad
- Improved company reputation in Bulgaria and abroad
- Greater impact through collective action related to sustainability and corporate social responsibility
- Opportunities to participate actively in policy dialogues at the national, European and international levels
- Ongoing national policy dialogues aimed at creating an environment encouraging responsible business

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Bulgaria began as an informal assembly of Bulgarian traders, nongovernmental organizations and academia engaged in the UN Global Compact and the implementation of responsible business practices. It is now an independent legal entity aimed at mainstreaming corporate social responsibility in Bulgaria through the presentation of best practices and by encouraging a green economy and sustainable development in Bulgarian society.

Since the end of 2011, the Bulgaria Network has engaged in a national partnership between Bulgaria and CSR Europe, the leading European business network for corporate social responsibility with membership of around 80 multinational corporations and 35 national partner organizations. CSR Europe manages the Enterprise 2020 initiative as part of the European strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in Europe by 2020.

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114*

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- Medium enterprises – USD 1200
- Small and micro enterprises – USD 800;
- NGOs, Academia – USD 600

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Access to meetings and events where good practices are shared
- Participation in thematic commissions and in the Regional Council (Valparaíso and Bio-Bío regions)
- Communication on Progress (COP) training via workshops and manuals
- Activities that support implementing the UN Global Compact ten principles
- Special workshops that cover topics such as work and family conciliation, consumer responsibility, debt responsibility, Chile’s Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) commitments and impacts of ISO 26000 standards
- Seminars that address the UN Global Compact ten principles as well as access to the Principles Promotion Integrated System (SIPP), a unique tool that allows companies to assess to what degree they have integrated the principles and compare progress with other organizations
- Access to studies based on the four UN Global Compact areas of focus (human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption) as well as related topics, including child labor in Chile and the rights of people with disabilities in the labour force. These studies are held in partnership with organizations such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Regional seminars promoting the UN Global Compact ten principles, which gather authorities, businesses, academics and the general public

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network Chile was launched in 2004 with support from UNDP, and has been hosted at Universidad Andrés Bello, the largest private university in Chile, since 2007. Though the network is a multi-stakeholder association, multinational and large local companies represent a partner majority. The Steering Committee is elected by the partners.

Vision: Become a significant resource for Local Networks in Latin America by providing useful tools and a forum for cooperation for the implementation of the UN Global Compact ten principles.

Mission: To promote and disseminate the UN Global Compact ten principles, to support organizations operating in Chile to incorporate those principles into their strategic plans, and to create value through a genuine commitment to sustainability.

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Constant contact with the secretariat and a platform to communicate with other participants
- Assistance to companies applying to be UN Global Compact participants, as well as basic training sessions on producing and submitting the annual Communication on Progress (COP)
- Opportunities to attend seminars, trainings and consultations with respect to implementation of UN Global Compact principles and related policies at global, regional and local levels
- Access to studies carried out by the secretariat on CSR and sustainable development issues, as well as guidance on writing CSR reports
- Opportunities to participate in major events and activities of the UN Global Compact
- Opportunities for public-private partnerships and collaborations with other Local Networks
- Promotion of company brand and reputation

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact China Network was launched on 28 November 2011 in Beijing, a platform for Chinese participants in the UN Global Compact and their subsidiaries. The China Network was established with the aim of mobilizing more companies in China to participate in the Global Compact and to contribute to the UN Secretary-General’s goal of 20,000 signatories by 2020. The network is devoted to advancing the UN Global Compact ten principles and to strengthening cooperation between Chinese and foreign companies, as well as encouraging greater inter-network collaboration.

The China Network is governed by a Governing Board of leading Chinese companies and organizations, and is led by selected Chairman On Duty, Fu Chengyu. A secretariat was established as the day-to-day operational body of the network, and is under the management of the Governing Board.

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BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Local Network Colombia was established in 2009 as a legal entity and a non-profit organization, with a Steering Committee chaired by Empresa de Energía de Bogotá.

**Mission:** To become a leading platform for the development, implementation and disclosure of responsible and sustainable corporate policies and practices through the promotion of the UN Global Compact ten principles.

**Vision:** To become the ideal setting for interaction, dialogue and collaboration in order to promote a more sustainable and inclusive economy in Colombia.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Practical tools to help with the implementation of the UN Global Compact ten principles
- Knowledge Management activities, such as courses and training seminars, conducted in partnership with academic institutions
- Participation in network-hosted workshops and working groups related to the four themes of the Global Compact: human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. These workshops provide a space where participants can learn and disseminate best practices. The working groups are led by network participants, various United Nations agencies, Government programs and ministries, as well as academic organizations.
- Guidance in the preparation and submission of the Communication of Progress (COP)
- Addressing collective action and policy dialogues by facilitating interaction with multiple stakeholders, such as Government and civil society organizations.

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**Number of Participants:** 276*

**Membership Fees:** None

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* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Provides a platform for sharing experiences and learning about corporate responsibility practices
- Allows networking with individuals with similar interests
- Offers opportunities for collective action
- Provides a platform for participating in policy dialogues
- Fosters access to high-level experts for capacity building
- Supplies an extensive toolbox to support the implementation of the UN Global Compact ten principles and other relevant topics
- Presents opportunities for partnering and participating in United Nations activities
- Builds a company’s reputation with regard to sustainability
- Demonstrates leadership and reinforces commitment to the principles of corporate responsibility

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Local Network Costa Rica (GCLN-CR) was launched in December 2010. It aims to contribute to the expansion of sustainable production and consumption practices. Since its inception, the Local Network has been supported by the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) country office. In 2012, the Association of Development Entrepreneurs assumed the Technical Secretariat of the GCLN-CR. From 2011-2013, the network’s Steering Committee is composed of representatives from the following: Asociación de Empresarios para el Desarrollo, Empresa de Servicios Públicos de Heredia, Etipres, Intel, Purdy Motor and UNDP.

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**Membership Fees:** None

*As of April 2012
Global Compact Network Côte d'Ivoire

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Opportunities to participate in policy dialogues related to the implementation of the ten principles
- Networking and sharing of best practices through workshops, business breakfasts and event publications
- Access to broad UN knowledge of development and corporate responsibility issues
- Opportunities to establish and implement collective action toward common goals
- Opportunities to take part in awareness raising efforts, such as outreach campaigns focused on the four main issue areas (human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption).
- Opportunities for capacity building activities on private sector involvement in issues such as anti-corruption, sustainable development and women’s empowerment.

**BACKGROUND**

Established in September 2007, the Global Compact Network Côte d’Ivoire is chaired by the APEX-CI/NEPAD Business Group platform and consists of an Executive Committee, Executive Secretariat, and four thematic commissions in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

Local Network activities were mostly put on hold from the end of 2010 to the first quarter of 2011. Today, the local context is more encouraging for an enabling business environment.

**Vision:** To be a respectable agent of change in a country transforming towards the achievement of ethical and social business practices

**Mission:** To promote and implement the UN Global Compact principles in Côte d’Ivoire

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**Number of Participants:** 30*

**Membership Fees:**
Based on voluntary contributions

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Helpful coaching on integrating changes in operations so that the UN Global Compact and its principles are part of management, strategy, culture and day-to-day business
- Guidance on publishing an annual Communication on Progress (COP) or sustainability report
- Invitations to Local Network events and opportunities such as meeting with new stakeholders, companies, universities and schools that publicly support the UN Global Compact and its principles
- Various activities open for participation: policy dialogues, learning forums with experts and project partnerships
- The chance to work with corporate leaders to underscore commitment to corporate citizenship and sustainability

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Global Compact Network Ecuador

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**Number of Participants:** 46*  
**Membership Fees:** None, contributions are voluntary

## BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Demonstrating leadership and commitment to sustainable development
- Presenting good practices in corporate sustainability to governments and other network participants
- Participating in forums, seminars, and national and international activities
- Improving relationships with Government, private sector and civil society
- Initiating projects and partnerships with the UN and other network participants
- Increasing visibility and improving reputation
- Reducing business risks associated with failing to address social and environmental issues
- Promoting the UN Global Compact ten principles and supporting UN goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and other sustainability goals
- Gaining access to training opportunities, tools and individual consultations on implementing the UN Global Compact ten principles
- Participating in analysis and discussions connecting the ten principles to local challenges

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## BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network Ecuador was launched on 26 July 2011 during the First Quito Forum: Responsible Cities and Organizations. It is hosted by the Ecuadorian Consortium for Social Responsibility (CERES).

