The Global Compact Office and the Local Networks Team
Wish You All a Happy New Year.

Change of Deadline: LN Consultation on the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda

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

In order to support the local networks in the consultation process, the Global Compact Office will be holding a webinar explaining the process and the means of engagement with the business participants for interested networks. The webinar is planned to take place on the 9th of January at 8:00 AM (EST); invitations to the webinar will be sent out by beginning of January 2013. In addition to the webinar and the consultation brief/framing questions, the GCO will also post on line all relevant resources that can be used as guiding materials.

Mark Your Calendar – 2013 Upcoming Events

- Forth Exchange Program in Berlin, Germany (March 11-15, 2013)
- XI ALNF in Geneva, Switzerland (April, 2013 – exact date TBC)
- UN Global Compact Leaders Summit 2013, New York, USA (19-20 September, 2013)
- Regional Meetings (4Q 2013 – locations and dates TBC)

Renewal of MoU with the Global Compact Office for 2013

As reminded in the last Local Networks Update, the renewal of 2013 MoU which accords Local Networks the right to the Global Compact Local Network logos, will take place from 1st to 31st January. For those Local Networks which have met all the criteria described in the MoU will receive the form and the MoU from our office in the beginning of January.

For more details, please visit background note and a sample MoU.

Call for the Fourth Local Network Exchange Program

This is a call to all Local Network Contact Persons to indicate your interest to participate in the Fourth Exchange Program being hosted by the Global Compact Network Germany from the 11th – 15th March 2013.

A select group of 5 or 6 interested contact persons will have the opportunity for the exchange of ideas, experiences and a dissemination of best practices during this exchange. The deadline for indication of interest is 18th January 2013; please send an email to Mr. Walid Nagi (nagi@un.org) to register your interest. For application details and background information, please click here: Exchange Program Concept Note

Local Networks Strategic Review – Update on Funding

To further build on the consultations conducted over the past two months focusing on the Local Networks Strategic Review, and building on the input that Local Networks have provided regarding funding, Foundation for the Global Compact and the Global Compact Office has incorporated all the feedback and further consulted with other stakeholders. The attached slides summarize the analysis and recommendations of various means to increase the funding.
Call for Nomination of Local Leaders to Join Global Compact LEAD

As you know, in January 2011, Global Compact LEAD was launched as a two-year pilot phase by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Through the commitment and engagement of participating companies during the pilot, Global Compact LEAD has evolved into a full-fledged leadership platform set to shape the future of corporate sustainability. Preliminary conclusions stemming from an independent evaluation of LEAD shows strong support for the continuation of the platform and for a moderate growth in the number of LEAD companies. Companies are invited to join LEAD based on their active engagement with the Global Compact at the global level (ie within the GC’s issue area work and specialised workstreams - the Working Group on the 10th Principle Against Corruption or Caring for Climate etc), or at the local level through Local Networks. LEAD is currently embarking on a process to recruit a limited number of new participants to join as we launch the official phase of LEAD in 2013. We would like to ensure that companies that have demonstrated strong levels of support and engagement in the Local Networks are included in this process. Therefore, we kindly call on all Local Networks to nominate a maximum of 3 of their most engaged companies to be invited to join LEAD. Please send your nominations to Nessa Whelan whelan@unglobalcompact.org by Jan 6th 2013.

Furthermore, we would like to convene a webinar for Local Networks in early January in order to provide an update on LEAD and plans for the coming year. We would like to use this opportunity to take your questions and to obtain any input and suggestions on LEAD activities in general. Please visit the following link to indicate which of the proposed dates would suit your participation. We will make every effort to accommodate as many participants as possible. Link to indicate availability.

Date Changed: Webinar on Introduction to the Guiding Principles for the Implementation of the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework

The date for the webinar has changed from December 10th to Monday January 14th, 9am EST and 7pm EST.

This webinar is 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.

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.

Using Renewable Energy? Get the WindMade Label!

WindMade is the first global consumer label for companies, events and products using wind energy in their operations or production processes. WindMade was established in 2011 as a co-operation between the UN Global Compact, WWF, Vestas Wind Systems, the Global Wind Energy Council, Bloomberg, the LEGO Group and PwC, and is governed by an independent non-for-profit organization headquartered in Brussels. Labels are a powerful tool for differentiating a company, enhancing brand perception and guiding consumer behavior. The WindMade label gives companies the ability to communicate their commitment to renewable energy in an intuitive and credible way, by being part of an independent certification programme. At the same time, the WindMade label empowers consumers to opt for companies and products that are in line with their own environmental values. WindMade’s mission is to boost corporate investment in renewables and raise consumer awareness to the benefits of wind power.

The UN Global Compact’s Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum was one of the first events to be WindMade labeled. If the local networks have participants who might be interested in the WindMade certification, please send them the brochure here and for more information, please visit http://www.windmade.org/.