Local Networks Exchange Programme:
This is a call to all Local Network Contact Persons to indicate their interest to participate in the first Local Network Contact Person Exchange Programme being hosted by the Spanish network in Madrid within the first week of March 2011 (8th – 11th March 2011). A select group of 5 or 6 interested contact persons will be hosted by the Spanish Local Network in Madrid for the exchange of ideas, experiences and a dissemination of best practises. For application details and further information, please click this link.

Renewal of Local Networks “Memorandum of Understanding” (MoU) with the Global Compact Office for 2011
The 2011 MoU which accords Local Networks the right to the Global Compact Local Network name and logos are currently being executed and uploaded on the KSS. Local Networks are to update the Knowledge Sharing System (KSS) with their 2010 activities as a pre-condition to receive the 2011 MoU with the GCO.
It has always been assumed that the Network Representative who signs the MoU is authorised through an Annual General Meeting by the participants of the Local Network which also has a Steering Committee. The increased need for information sharing amongst the networks presupposes that Local Networks are more transparent with their governance structure thus it is expected that the KSS update should include the governance structure of the Local Network. For more details on the MoU and the conditions for receiving same, please visit MoU Information and sample letter.

Call for Interest to Participate in the Working Group to review Local Networks “Memorandum of Understanding”
All Local Networks interested in participating in the Working Group to review the current terms of the Local Networks Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Compact Office, please indicate your interest by sending an email to the Regional Manager for your respective region at the Global Compact Office on or before Monday, the 31st of January 2011. The working group will suggest requirements and recommendations that refine the fundamental requirements for a Local Network to be discussed at the ALNF.

Annual Local Networks Forum
The Global Compact ALNF will hold in Cairo, Egypt from the 18th – 19th May 2011. The Local Networks Regional meetings are being planned for Friday the 20th while working group meetings have been scheduled for Monday the 16th and Tuesday 17th May 2011. Additional information on the ALNF will be made available in due course.

UN Global Compact Annual Letter:
In December the Global Compact Office sent the Annual Letter from Georg Kell to all participants (by post to CEOs and by email to Company Contact Points). The letter shares highlights from the past milestone year, which marked the Global Compact’s 10th anniversary. As well, the letter looks ahead to priorities for 2011 and beyond, as we seek to transition from a first decade of experimentation and capacity-building to a second decade of action. The letter is available in all UN languages and Portuguese. Read the Annual Letter.

Local Networks interest in dispatching Global Compact Welcome packages to new participants:
The Global Compact Local Networks interested in receiving the welcome package from the GCO for onward delivery to the new participants as a means of introducing the new participants to the Local Networks to encourage their immediate engagement in their respective networks, please indicate your interest to the Local Networks team at the Global Compact Office at your earliest convenience.

Caring for Climate is launching a global outreach and recruitment campaign in early 2011 in an effort to expand its signatories’ base ahead of the next annual meeting of signatories in May 2011 and many UN processes notably Rio+20 in 2012. The campaign will focus on recruiting climate champions from all sectors as well as clean-tech and renewable energy companies. Special efforts will be made to engage companies in emerging and developing markets. The recruitment campaign will be done in alliance with UNEP, the Climate Neutral Network (CNNet), PRI, and Global Compact Local Networks.

The Global Compact Office would like to request the support of all country networks for this important exercise:
- We are currently compiling a comprehensive list of companies to be invited to join Caring for Climate. We would like to seek your input in identifying theright candidates in your country. We would be grateful if you could send your suggestions to Ms. Meng Liu (luimi@un.org) by 21 January, 2011.
- Draft invitation letters to join Caring for Climate will be shared with local networks by mid-January. Please let us know if you would be able to support us in diffusing the letters to the companies in your country.
### ASIA

**Update on Upcoming Asia Regional Meetings for GCLN Focal Points:**

The meeting will feature:
- The Local Networks Management Toolkit and the use of the KSS
- A presentation and discussion of the Pakistan model for subsidiary engagement
- A presentation of the ASEAN network of networks
- The Presentation and round table discussion on Business Call to Action (BCtA)/Growing Inclusive Market (GIM)
- The Principles for Social Investment (PSI)
- Best practices of local networks and
- Guidance on Responsible Business in Conflict-Affected and High Risk Areas

### LATIN AMERICA

**Local Networks Management Toolkit now available in Spanish**

The Global Compact Local Networks Toolkit, developed by UNGC/Regional Center for the Support of the Global Compact in Latin America and the Caribbean, is now available in Spanish. The toolkit provides a guide for managing Local Networks, compiles information from various Global Compact tools and resources as well as the practical experiences of Local Networks gathered in recent years.

You can see the English and the Spanish version in the new website of the Regional Center: [www.centroregionalpmal.org](http://www.centroregionalpmal.org)"