The network’s first General Assembly was held on 17 November 2011 when the first steering committee – composed of representatives from three businesses, two non-business organizations, the United Nations and the network secretariat – was elected for a two-year term.

* As of April 2012
Global Compact Network
Egypt

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Annual Roundtables:** Quarterly seminars and workshops featuring key speakers and experts, which focus on areas related to the UN Global Compact principles
- **Communication on Progress (CoP):** Workshops and individual coaching sessions intended to assist participants complete their annual COP reports
- **Regional and International Sustainability Events:** Participants of the Local Network will have the opportunity to attend regional and international sustainability events.
- **Collective Action:** Participants will have many opportunities to engage in collective action through Local Network supported initiatives and new projects initiated by the members.
- **Sustainability Advisory Services:** Consultancy services on CSR strategy and reporting
- **Publications and Case Studies:** The Local Network develops sustainability publications, most available in Arabic, as well as case studies which showcase best practices within the network.

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Local Network Egypt was launched in February 2004 by Mansour Group and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Egypt. In 2008, the Egyptian Corporate Responsibility Center (ECRC) became the Contact Point for the GCLN Egypt, with Mansour Group as the official Representative. The Local Network is managed by a Steering Committee that consists of 10 members: 7 private sector representatives, 1 academic institution and 2 NGO representatives.

ECRC was established as an initiative between the Ministry of Investment (MOI) and UNDP in 2008. The initiative offers CSR services such as awareness and capacity building, advocacy, consultations, knowledge management and certification. ECRC is set with the ultimate goal of forming sustainable business models which encourage businesses to comply with CSR principles and sustainability practices.

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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Individual coaching sessions to help with developing a Communication on Progress (COP)
- Participation in half-day thematic sessions during which multinational enterprise members present their experiences
- Invitation to regional conferences
- Access to new stakeholders and outreach events
- Invitation to the Annual Local Network General Assembly meeting
- Invitations to luncheons where high-level speakers present on topics relevant to members
- Opportunities to meet with schools and universities
- Access to individualized advice and experts through network events
- The chance to play an active part in a growing network with the objective of reaching 1,000 members
- The opportunity to become part of a sustainability hub

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network France is an independent legal entity managed by a Steering Committee, which is elected by the General Assembly for a three-year mandate. The Steering Committee is currently composed of 15 chairmen and CEOs (eight multinational enterprises and seven small and medium-sized enterprises) and two non-governmental organization delegates. The network follows the rules of the French legislation. The general assembly votes annually on budgetary issues and resolutions and nominates the Steering Committee. The network chairman is elected for a three-year term of service.

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**Number of Participants:**
400*

**Membership Fees:**
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* As of April 2012

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**Benefits of Participation**

- Become part of the largest international initiative to promote sustainable and responsible business globally
- Engage in dialogue and peer learning with participants from other companies, and share knowledge and experiences
- Take part in various learning platforms, providing deep insights into critical issues such as business and human rights, biodiversity, sustainable supply chain management and anti-corruption
- Discuss sensitive issues in a multi-stakeholder environment involving civil society organizations
- Receive updates on recent and important developments in the national and international sustainability debate
- Get support and advice on how to integrate the UN Global Compact ten principles into your company's business and how to report on progress
- Develop your business more sustainably and take responsibility for its impact on society, both nationally and internationally

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241*

**Membership Fees:** None. Contributions are voluntary.

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**Background**

Launched in 2002, the Global Compact Network Germany has worked as a business-led multi-stakeholder learning and dialogue platform promoting the UN Global Compact ten principles and spearheading the sustainability agenda in Germany.

The Local Network is an independent entity, managed by a steering committee that is elected by the assembly of participants. The steering committee members represent participating companies (six), non-governmental organizations (two) and ministries (two) as well as three other organizations with advisory functions.

The steering committee decides on strategy, budget and the working programme, which is developed and delivered by the network office. The office and the working programme are supported by the German Government and by donations to the Foundation of the Global Compact Network Germany.

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Global Compact Network Ghana

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Access to capacity-building opportunities
- Assistance in preparing and submitting annual Communication on Progress (COP) reports.
- Access to the extensive knowledge and experience of the United Nations with regard to sustainability and development issues
- Local and global networking opportunities with sustainability-minded businesses
- A facilitation platform for partnership projects aimed at poverty reduction and general improvement in the education, environment and health of Ghanaians
- Increased credibility of corporate responsibility commitment
- The opportunity to engage in collective action and policy dialogues and make a positive contribution to the business environment

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**BACKGROUND**

Hosted within the Ghana Chamber of Mines, the Global Compact Network Ghana, which was launched in January 2002, is a platform for companies, business associations, nongovernmental organizations and trade unions to learn about and promote corporate responsibility and ethical business standards in Ghana. The network promotes the Global Compact principles throughout Ghana and enables participants to share and exchange good business practices and experiences.

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**Membership Fees:** None

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* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Opportunities to network with other businesses that have common aims for sustainable development and responsible entrepreneurship
- The chance to share good practices in the context of the UN Global Compact ten principles
- Training and support from members on the preparation and submission of Communication on Progress (COP) reports
- Opportunities to take part in thematic workshops and conferences
- Platforms for participation in collective action on issues of social and environmental importance
- Consultation and communication with stakeholders
- Collaboration and support of synergies with Government, civil society and academia
- Opportunities to engage with other Global Compact Local Networks – particularly those based in Southeast Europe – to exchange experiences, discuss the localization of global challenges and develop common approaches

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Hellas was launched in 2008. **Mission:** To promote the Global Compact and its principles in Greece, create opportunities for multi-stakeholder collaboration and collective action, and to support the wider United Nations Millennium Development Goals through activities and events that engage stakeholders. The network is hosted by the Hellenic Network for CSR, which has undertaken the coordination of its activities and secretarial support. The Secretariat for the Hellas Network consists of five members: two from the Board of the Hellenic Network for CSR, two other members and a manager who are elected every two years by Global Compact Network Hellas participants.

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**Number of Participants:** 76*

**Membership Fees:** None

**Website:**
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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Opportunities to engage with participants from other Local Networks around the world
- Access to knowledge exchanges and the sharing of best practices through case study webinars presented by active participants
- Invitations to participate in the Arabia CSR Awards and Forum – an annual event that presents a public opportunity for organizations to assess, review and benchmark their corporate responsibility practices
- Opportunities to participate in regional and international conferences as part of a Global Compact Local Network delegation
- Guidance and training on writing and submitting the annual Communication on Progress (COP) using GRI standards recognized by the Global Compact Office

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Local Network Gulf States aims to advance the Global Compact and its principles; to raise local corporate responsibility practices to international benchmarks; to create opportunities for multi-stakeholder dialogue, learning and collective action; and to rally the support and participation of Local Network participants.

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Number of Participants: 74*

Membership Fees:
- Large companies: AED 5000 annually
- Medium companies: AED 3000 annually
- Small companies: AED 2500 annually
- Non-business: Free

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Global ethical framework**: Members become part of the UN Global Compact initiative by embracing universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

- **Induction, training and Communication of Progress (COP)**: Briefing and training activities are provided on implementing the UN Global Compact ten principles and how companies can add to their corporate responsibility activities. Members also receive assistance in preparing their annual COP.

- **Integrated platform**: The network provides a high-impact collective-action platform via knowledge sharing and network meetings, regional events and a national convention at which leaders from all over India meet to explore how collective action can create incentives for ethical business performance as well as some of the most urgent social and environmental challenges of our times. The platform also strengthens corporate citizenship and develops partnership projects towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

- **Publications and electronic communication**: These vehicles create an opportunity for stakeholders to share their best practices to a larger global audience via publication in annual network documents and publicizing them on the UN Global Compact and Global Compact Network India (GCNI) websites.

