Rio+20 Update

Important Information for Uploading Network Commitments
The opportunity for networks to make collective and/or collaborative commitments is currently available till the 23rd of May 2012. Network commitments will be given broad recognition on the www.business.un.org website and will also be included in the outcome document of the CSF.

In uploading network commitments to the website, please take note of the following:

- The Excel sheets with which to draft or prepare your commitment can be found here or on the website at: http://www.business.un.org/en/documents/commitments.
- Please provide as much information as possible in the excel sheets. Copy and paste the information from the excel sheet directly into the required fields on the website at http://www.business.un.org/en/commitment_form, fill out all required fields and click “submit” to upload your network commitment.
- It is encouraged that your commitments should be made in partnerships with companies or groups of companies for the collective and/or collaborative nature of the commitments expected of networks.
- For the purpose of submitting the commitments on the website, networks are categorized as "Industry organizations", please select this option from the drop down menu while uploading your commitments.
- The examples given in the spreadsheet focus on company commitment examples, however, the collective and collaborative nature of network commitments is recognized to have a great impact and is expected to create enabling environments with larger scale outcomes than individual company commitments in most cases.
- Finally, all commitments are to be in compliance with the criteria for making commitments along the six thematic tracks of the Rio+20.

Please send all questions on commitments to commitments@unglobalcompact.org or your regional network manager.

Global Compact Local Networks Awards Survey
The GCO would like to recognize networks (based on your assessment through the Local Networks Awards Survey) whose activities in 2011 actively engaged with other networks, promoting inter-network communication and collaboration, thereby providing opportunities for greater learning, dissemination of best practices and action.

The unique link for completing the survey was sent to all network contact persons on 16 May and will be available until 23 May. Each network can only complete the survey once. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey (if you have not already done so) and contact Olaniyan@un.org with any problems encountered in completing the survey.

Your invitation to join the Rio+20 Sustainable Development Dialogues
The Government of Brazil invites you to join the Sustainable Development Dialogues. This online platform has been launched to give everyone an opportunity to add their voice to the Rio+20 Conference.

Facilitators from international academic and research institutions are leading online discussions on 10 themes at the heart of sustainable development. The top recommendations will be presented at the Sustainable Development Dialogues event and to the Heads of State and Governments at Rio+20. This is a unique opportunity for civil society, youth, academia, local governments, and the private sector to engage in the Rio+20 Conference. Help make these dialogues a success. Add your ideas and spread the word by sharing this message with your network.

Directions on how to join the dialogues can be found here in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. For further instructions on how to join, go to: www.riodialogues.org. Questions or technical support should be directed to: support@riodialogues.org.

Georg Kell Interview on Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum
Ahead of the Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum, a 15-minute interview with the Executive Director of the Global Compact, Mr. Georg Kell, highlighting the relevance of the Forum can be found here: Interview. Please share this with your network members to prepare their expectations as they get ready to participate in the Forum.