Local Networks Consultation on the MDGs and the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda

The processes that are unfolding in the follow-up to the Global Compact Corporate Sustainability Forum (CSF) and the UN Conference on Sustainable Development open up opportunities for Global Compact Local Networks to help shape the next stage in the UN’s development thinking. Local Networks were key in the success of the CSF. The post-MDG era is a pivotal moment for the role of development, and interest in UN is high on getting input from non-government actors. Each Local Network is being invited to discuss some of the key issues – either in person, or via electronic means – and send input to Global Compact Office in New York. Your input will be of value to the consultations that are going on within the UN, and will be featured in the triennial Global Compact Leaders Summit that will next take place September 2013 in New York. More details on the framing questions, setting priorities and the reporting form can be found [here](#).

Deadline to submit the outcomes of the consultations is on April 1st, 2013 to Mr. Walid Nagi (nagi@un.org).

Renewal of Local Networks “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) with the Global Compact Office for 2013 / Preparation for the Local Networks Annual Report

The renewal of MOU between the local network and the GCO for 2013 will take place by the end of January 2013. We would like to recommend you to start updating the KSS from now with all documentation and data necessary in order to be eligible to sign the MOU. Please note that only “formal” network, i.e. networks that have signed the MOU and adhere to ALL the minimum requirements as described in the MOU, are authorized to use the Global Compact Network logo.

Based on the updates provided on the KSS, we will start drafting the 2012 Local Network Annual Report.

Updates on COP Differentiation Program & Call for Local Network Input

The GCO is in the process of updating the COP Differentiation Program in order to simplify, improve and further align it with the Blueprint for Corporate Sustainability Leadership so that all companies can aspire to a unique set of leadership criteria. The GCO invites all local networks to preview the proposed updates before they take effect, as well as to provide input on one proposed update in particular: the external COP verification requirement.

We greatly appreciate your review and input to the information [here](#) by November 30th, 2012. Please send your comments and input to Ms. Sarah Bostwick (bostwick@unglobalcompact.org).

Annual Global Compact Implementation Survey

The GCO will launch the annual Global Compact Implementation Survey for business participants by mid-November. This fifth annual benchmarking survey helps the GC better understand the depth of corporate engagement (via policies and actions taken) on the ten principles and other key areas, such as management practices, Local Network engagement and COPs. This is the "official" annual Global Compact survey, the results of which are featured in the Global Compact Annual Review. The designated contact point within each Global Compact participating company will receive an email directly from Georg Kell inviting them to complete the online survey (available in English, French, Spanish, and Chinese). No action is required by Local Networks to distribute the survey.

Please see [here](#) for a copy of the survey for your reference. Please contact Mr. Sean Cruse (cruse@un.org) with any questions.
Webinar: Introduction to the Guiding Principles for the Implementation of the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework on December 10th, 9am EST and 7pm EST

On December 10th, International Human Rights Day, the GCO and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will host two webinars to introduce Global Compact Local Network representatives to the Guiding Principles for the Implementation of the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework, endorsed by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 16 June 2011. The UN Guiding Principles, provide an authoritative global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity and help clarify the meaning of the corporate responsibility to respect human rights, which is also a key component of Global Compact Principle 1, which calls on business to support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights. In a recent UN Human Rights Council resolution, the important role of Global Compact Local Networks in supporting dissemination and implementation of the Guiding Principles was noted. The resolution is available here.

Please contact Mr. Matt Daly (daly@unglobalcompact.org) for more details. The webinar will also introduce Local Networks to National Human Rights Institutions as possible partners for advancing Human Rights at the local level.

Global Compact and Rotary International to Foster Local Collaboration

"Both Rotary International and the Global Compact are rooted in a shared vision of responsible leadership to address global challenges ... working together will make a significant contribution to the advancement of sustainable development in the spirit of universal values" – Georg Kell.

The GCO is looking to strengthen the relationship between Local Networks and Rotary clubs. Please see here to find more about the Rotary International and Global Compact. The GCO is kindly asking the local networks for information whether they have already been in contact with Rotary clubs, and in that case, send the GCO some collective examples of collaboration. Help us to achieve this goal!

Please send your input and examples to Ms. Florencia Librizzi (librizzi@un.org) by December 7th, 2012.