- **Participation in network governance**: This can include being elected to the Governing Council or becoming a member of specialized subcommittees, which bring varied stakeholders on board.

- **“Collective Action Project on Anti-Corruption and Green Economy”**: This effort provides a platform at the country level where stakeholders can address corruption-related issues. Furthermore, it acts as a forum for sharing information and experiences and finding ways to fight corruption and mitigate environmental challenges.

- **Representation in state, national and international forums**: Since GCNI is a membership-driven network, state chapters bring in potential stakeholders who can actively take part in the network’s initiatives.

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network India (GCNI) was formed in New Delhi by UN Global Compact participant companies and other organizations in November 2003 as a non-profit. Functioning within a globally recognized and established initiative, with a pan-India membership base, GCNI provides a vehicle for Indian companies—large, small or medium-sized—academic institutions and civil society organizations to work together to strengthen responsible business initiatives.

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Number of Participants:
107*

Membership Fees:
- Corporate entities: USD 481
- Small and medium-sized enterprises: USD 96
- Institutions and associations: USD 192
- Nongovernmental organizations: USD 96

Website:
www.globalcompactindia.org

* As of April 2012
Global Compact Network Indonesia

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Engaging with a network of Global Compact signatories based locally and internationally
- Establishing and implementing collective action initiatives to achieve common goals
- Participating in policy dialogues related to implementation of the ten principles
- Attending seminars, trainings, workshops and other sessions at which members share their experiences
- Building credibility by sharing Communications on Progress (COPs)
- Demonstrating leadership by advancing responsible corporate citizenship locally
- Improving employee morale and productivity as a result of implementing the ten principles
- Gaining access to broader UN resources related to development and country case studies
- Promoting products and services at Local Network gatherings

ACTIVITIES

- **Policy Dialogues:** The Local Network frequently holds multistakeholder dialogue sessions about a number of topics, including the palm oil industry, among others.
- **Awareness Raising:** The network disseminates case studies about growing inclusive markets and also works on environmental awareness and water projects.
- **Cultural Events:** Local Network participants may attend events similar to large weddings held previously.
- **Volunteerism:** Participants volunteer for projects at schools, often involving technology.
- **Learning:** The Local Network hosts learning activities, for example COP trainings and other regional meetings.

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network Indonesia was established in 2006. It is governed by a Board of Trustees, a Board of Management and a Supervisory Board.

**Vision:** To be a respected agent of change accelerating the advancement of human rights, competitive labour, sustainable environment, and ethical business practices in the country.

**Mission:** Promote, facilitate and implement the UN Global Compact principles in Indonesia.

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Global Compact Network
Iraq

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

● Dialogue and partnership opportunities between the private sector, Government and civil society

● Play an active role in Iraq’s social and economic development, with a particular focus on issues of human rights, labour, environment and transparency

● Improve the image of Iraq among Governments and international business partners

● Network with other companies at the international, regional and national level with an interest in raising business standards and implementing corporate responsibility strategies

● Take part in collective action by Iraqi businesses to strengthen the private sector’s voice in policy dialogues towards economic and legal reform in Iraq

● Participate in learning and training platforms on subjects related to the UN Global Compact principles and private sector development

● Opportunities to share experiences and best practices through ongoing communications such as the Iraq Network Newsletter and website

● Invitations to participate in global events and policy dialogues on sustainability

● Partner with civil society organizations which are engaged in social and economic development projects

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Iraq Network was established in October 2011 as an initiative of UNDP and the Government of Iraq Council of Ministers (COMSEC). The number of UN Global Compact participants in Iraq increased significantly in the months before and after the launch of the network, resulting in a 400% increase in 2011 alone.

The network Steering Committee was elected through a transparent and democratic election process, taking into consideration criteria of inclusiveness by sector, geographic location and gender. The Secretariat of the Iraq Network is currently co-hosted by COMSEC and UNDP Iraq, in coordination with the Network Representative.

Mission: The Iraq Network secretariat aims to act as a focal point for Iraqi signatories of the UN Global Compact by providing a platform for public-private partnerships and dialogue in Iraq. The network is committed to raising responsible business standards, improving the reputation of the country in the business world, and fostering collective action within the private sector and civil society towards greater implementation of the UN Global Compact principles in Iraq.

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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

The network operates as an information platform, providing support and coordination to Italian organizations that resolve to promote the UN Global Compact ten principles and contributing to a more sustainable global economy.

The network:

- Ensures regular exchange of information between the UN Global Compact Office and Italian Network participants;
- Provides opportunities for network participants to share practices and experiences and to discuss issues of mutual interest;
- Develops materials supporting the implementation of and reporting on the UN Global Compact principles;
- Facilitates the development of partnership projects, collective actions and policy dialogues among participants.

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Italy was established in 2001 to raise awareness and promote the UN Global Compact in Italy and its tools and resources for companies undertaking social responsibility.

The Local Network, led by a multi-stakeholder Steering Committee, is represented by a Chairperson and coordinated by a Secretariat.

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**Benefits of Participation**

- Facilitate collaboration and collective action by participating in one of thirteen issue working groups.
- Cultivation of corporate sustainability leadership through participation in various activities such as the Top Executive Dialogue and Study Meeting for Future Business Leaders.

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- Invitations to attend a number of symposiums, workshops, forums and seminars
- Technical support to participants, such as COP training seminars

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**Benefits of Participation**

- **Communication on Progress (COP):** GCNK offers guidance and support to members on compiling and submitting COPs.

- **Improved company profile:** Member companies that have excelled in corporate responsibility through mainstreaming the UN Global Compact principles are recognized via the network’s publications and forums. This gives members a platform for competitive advantage. They also become part of the world’s largest corporate responsibility initiative.

- **Learning and outreach events:** Workshops, and seminars on relevant and current thematic topics are organized regularly for members for free or at subsidized rates. The topics covered include: ethics management, business and human rights.

- **Platform for collective dialogue:** Members stand to benefit from the forums that bring together representatives from Government, business and civil society for dialogue on key issues.

- **Collaborations and partnerships:** Members have the opportunity to engage in collaborations and partnerships, which often yield opportunities for capacity building and awareness.

- **Corporate sustainability services:** The network offers fee-based firm level advisory services to companies with regard to the four issues areas of the UN Global Compact – human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

**Background**

The Global Compact Network Kenya (GCNK) was launched in 2005 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Kenya office and was handed over to the private sector in 2009. At that point, the Local Network Secretariat moved to the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), which hosts the network along with the two other large private-sector organizations in Kenya (the Kenya Private Sector Alliance and the Federation of Kenya Employers) as well as UNDP-Kenya.

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**Membership Fees:** None

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* As of April 2012
**Benefits of Participation**

- **Sustainability Hub**: The network promotes corporate responsibility across Korean society by serving as a Sustainability Hub.
- **Symposiums, Forums and Meetings**: Corporate responsibility symposiums and forums – including quarterly CEO break meetings – held regularly, provide a platform for social dialogue, the exchange of experiences and networking.
- **Bi-annual Global CSR Conference**: The network organizes biannual Global CSR Conferences to promote corporate responsibility in the region.
- **News on the UN Global Compact and Corporate Responsibility Issues**: Members receive updates via biweekly newsletters.
- **Assistance in Developing a Communication on Progress (COP)**: COP workshops take place regularly to introduce policies and share best practices.

**Background:**

The Global Compact Network Korea was launched in 2007 as an independent legal entity and consists of a Board, Steering Committee, Advisory Committee, Secretariat and Research Center. Based on the UN Global Compact ten principles, the Local Network’s mission is to promote corporate responsibility values and ensure it is on the mainstream agenda in Korea. The network endeavors to reach this goal through information sharing, value awards, research, education, and global and domestic networking.

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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- **Council:** Every member has the opportunity to join the Council and work towards advancing the international corporate responsibility and sustainability agenda.

- **Communication on Progress (COP):** Individual coaching sessions to help members prepare their COPs are provided.

- **Seminars:** The network organizes public and internal seminars that highlight one or more of the UN Global Compact ten principles.

