**Season’s Greetings from the Global Compact Office**

**Rio+20 Update**

**Corporate Sustainability Forum Date**
The Global Compact Corporate Sustainability Forum (CSF) dates have been fixed for the 16th – 18th June 2012. The **BASD Business Day** is scheduled for the 19th of June 2012.

**Local Network Delegations and Events at Rio+20 - Room Reservation Update**
As you come with your delegations to Rio, you are further encouraged as networks to organise events during CSF individually or in collaboration with other local networks (or other stakeholders such as businesses, governments etc). There are now 22 events suggested by networks which can be seen on the updated events overview, let us know if you intend to take the lead on organizing such an event. Click here for the [updated events overview](#).

Contact Javier Bolanos – bolanos@unglobalcompact.net.

**Why Join the Local Network?**
This is a follow up to the call in November for networks to develop a one-page document describing the benefits that new participants will get from joining the network. This is being compiled as an outreach tool and a deliverable during and beyond Rio. Ready for Rio, they will be used at the event and after – as new participants join the GC. We have received some suggestions for one-pagers which you may draw upon as inspiration. Please send us your proposal for a one-pager for your network as soon as possible. Draft Local Network Pitches can be found [here](#).

**Feedback on Two New Working Groups in 2012**
At a number of regional meetings the issue has been raised as to the functions and role of the Global Compact Networks within the overall initiative. In addition, sustainable funding has been a recurring issue over the years. To this end we would like to propose the establishment of two new working groups to be launched in January 2012 (in addition to the functional MOU working group).
As we draft the ToR for these two new WGs we would appreciate any ideas or points of view on the two issues, to ensure that your views are included in the concept note for setting up the two working groups.
Contact: Walid Nagi – Nagi@un.org.

**Global Compact Network Youth Employment Initiatives**
The UN Economic and Social Council – ECOSOC – will hold its annual event on the 27th of February 2012 at the General Assembly in New York. The event focus will be on “Youth Employment”. There will be an opportunity to announce ongoing or new commitments and activities being undertaken globally to address this negative development. We welcome all networks to take advantage of this opportunity to announce any possible new commitments/initiative that you may be aware of from within the network. For more details please view the: [Concept Note], [Brief Event Description] and [Draft Agenda].

**Official Response to “UNGC STAFF MALPRACTICE” Spam Email**
Further to the email sent to most networks and some companies alleging UNGC staff malpractice by someone who for a short while was listed as the Contact Person in Thailand, please find the official response to the email: [GCO reply](#).