Rio+20 Update

**Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum (CSF)** - Windsor Barra Hotel and Conference Center
- The Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum (CSF) will be held on 16\(^{th}\) – 18\(^{th}\) June 2012. An overview of the Forum and be found here: [CSF Overview](#).
- The X Annual Local Network Forum has been fixed for Friday 15\(^{th}\) June 2012, before the CSF.
- The BASD Business Day is scheduled for the 19\(^{th}\) of June 2012. The business day will include a dialogue between business and governments over a lunch event. Agenda and concept for business day are still under discussion.
- The CSF website –[www.compact4rio.org](http://www.compact4rio.org) – will be launched on 16\(^{th}\) January and sessions that will constitute the program will be added to the website on an on-going basis. Sessions will be organized by Global Compact, Local Networks, UN partners and other selected partners.
- **Official Invitation to the CSF** - Beginning next week, the GCO will send invitations to all GC business participants, as well as a select number of non-business stakeholders from global NGOs, business associations, foundations, labour, investors and academia. Please note that NOT all non-business stakeholders will be invited. The draft invitation and sponsorship package can be found here: invitation and sponsorship package.

**Funding for Local Networks**

**Travel subsidy** The GCO is currently exploring opportunities to get extra funds to subsidize travel for local networks coming from Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

**Registration Fee** The Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum relies on sponsorships and contributions from participants. In order to complete the registration process, participants must make a cost covering contribution. The amount varies depending on the type and size of the organization. However, fees will be waived for one participant per network.

**Meeting Rooms for Local Network Events** The GCO will cover the costs associated with the rental of meeting rooms for those events that Local Networks will organize at the CSF.

**Hotel reservation**
A limited number of rooms have been pre-reserved for participants at various hotels in Rio de Janeiro. Hotel information is only once participants have completed registration.

**Local Network Events**
There are now 29 events suggested by networks, [click here](#) to see the updated events overview. Networks that have suggested events are required to confirm their interest to Javier Bolanos (bolanos@unglobalcompact.net). Once the confirmation and required information (Title, approximate length of time, intended audience, conveners, focus & intended outcome) is received, the GCO will work with your LN to integrate your event into the CSF program. The criteria for organizing these events can be found here: [events criteria](#).

**UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)**
GCO highly encourages Local Networks to apply for a consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to allow GC participants – as representatives from the Business and Industry Major Group – to participate in Rio+20, as the Global Compact is an organizing partner of BASD, the official coordinator of this Major Group.

The deadline for submitting the accreditation request is **20 February 2012**.

Note that GC participants interested on attending Rio+20 Conference will have to be registered through either the Local Network or the Global Compact Foundation, but they cannot do it by themselves.

Please view the following explanatory note to know how to obtain accreditation to register participants for Rio+20: [Accreditation and Registration.pdf](#)

In addition, an information note for participants can be found here: [Preliminary Information Note for participants.pdf](#)

**Zero-draft of the outcome document now available**
The zero-draft of the outcome document of the Conference is now available: [Click here](#).
Online Survey for Local Networks as Sustainability Hubs
In conjunction with Bertelsmann Stiftung, the GCO is currently undertaking a study to portray the possibility of governments to support the potential of local networks as forums for collective action and policy dialogue. Many of you have done excellent work in this space and in order to take advantage of the experience and insight you have gained, we ask you to please take a few minutes to fill out this online survey which will be available until the 20th of January 2012! The results will be presented at the CSF to be held in conjunction with the Rio+20 in June. In a high level meeting with government representatives, we plan to make the case for more support from governments towards local networks. Please click in the following link to participate in the survey: Local Networks SH Survey Thank you.

The renewal of the 2012 MOU and update of KSS / The Local Networks Annual Review
The renewal of the 2012 MOU between the GCO and the Local Networks will take place by the end of January 2012. We would like to remind you to update the KSS with all documentation and data necessary in order to be eligible to sign the MOU. Once this is done, we will send you the 2012 MOU and the form. Please remember that without the MOU you will not be allowed to use the network logo. Based on the updates provided on the KSS, we will start drafting the LN Annual Report.

Foundation for the Global Compact 2012 Campaign
Further to the earlier notification in November, the Global Compact office and the Foundation for the Global Compact will in the next few weeks begin mailing their annual stakeholder letter and 2012 fundraising appeal to all GC participant companies.