- **Information:** Members are regularly informed of local, national and international events, corporate responsibility policies and methods of incorporating corporate responsibility into business strategies.

- **Integration:** Local network members are active in the corporate responsibility policymaking process at the national level as the network is viewed as part of the national corporate responsibility platform.

- **Publicity:** Members are invited to actively communicate to advance UN Global Compact issues. The network offers support for introducing the media to corporate responsibility and sustainability issues.

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**BACKGROUND**

The UN Global Compact was introduced to businesses in Latvia in 2001, and the Global Compact Network Latvia was founded in 2002. In 2005 the Employers' Confederation of Latvia began coordinating the Local Network, which is a voluntary platform. The network was renewed in 2011. The chairman of the network Council is elected for a three-year period, and the council consists of 12 members and a few associate members from various nongovernmental organizations.
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

Bringing together like-minded companies and organizations, the network provides services to its members by:

- Supporting UN Global Compact signatories in implementing responsible business principles in their policies and practices through a wide range of methodological tools, trainings, seminars, discussions and publications;
- Serving as an intermediary between Lithuanian signatories and the UN Global Compact office in New York;
- Providing a learning and experience exchange platform for members;
- Organizing outreach events to promote UN Global Compact principles and corporate responsibility practices;
- Mobilizing resources and expertise for projects that support members in implementing the UN Global Compact principles in a strategic and practical way;
- Operating as a platform for collective action with government, business and civil society on broader issues of sustainability and responsible business in Lithuania;
- Benefiting from cooperation with other networks in Europe and globally.

The network is an official partner with the Lithuanian Government in implementing the National Strategy for CSR Promotion, as well as a partner in the National Responsible Business Award. It also organizes and supports international conferences on creating shared value, socially responsible employers, volunteering, energy and innovations related to corporate responsibility and climate change. The network provides online tools for preparing the Communication on Progress (COP), a corporate responsibility self-assessment and Gender Equality Index self-assessment tools.

**BACKGROUND**

Officially launched on 14 April 2005, the Global Compact Network Lithuania operates as an entirely voluntary initiative. The Local Network emerged from the Initiative on Responsible Business Group, established at the “Responsible Business in Society” conference hosted by Lithuanian President H.E. Valdas Adamkus, in autumn 2004. The network is chaired by a company member, elected on a rotating basis, that leads network activities, facilitates and provides a site for monthly meetings, represents the network to the public, maintains the network website, and ensures the Secretariat functions. Network decisions are made by consensus.

**Mission:** The Local Network aims to promote the development of responsible business as a condition for sustainable development in Lithuania. The network’s purpose is to exchange knowledge, experience and innovations and organize joint learning forums, thereby improving business strategies and implementing joint projects for the benefit of business and society. Companies and organizations that believe in sustainable development and responsible business, respect employees’ human and labour rights, protect the environment, are against corruption and take interest in developing sustainable business strategies, as well as civil society, may become network members after officially joining the UN Global Compact.

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Global Compact Network Macedonia

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Improve business relations and networking
- Foster cooperation among business entities and civil society organizations on corporate responsibility issues
- Take part in same-sector or cross-sector initiatives and projects dedicated to particular social issues
- Receive support in developing corporate responsibility practices and reporting
- Share information, experience and knowledge of good practices on the local, regional and international level
- Participate in workshops, seminars, mentoring opportunities, information sessions on the Communication on Progress (COP), meetings to boost network membership and the annual conference
- Promote corporate responsibility activities through the quarterly electronic network newsletter and the network website
- Establish thematic working groups, develop proposals for joint projects and work on joint initiatives

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Macedonia was founded in 2004 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The Local Network is managed by a Steering Committee, primarily composed of participants from the business sector. The network Secretariat is based at the Association Konekt. Additional committees and working groups are created when necessary. The network develops annual plans which are the basis of its ongoing work.

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**Number of Participants:** 17*

**Membership Fees:**
There are no obligatory membership fees. Members contribute on a voluntary basis.

* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- **Regional Activities**: Invitations to regional conferences on implementing the UN Global Compact principles and supporting broader UN goals
- **Sustainability Knowledge Hub**: Capacity building and sharing best practices through workshops, publications and training
- **Increasing Partnerships**: Forging links and initiating partnerships with other stakeholders
- **Leadership**: Demonstrating leadership by advancing responsible corporate citizenship in the business community
- **Communication on Progress (COP)**: Assistance and guidance in preparing COPs and related materials
- **Global and Regional Collaborations**: Benefiting from collaborating with other networks on specific topics
- **Access to Global Sustainability Knowledge**: Gaining access to the broad knowledge on sustainability and developmental issues available via the United Nations

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Malaysia, launched in 2008, is now an independent legal entity under the Malaysian Registrar of Society’s Act. With the core objective of advancing corporate sustainability in Malaysia, the Local Network actively promotes the Global Compact ten principles. The Local Network is managed by a Contact Person who is appointed by the Steering Committee composed of representatives of multinational corporations, a Global Compact LEAD company, local publicly listed companies, small and medium-sized enterprises and civil society.

*As of April 2012*
Global Compact Network Mexico

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**
- Participation in dialogue events
- Workshops on the UN Global Compact Management Model and the Communication on Progress (COP)
- Individual coaching on preparing the COP
- Network newsletter
- Brand presence in publications developed by the network
- Participation in the General Assembly of Local Networks
- Opportunity to become a committee member

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**BACKGROUND**
The governance model of the Global Compact Network Mexico comprises three entities: the network participants, the Executive Committee and the Local Network Office for Mexico. The network is hosted by the Regional Office of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

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**Number of Participants:**
286*

**Membership Fees:** Based on a company’s annual revenue and size

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* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

By joining the network, members have the opportunity to:

- Participate in the National CSR Forum, where members present their experiences and practices;
- Access seminars, trainings, workshops and experience sharing;
- Take part in Asia Pacific regional network meetings as well as in the Annual Local Network Forum;
- Network with foreign corporate responsibility specialists and researchers;
- Receive corporate responsibility consulting services and publications;
- Benefit from a 20 per cent discount on Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI) service fees;
- Be considered for nomination in the Excellence in CSR Awards at the MNCCI.

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Mongolia was founded in 2006 at the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI). The Local Network’s mission is to promote responsible business as a condition for sustainable development in Mongolia. The network’s purpose is to exchange knowledge, experience and innovations and to organize joint learning forums, with the aim of improving business strategies and implementing joint projects for the benefit of society.

Companies and organizations that believe in sustainable development and responsible business, respect employees’ human and labour rights, protect the environment, are against corruption, are interested in developing sustainable business strategies, as well as civil society, may become members of the network after officially becoming a signatory of the UN Global Compact.

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172*

**Membership Fees:** None

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BEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Consulting:** Corporate responsibility advisory services, including strategy and policy development
- **Co-financing:** Access to the public-private-partnership fund of GIZ, which is hosted by the network
- **Collective Action:** Facilitation of industry-wide responsible business initiatives
- **Cooperation:** Networking and sharing of best practices through workshops, publications, business breakfasts and training
- **Communication:** Production of an annual report that captures and showcases member companies’ contribution to development and advancing public understanding of the private sector’s role in achieving Vision 2030 – Namibia’s national development plan – through quarterly newsletters and assisting companies as they apply to the UN Global Compact and communicate on progress

**BACKGROUND**

Founded in 2008, the Global Compact Network Namibia (GCNN) is hosted by the Namibian Employers Federation and financially supported by the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

**Mission:** The Namibia Network calls on companies to embrace, support and implement, within their sphere of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption. Its main objective is to advance corporate sustainability and responsible business in Namibia.

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Information Sharing:** Participating companies meet regularly for information sharing on topics including labour, climate change, peacebuilding and other issues affecting Nepalese businesses.

- **Networking Opportunities:** Participants take part in workshops and national and international conferences with opportunities for networking and exposure.

- **Stakeholder Partnership:** The network aims to engage with the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry’s (FNCCI) corporate responsibility initiatives, including SmartPaani, a programme for rain harvesting, and the Business Coalition on AIDS in Nepal, which raises awareness of HIV/AIDS in the workplace. Participating companies are encouraged to drive these types of initiatives targeted to the private sector.

- **Communication on Progress (COP):** Trainings and one-on-one meetings are held to support companies in submitting Communications on Progress (COPs).

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network Nepal was launched in 2003 with the support of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI), the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Hosted by the FNCCI, the network is governed by a Board and Steering Committee.

**Vision:** To create an enabling environment for sustainable business and inclusive economic opportunities for all.

**Mission:** The network seeks to: raise awareness of responsible business practices; help companies internalize the UN Global Compact principles; engage in peacebuilding initiatives in the business sector; and foster partnerships amongst stakeholders.

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Number of Participants: 40*

Membership Fees: None

* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

As part of a network often consulted by the Dutch government and the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW), participants have the opportunity to engage with the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative, benefit from support and advice, and take part in meetings and concrete projects.

- **Support and Advice**
  - Peer review on Communications on Progress (COPs)
  - Possibility of small and confidential round table meetings on specific business dilemmas

- **Meetings**
  - An annual corporate sustainability conference
  - Workshops on human rights risk assessments and supply chain management
  - Small meetings for new participants

- **Concrete Projects**
  - Business & Human Rights: an initiative aimed at giving guidance on corporate human rights policies
  - Partnering for Prosperity: a project that seeks to reduce poverty and hunger by forming local partnerships with small farmers
  - A developing network discussing good practices for eradicating child labor

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**BACKGROUND**

Launched in 2007 by a group of Netherlands-based signatories of the UN Global Compact, the Dutch Network continues to evolve and became an association in November 2011. The network is governed by a Board consisting of representatives of member-companies, advisors and an independent chairman. A Secretariat has been established within the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW).
### BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Technical support:** The network provides training on the Communication on Progress (COP) and sector-specific topics to help participants implement the UN Global Compact ten principles. Participants can build capacity to engage in international discourse by attending global and regional conferences and workshops organized by the network, the UN Global Compact and partners.

- **Collective action and policy dialogue:** Bringing together government and private sector representatives, the network coordinates collective action and policy dialogue activities with the aim of discussing issues of local and global concern, creating an enabling environment for corporate sustainability, and encouraging policies that incentivize sustainable corporate actions.

- **Partnerships with other stakeholders:** The network strives to facilitate partnerships and collaborations between network participants in areas where they have mutual interests.

- **Localizing global challenges:** The network seeks to contextualize global discourse on corporate sustainability and encourages members to engage in global conversations.

- **Enterprise promotion and mentorship:** Participants have the opportunity to promote business activities, network with other participants, and find mentors or mentees.

- **Improved reputation and competitive advantage:** Participants demonstrate their sustainability leadership through voluntary engagement with the UN Global Compact and the network seeks to recognize their efforts.

- **Access to global tools:** In order to help participants integrate international best practices into their skill sets, the network provides training on global tools and best practices.

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### BACKGROUND

Launched in 2006 and hosted within the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, the Global Compact Network Nigeria is managed by a Steering Committee of 14 members.

### LONG TERM GOALS

- Enhancing the visibility of collective action and policy dialogues in Nigeria
- Increasing participation in the network by publicizing its value for existing and new members
- Establishing corporate sustainability standard practice for businesses in Nigeria

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**Representative:**
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**Number of Participants:** 30*

**Membership Fees:** None

* As of April 2012
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Two annual meetings to facilitate knowledge sharing under Chatham House Rules;
- A mentor programme where experienced UN Global Compact signatories are matched with less experienced ones to provide inspiration and guidance on integrating the ten principles and communicating progress;
- Collective actions such as the compilation of corporate best practices on various topics including climate change; and
- Policy dialogues similar to past meetings, such as an event where chief executives from Nordic Caring for Climate signatory companies shared their goals, initiatives and best practices for addressing climate change with the UN Secretary-General and the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation.

**BACKGROUND**

Founded in 2002, the Global Compact Nordic Network is comprised of business signatories of the UN Global Compact from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland and Greenland. The network meets biannually for discussions, under Chatham House Rules, aimed at fostering mutual learning.

The network is business-driven and requires that the majority of its members be from the private sector. In January 2012 the network began a two-year trial allowing non-business signatories to join and subsequently will decide whether to permanently remain a multistakeholder network. Governance of the network is handled by a contact person appointed for a two-year term by the Steering Committee, which is made up of one to two business representatives from each Nordic country and national coordinators.

**Objectives:** The main objective of the Nordic Network is to provide a relevant learning platform and a valuable forum for inspiration and exchanging of experiences. Another important role is promoting the UN Global Compact by facilitating collective action and policy dialogue. Encouraging companies to engage at the local level supports their implementation of the Global Compact principles and strengthens their relationships with other Nordic signatories.

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140*

**Membership Fees:** € 650

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Provides** knowledge, information and ideas for promoting the UN Global Compact principles and integrating them into the culture of participating organizations;
- **Liaises** between member organizations, the Local Network, regional networks, the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the UN Global Compact Office to disseminate information on national, regional and global developments in UN Global Compact initiatives;
- **Invites** participants to international conferences, seminars and workshops;
- **Arranges training programmes** for beginner and advanced participants on topics, such as the Communication on Progress (COP) and the Investors for Development strategic planning kit, among other topics;
- **Assists** member organizations in preparing COPs;
- **Coordinates** “Business Talk CSR” meetings for companies to share experiences, progress and practices;
- **Organizes** the annual “Living the Global Compact Responsible Business” award that gives national and international recognition to UN Global Compact champion companies in Pakistan;
- **Collects** case studies of best practices by companies for wide dissemination among business and academia;
- **Offers** corporate sustainability advisory services through a team of professionally trained experts;
- **Encourages** engagement in platforms such as Caring for Climate; the Principles for Responsible Investment; Principles for Responsible Management Education; the Children’s Rights and Business Principles; and Women’s Empowerment Principles – that foster dialogue and collective action between Government, business, academia and civil society; and
- **Acts** as a sustainability action hub to facilitate transformative actions and solutions impacting issues such as corruption, as well as environment and connect its members to other companies with advanced corporate sustainability performance.

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Pakistan is an independent legal entity hosted within the Employers Federation of Pakistan. It is governed by a Steering Committee of 25 members elected by the general membership of the network. The Steering Committee oversees a Secretariat with 12 sub-committees that manage operational activities.

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**Representative:**
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**Number of Participants:** 94*

**Membership Fees:**
- Large enterprises (more than 150 employees): Rs 20,000 Entrance Fee, Rs. 5000 Annual Fee
- Medium enterprises (50-150 employees): Rs. 5000 Entrance Fee, Rs. 3000 Annual Fee
- Small enterprises (less than 50 employees): Rs. 3000 Entrance Fee, Rs. 1000 Annual Fee
- Others: Rs. 5000 Entrance Fee, Rs. 3000 Annual Fee

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Capacity building activities:** The Local Network holds monthly executive forums and roundtables, site visits to organizations demonstrating best practices, and workshops and seminars on responsible business and the UN Global Compact principles. The network also extends invitations to national and international meetings.

- **Assessment tools:** Members have access to an online self-assessment tool – Indicarseto – aligned with the Global Compact principles and ISO 26000, for which the network offers training and advice for implementing its recommended best practices. Other specialized tools for measuring environmental impact and other social ratios are also available to help companies better understand and consider changing their processes or consumption habits in order to become more sustainable.

- **Information, publications and tools:** The network disseminates information about the Global Compact Management Model; supports companies in preparing Communications on Progress (COPs); and gives general advice on environmental and social issues.

- **International initiatives, networks and projects:** SumaRSE is part of international responsible business networks including INTEGRARSE, FORUM EMPRESA and the Panama Chapter of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. Through these organizations, participants have the opportunity to engage with regional projects such as “CSR in the Supply Chain”, “Business and Climate Change” and “Alliance for Zero Poverty in Companies”, and be considered for international case studies and best practice awards.

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BACKGROUND

Hosted by SumaRSE, a corporate responsibility organization, the Global Compact Network Panama has been legally registered as a non-profit organization since 2002.

Mission

The network aims to facilitate the implementation of the UN Global Compact principles as a competitive advantage, contributing to sustainability and social and economic growth in Panama.
Global Compact Network Paraguay

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Invitation to the annual general assembly of the Local Network
- Access to broad UN knowledge of development issues and country cases
- Access to information about the Regional Center for the Support of the Global Compact in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Opportunities to initiate partnerships with other stakeholders
- Sharing best practices
- Assistance from the network, including information and advisory services related to the UN Global Compact requirements and guidance in preparing Communications on Progress (COPs) and related materials
- Access to seminars, trainings, workshops and knowledge exchange

**NETWORK ACTIVITIES**

Events are frequently in the format of workshops or thematic debates on a topic relevant to the four issue areas of the UN Global Compact – Human Rights, Labour, Environment, Anti-Corruption. These meetings are organized in a multi-stakeholder setting and in cooperation with academia, when possible.

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**BACKGROUND**

Launched in 2006, the Local Network Paraguay is an independent legal entity that promotes the UN Global Compact principles, the Millennium Development Goals and growth in the number of organizations working towards these goals. It aims to enhance corporate sustainability in Paraguay. The network has adopted a formal organizational structure and is led by a Steering Committee with ten members from companies, NGOs, academia and the local chamber and an executive Secretary.

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Number of Participants: 45*
Membership Fees:
- Business (large companies): USD 1,200
- Business (small and medium enterprises): USD 600
- Civil Society (international and local) and Education Institutions: USD 600

* As of April 2012
BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Demonstrating commitment to corporate sustainability
- Competitive advantage in matters of corporate responsibility
- Tools to develop practical solutions to overcome globalization challenges, advance sustainable development and corporate responsibility, and implement the UN Global Compact principles
- Participation in multi-stakeholder events and meetings, where knowledge, partnership and best practices can be shared
- Promotion of the best practices of the network members to the general public and all stakeholders
- Participation in a worldwide network of businesses committed to advancing United Nations goals related to development and corporate responsibility
- Support in preparing Communications on Progress (COPs)

NETWORK ACTIVITIES

- Conferences and events to raise awareness, make the business case for implementing the UN Global Compact principles, and expand the number of UN Global Compact signatories and network participants
- Publication of materials targeted to local exporting companies and industries explaining how adhering to the UN Global Compact principles contributes to competitiveness in the global market

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BACKGROUND

Established informally in 2006, the Global Compact Network Portugal was officially launched in 2010. Hosted by APEE – Associação Portuguesa de Ética Empresarial – the network is managed by a multi-stakeholder steering committee of three individuals. The network has held a series of events, including a conference and petition against corruption, “Global Compact Day”, the “New Era of Sustainability” conference and brochure launch, and a public ceremony for new UN Global Compact signatories.

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Membership Fees:
EUR 250 per year

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* As of April 2012


**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:**

- **Tools and resources:** Participants can access information, practical tools, and UN expertise and knowledge on a range of issues including the UN Guiding Principles on business and human rights, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) guidelines and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 26000.

- **Dialogues and events:** Participants can exchange experiences and best practices and engage in multi-stakeholder dialogue with the business community, civil society, Government and the UN on topics including business and indigenous peoples and eliminating corruption.

- **Exhibition of non-financial reports:** Participants can improve their national and international competitive advantage through public commitment to the UN Global Compact principles and enhance their credibility and reputation among stakeholders worldwide by reporting publicly.

- **Annual Local Networks Forums:** The network establishes partnerships with outside organizations, including Asian and European networks and strengthens relations with stakeholders at the national and regional levels, including in Commonwealth of Independent States countries.

- **Network newsletter:** Quarterly, Russian participants share experiences and show best practices in electronic and printed materials.

**PRIORITY AREAS AND INITIATIVES**

- Implementing and advancing the UN Global Compact ten principles
- Institutionally developing the network
- Disseminating best practices and results achieved by participants in Russian and international business communities

**BACKGROUND**

The UN Global Compact was officially introduced in Russia in November 2001, and the Global Compact Network Russia was launched in December 2008. The General Assembly, the Local Network’s highest governance body, defines the network’s priorities and approves its annual reports and plans. The network operates via a Steering Committee, which is composed of nine participants: three permanent members (representatives of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Economic Development), one non-governmental organization, and five private sector participants elected by the General Assembly. The Chairperson of the Steering Committee is elected by the Steering Committee and officially represents the network. The Chairperson has two deputies from the Steering Committee: one from RSPP and another from UNDP. The Secretariat, the network’s executive body, is hosted by the UNDP Project Support Office in Russia and sponsored by network participants. The Secretariat operates according to UNDP rules and regulations.

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**Membership Fees:**
None; voluntary private contribution only

* As of April 2012


**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Engaging in collective action and policy dialogue
- Initiating partnerships with other stakeholders
- Discussing global challenges and competitive advantages related to the local context
- Organizing and participating in thematic seminars and workshops
- Engaging in regional meetings of the European Local Networks
- Gathering information and ideas about implementing the UN Global Compact ten principles
- Sharing best practices
- Improving reputation and enterprise promotion
- Supporting the ongoing efforts of eight working groups – Social Inclusion; Anti-Corruption; Corporate Social Responsibility in Banking and Finance; Education and the Development of Corporate Social Responsibility; Environment; Media; Support in Emergency Situations; and Labour Rights – as well as the creation of new ones

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**BACKGROUND**

The network has adopted a formal organizational structure and governing policies. It is overseen by a Steering Committee of five members (Erste Bank, Eurobank EFG, Lafarge, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, and Smart Kolektiv) and its Secretariat, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia, which also hosts the network.
BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- The network’s objectives are to promote sustainability and corporate responsibility, as well as raise awareness of the UN Global Compact.
- A key achievement has been to increase membership by 60 per cent since 2009.
- Future plans for the organization include more capacity-building training sessions, greater targeted involvement of companies in the UN Global Compact and further outreach by our Membership Manager.
- Members receive information and advisory services on UN Global Compact requirements and structure. They also get assistance and guidance in writing and preparing their Communication on Progress (COP) and related materials.
- Participants can access information and best practices through the Knowledge Sharing System, which is a global repository of network activities. Members can also tap into the extensive knowledge and experience with sustainability and development issues offered by the United Nations.
- Members receive invitations to the annual conference on corporate responsibility and notifications of related events by like-minded organizations.
- Companies can make partnership connections and collaborate with other members and partners from various stakeholder groups, including United Nations agencies, civil society, labour and government agencies, and other non-business interests.
- Participation can improve a company’s corporate and brand management, boost employee morale and productivity, and increase operational efficiencies.
- Membership fosters opportunities to link developing and emerging markets from business units and subsidiaries within Global Compact Local Networks worldwide.
- Joining the network also provides engagement opportunities related to specialized work streams in the environmental, social and governance realms.

BACKGROUND

The Singapore Compact for CSR acts as the national focal point for the Global Compact in Singapore. The Singapore Compact is a not-for-profit multi-stakeholder and membership-based organization.

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Membership Fees:
- Associate members: $100
- Institutional and corporate small- and medium-sized organizations (SMEs): $150
- Corporate non-SME members: $250
Website: www.csrsingapore.org

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION
- Opportunities to engage in collective action and policy dialogue
- Access to information about corporate sustainability initiatives worldwide
- Learning opportunities through seminars and workshops to facilitate knowledge exchange
- Guidance for implementing the UN Global Compact principles
- Assistance in preparing Communications on Progress (COPs)

PAST ACTIVITIES
- Business leaders driving the UN Global Compact in Slovakia work to address local issues, including reducing barriers to employment for disadvantaged groups, promoting greater environmental responsibility and fighting corruption.
- Network participants participated in the development and testing of a corporate responsibility self-assessment tool.
- A working group formed within the network initiated dialogue on the preparation of the national strategy for CSR support and presented drafts for public discussion.

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BACKGROUND
Initiated in September 2008 with an aim to advance corporate sustainability, the Global Compact Network Slovakia launched under the auspices of the Deputy Prime Minister for Knowledge-Based Society, European Affairs, Human Rights and Minorities. The multi-stakeholder network has a formal organizational structure and governing policies. Its Secretariat is hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bratislava Regional Center and its Steering Committee consists of three members elected annually.
**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Spring and fall networking meetings focused on pressing topics, featuring local and global best practices and cross-sectorial dialogues, and drawing high-level participants including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and the President of the Republic of Slovenia
- Collective action projects developed via dialogues with Government agencies, such as the Governmental Commission for Anti-Corruption and the Court of Audit
- Support in developing Communications on Progress (COPs) and other sustainability reports
- Educational seminars
- Special events and projects, such as HORUS – National Corporate Social Responsibility Award and an annual Bled Forum on Europe

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Slovenia was founded in 2007 with support from the President and Dean of IEDC-Bled School of Management, which continues to serve as its Secretariat. The goal of the Global Compact Network Slovenia is to help companies understand the strategic opportunities related to implementing sustainable and socially responsible practices, particularly with regard to increasing the overall competitiveness of the Slovenian economy and contributing to the development of a sustainable and inclusive global future.

Established as a business association, the network is governed by a Supervisory Board, appointed by the General Assembly of the network, and managed by the Secretariat.

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**Membership Fees:**
EUR 100

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

The Global Compact Network South Africa (GCNSA) is a collective platform of UN Global Compact signatories and other entities interested in advancing the UN Global Compact principles. The GCNSA:

- Brings together participants for collective action on sustainability;
- Acts as a bridge between business signatories and other key sustainability actors such as Government, academic institutions and civil society organizations;
- Promotes sustainability action across entire value chains;
- Assists signatories with Communications on Progress (COPs);
- Provides sustainability thought leadership to members; and
- Creates a trusted platform for peer learning, sharing and networking.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES:
Voluntary contributions

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BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network South Africa was launched in 2007 and is governed by a business-led, multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee. The GCNSA is hosted by the National Business Initiative (NBI), a voluntary coalition of national and multi-national companies working towards sustainable development.

NETWORK ACTIVITIES
- Bi-annual Advisory Committee meetings at the NBI Johannesburg
- An annual members meeting
- Sector dialogues on anti-corruption
- Implementation of Integrity Pacts in key projects against corruption
- Sector engagement and learning on supply chain sustainability

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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Participation in Global Compact Network Spain activities including:
  - Square Tables that provide forums for discussion with the goal of reaching consensus on a defined issue
  - Implementation Cases that promote and demonstrate good practices linked to the UN Global Compact principles
  - Online Workshops to facilitate discussion and exchange of experiences on selected issues
  - Working Group Meetings where representatives combine their expertise to develop practical guidance on various issues
- Access to a tool specifically for SME reporting
- Interaction with other Spanish signatories and the UN Global Compact Office in New York through the network’s intermediation
- Sharing and publication of good practices on the network website
- Invitation to the annual general assembly of the Global Compact Network Spain
- Support in preparing the Communications on Progress (COPs), including individual coaching sessions, online workshops, a practical video guide, a Spanish COP template formatted for the Differentiation Programme, and information connecting the Spanish template indicators with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) metrics

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Spain is an independent legal entity launched in 2005. It is managed by a steering committee with a chairman, two deputy chairmen, a secretary, a vice secretary, a treasurer and 15 directors elected by the network’s general assembly. The steering committee has representatives from large companies, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), the public sector, educational entities and NGOs. The association follows the rules of the Spanish legislature; each year the general assembly votes on budgetary issues and resolutions and nominates the steering committee.

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1286*

**Membership Fees:**
- Listed companies with more than 250 employees: EUR 4000
- Non-listed companies with more than 250 employees: EUR 2000
- Companies and institutions with less than 260 employees: EUR 600
- Companies and institutions with less than 10 employees: EUR 300

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

● **Sustainability Knowledge Hub:** A quarterly event involving key speakers on the area of sustainability. Member companies will be given ten free invitations to attend this event.

● **Annual Asian Sustainability Forum:** A yearly sustainability event to be held in Sri Lanka in 2012. Member companies will be given an opportunity to participate and present their best case practices at this event.

● **Internalization and awareness programme:** A workshop on the UN Global Compact principles for senior management (CEO, Board, etc.)

● **Communication on Progress (COP):** Assistance for members in completing timely COPs and the provision of guidance and advice if needed. The network also offers comprehensive COP training for companies that wish to create awareness internally. (This training will be fee-based and available on request.)

● **Possible recognition for member companies:** The potential to be mentioned in network communication forums, website or newsletters for select companies.

● **Corporate Sustainability Advisory Services:** Advisory services for companies seeking support and guidance on increasing long-term shareholder value to drive financial performance and enhance social and environment issues using the UN Global Compact corporate sustainability framework and Tools. (This service is available on request and will be fee-based.)

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**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Ceylon (GCNC) is an independent legal entity as of April 2011 and consists of a Board and Steering Committee.

**Vision:** To drive corporate sustainability with global credibility, which will help position Sri Lankan businesses committed to embedding UN Global Compact principles on a global platform.

**Mission:** To sustainably drive Sri Lanka’s economic growth.

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**Membership Fees:**
Based on the company’s annual revenue

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Global Compact Network Switzerland

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

Bringing together Swiss signatories of the UN Global Compact, the Global Compact Network Switzerland provides services to its members by:

- Supporting UN Global Compact signatories in meeting obligations;
- Acting as an intermediary between Swiss signatories and the UN Global Compact Office in New York;
- Organizing or supporting events that serve as a learnings platform for members seeking to engage in peer learning as well as for non-members seeking to implement the UN Global Compact principles and broader United Nations goals;
- Facilitating collective action by bringing together different actors from Government, business, civil society and academia;
- Presenting opportunities to collaborate with other Local Networks; and
- Extending invitations to Regional Network Meetings in Europe, as well as the global Annual Local Network Forum.

**NETWORK ACTIVITIES**

The Swiss Network strives to add value for participants through activities held in a small, confidential setting. The network organizes four events per year – three regular events and one larger event that incorporates the General Assembly of the Swiss Network. The regular events are generally workshops or thematic debates. Events are multi-stakeholder and in cooperation with academia, when possible. Topics include labour norms, supply chain management, an introduction to the UN Global Compact, and the benefits and risks of partnering with public and nonprofit entities.

**BACKGROUND**

Dedicated to the mission and objectives of the UN Global Compact, the Global Compact Network Switzerland links the corporate responsibility, sustainability and corporate citizenship efforts of its members with the UN Global Compact community worldwide and contributes to these efforts in Switzerland. The Local Network is a legal entity registered since February 2011 as an association under the Swiss Civil Code. The network’s Board governs its activities, and consists of six business members: four multinational enterprises and two small- and medium-sized enterprises. The association’s registered office is located at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Switzerland, which hosts the Secretariat. Since the Swiss Network sees itself as being “business-driven”, it welcomes companies to contribute input and host events.

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**Membership Fees:**

- Regular members: 1,000 CHF for full membership; voting rights; participation in all the meetings
- Associate business and non-business members: 250 CHF for limited membership with no voting rights; regular participation; information sharing
- Guests (partners and friends): no membership; no voting rights; ad hoc invitations to relevant meetings

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**Global Compact Network Syria**

**Benefits of Participation**

- Exchange experiences and good practices with other participants
- Participate in community development projects
- Be involved in advocacy and resource mobilization for the design, formulation and implementation of development projects
- Represent the Local Network at domestic and global events
- Individual training available for companies on preparing the Communication on Progress (COP)
- Be a part of a network of companies who upholds internationally accepted standards
- Access to the Syria Network monthly newsletter which includes current Global Compact news, upcoming events, and COP deadlines

**Background**

The Global Compact Network Syria was launched in July 2008, and aims to enhance civic engagement and corporate responsibility in the private sector by promoting the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, and by forging partnerships between private sector organizations, public sector institutions and civil society. The Syria Local Network is represented by the Planning and International Cooperation Commission and the UNDP.

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BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- The network is a platform for bringing together top corporate management teams in Uganda to address corporate responsibility and sustainability.
- The network has created a forum for companies to come together, discuss and share experiences and also implement joint sustainability and corporate responsibility projects in the spirit of cooperation rather than competition.
- The UN Global Compact requirement that members must complete a Communication on Progress (COP) encourages companies to develop professional reports that measure what they have implemented and attained.
- Participants attend benchmark sessions focusing on corporate responsibility projects currently in progress or previously implemented by member companies.
- Participants can get involved in initiatives, meetings and activities organized by UN Global Compact partners that visit Uganda.
- Member companies host steering committee meetings on a rotating basis, creating a forum for sharing best practices and experiences. After each meeting, the host company walks participants through its various sustainability activities.
- Members get advice that supports their implementation of corporate responsibility policies and helps them tailor policies in line with the UN Global Compact ten principles.
- Some participants’ sustainability best practices have been recognized in the “Best CSR” category in an annual survey.

BACKGROUND

The Global Compact Network Uganda is hosted by the Federation of Uganda Employers. Its steering committee of seven members is chaired by Georges Tytens, CEO of ENHAS, who is also the network Chair and Representative. Shaffi Manafa oversees the network’s day-to-day operations and also connects with the UN Global Compact Office on matters pertaining to the Local Network.

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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

Below are areas that attract participants from both the private sector and civil society to the network:

- **Learning and capacity-building events:** These cover various aspects of corporate responsibility, e.g., Human Rights and Business Training. With the support of the Global Compact Alliance (companies that provide financial contributions), these events are free for all network members.

- **Collective action:** Network members engage in issue-based working groups to pursue various initiatives of mutual interest. For example, members of the working group on the environment conduct a Business Summit on Climate Change each year as a platform to debate environmental issues and come up with solutions, both within the network and with a wider group of stakeholders (Government, civil society, etc.). Collective action grows into more sustainable partnership relations between the private sector players and network members.

- **Partnerships:** The network’s members take part in a number of partnership initiatives, including with UN agencies and the Government (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, etc). Examples include a partnership on improving health and safety conditions in the mining communities of Ukraine as well as projects in telemedicine, countering human trafficking and youth development.

- **Policy dialogue:** For the majority of companies, this is a compelling reason for participating in the network. In 2009-2011, the network, along with a national corporate organization, created a working group on corporate responsibility strategy in Ukraine under the auspices of the parliamentary committee on industrial policy and entrepreneurship. At the end of 2011, the draft concept was publicly discussed and handed over to the Presidential administration.

**BACKGROUND**

Launched in 2006, the Global Compact Network Ukraine is a semi-formal entity with a Steering Committee, a Global Compact Alliance and a Secretariat, hosted at Kyiv Mohyla Business School. The Steering Committee is elected by the Local Network’s members and is composed of three Ukrainian companies, one multinational, one non-governmental organization, one employers’ organization and one trade union. The Secretariat was formerly represented by the United Nations in Ukraine. The Global Compact Alliance ensures the network’s financial sustainability and has an advisory function in the organizational set-up. (It currently is made up of five companies.)

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205*

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The Global Compact Network United Kingdom

**Benefits of Participation**

- **Network Quarterly Meetings** provide a forum for knowledge exchange, networking and interaction. Meetings focus on the updated Communication on Progress (COP) policy, the value of employee engagement to advance the ten principles, and the UK Bribery Act. Meetings feature expert speakers sharing diverse perspectives and leading discussions on a chosen theme.

- **Outreach Events** are open to non-signatories and provide a platform to address cross-sector audiences. Recent events included a meeting on “Reducing the Cost of Conflict” and a private-sector consultation on the Children’s Rights and Business Principles. The Network also organizes webinars to reach large audiences.

- The network provides members with support through a **COP Peer Review Programme**. Assistance and mentoring are available to help members fulfill the reporting obligation and contribute to raising standards of sustainability reporting and transparency among UK companies.

- The network is a vehicle for **engaging in broader policy debates**. The UK Government, UN – including the UN Global Compact Office - and civil society organizations consult the network to gather private-sector input and advice on major policy developments.

- The network website publicizes members’ support for the UN Global Compact and houses past event reports, news stories, upcoming network and UN Global Compact Office events, and member case studies. The network is also active on Twitter and LinkedIn.

**Background**

The Global Compact Network United Kingdom Representative chairs an Advisory Group, which oversees the Local Network’s strategy and activities. The Group is made up of representatives from large corporations, investors, civil society organizations and the public sector. Self-funded but not an independent legal entity, the network operates under the auspices of the International Business Leaders Forum, which provides the network Secretariat.

**Goals**

The network’s aims to:

- Provide UN Global Compact signatories in the UK with a forum to consider and advance issues of mutual interest;
- Provide a mechanism through which performance and reporting on the UN Global Compact principles can be improved;
- Enable participants to share and exchange good practice and experience;
- Provide input to the UN Global Compact on its future development and activity;
- Promote the UN Global Compact principles throughout the UK business community and worldwide.

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Global Compact Network Uruguay

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Participation in workshops and training on issue identification, networking, good practice sharing and member-only webinars
- Support in developing and submitting a Communication on Progress (COP)
- Visibility through open activities where members present their cases and display logos on network website
- Participation in the annual Latin American & Caribbean meeting held by the UN Global Compact Regional Support Center and the Local Networks Annual Assembly

**BACKGROUND**

During the Inter-American Development Bank’s 7th International CSR Conference held in Uruguay in early December 2009, a group of companies and organizations announced their intention to establish the Global Compact Network Uruguay. On 29 December, a Working Group was created with the support and participation of the local United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office, and the Local Network was officially launched in August 2010. The network is managed by a ten-member board and a six-member Steering Committee. UNDP has a seat on the Board and Steering Committee.

**Mission:**

- Promote the UN Global Compact and its principles in Uruguay;
- Facilitate the implementation of the Global Compact ten principles;
- Create opportunities for developing multi-stakeholder actions aligned with the UN Global Compact principles and other UN initiatives.

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- Between 21 and 100 employees: USD 500
- More than 100 employees: USD 700

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**Benefits of Participation**

- Engage with an established and globally recognized policy framework for the development, implementation and disclosure of environmental, social and governance policies and practices
- Access and utilize the informational resources of the Local Network
- Share information, knowledge, experiences, lessons learned and good practices with other members
- Take part in workshops, conferences, dialogues and events with other stakeholders
- Participate in events with the possibility of being a speaker
- Build reputation and credibility through developing and publicly sharing a Communication on Progress (COP)
- Demonstrate best corporate responsibility practices to other network members
- Promote further cooperation and relationships with other organizations

**Background**

The Global Compact Network Viet Nam (GCNV), launched in 2007, was developed in partnership between the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and the United Nations in Vietnam. The goal of the GCNV is to be a national corporate responsibility center of excellence. The network seeks to identify challenges and solutions related to interactions between business and the community, environment, government and consumers, in order to advance sustainable businesses.

**Mission:** The GCNV aims to assist members in implementing effective corporate responsibility initiatives in Viet Nam and promoting responsible business practices.

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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION**

- Networking with decision makers and relevant stakeholders
- Access to initiatives emerging from public-private partnerships
- Engagement in initiatives such as broad-based wealth creation projects championed by the Zambia Development Agency
- Participation in forums and conferences organized by the government, bilateral aid institutions, UN Agencies, civil society and the private sector through the Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Opportunities for international participants operating in the emerging market of Zambia to share experiences with in-country and international stakeholders
- Training and access to UN Global Compact tools to improve understanding of best practices related to various issues, including Human Rights, Environment, Labour and Gender

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Compact Network Zambia is an independent legal entity, registered in 2002 with the Registrar of Societies. It is hosted by the Institute of Finance and Economics. The Advisory Board has representatives from the Ministries of Labour, Commerce and Industry, civil society organizations, learning institutions and the private sector. The Global Compact Network Zambia aims to facilitate and enhance sustainable cooperation among its members.

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The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact

HUMAN RIGHTS

Principle 1  Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
Principle 2  make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

LABOUR

Principle 3  Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
Principle 4  the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
Principle 5  the effective abolition of child labour; and
Principle 6  the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

ENVIRONMENT

Principle 7  Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
Principle 8  undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
Principle 9  encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Principle 10  Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.