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With feedback received from Local Networks, the Global Compact has finalized the XII Annual Local Network Forum Outcome Report. The report is also available on the Global Compact website.

2. Information on Global Compact 2015 Fundraising Campaign Forthcoming
The Global Compact and Foundation for the Global Compact are currently in the planning stage for the launch of the 2015 fundraising campaign. Local Networks will shortly receive more detailed information, including about the collaborative funding model, and in the meantime all networks are encouraged to review the enclosed FAQ on fundraising.

Engagement Opportunities

1. Call for Nominations: Global Compact Advisory Group on Supply Chain Sustainability
Local Networks are invited to nominate companies that have demonstrated corporate sustainability leadership, particularly in relation to the supply chain, to be considered to join the Global Compact Advisory Group on Supply Chain Sustainability. The Advisory Group on Supply Chain Sustainability serves function to the Global Compact and seeks on to identify global supply chain sustainability trends and issues of strategic importance to the Global Compact. See the Terms of Reference (ToR).

To nominate a company or for further information, please contact Ms. Anita Househam, Manager, Supply Chain Sustainability (househam@un.org) and Ms. Elena Bombis, Advisor, Supply Chain Sustainability (bombis@unglobalcompact.org). The deadline for nominations is 25 August.

2. Convene a Business for the Rule of Law Consultation Workshop
Local Networks are invited to express interest in hosting, facilitating and/or participating in an invitation-only consultation workshop or dialogue in their respective country or region to help develop the Global Compact’s new Business for the Rule of Law (B4ROL) initiative.

B4ROL is a new Global Compact initiative to engage the business community in efforts to support the rule of law as a complement to, not substitute for, government action. As business faces both challenges and opportunities in respecting and supporting the rule of law in the regions in which they operate, B4ROL will comprise, among other things, a framework which aims to provide guidance and support dialogue on how companies from around the world are able to take voluntary action to support the rule of law in their business operations and relationships, while reinforcing business respect for the Global Compact’s Ten Principles and support for broader UN goals, including the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The workshops will provide Local Networks with the opportunity to convene business (primarily sustainability and in-house legal representatives), government, academia, civil society and the legal profession to engage in dialogue regarding the challenges and opportunities business and stakeholders face in respecting and supporting the rule of law in the regions in which they operate (or plan to operate). Outcomes from these workshops will also feed into the development of the B4ROL framework. It is anticipated that consultation workshops will be held between October 2014 and March 2015.

To indicate your interest in convening a workshop, please contact MS. Christina Koulias (koulias@unglobalcompact.org).

3. Sign the Call to Action: Anti-Corruption and the Global Development Agenda

Local Networks are invited to encourage businesses to demonstrate support for the Global Compact 10th principle by signing the Call to Action: Anti-Corruption and the Global Development Agenda. Through the Call to Action, companies ask Governments to promote anti-corruption measures and implement robust policies for good governance. The Call to Action, which been signed by over 100 businesses to date, contains five specific appeals to Governments described in depth in the flyer and Frequently Asked Questions. Signatories to the Call to Action will be acknowledged at the 10th Principle Anniversary event.

For more information, please email ac2014event@unglobalcompact.org and go on the UN Global Compact website.

Upcoming Events for Local Networks

1. Sixth Local Network Exchange Programme (7-9 December 2014, Bangladesh)

A select group of 4-5 interested Local Network Contact Persons will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, experiences and best practices through the Sixth Exchange Programme. All Local Network Contact Persons who have not yet participated in the programme are invited to indicate interest in participating in this exchange hosted by the Global Compact Network Bangladesh.

For application details and background information, please refer to the Exchange Programme Concept Note. To express your interest, please email Ms. Ryo Kobayashi (kobayashi@unglobalcompact.org) by 12 September.

Webinars

1. Peer Knowledge-Sharing on How to Establish a Legal Entity for Local Network (11 Sep, 8:30 EDT)

A number of Local Networks are in the process of moving away from their hosting entities and registering the network as an independent entity. Following a number of requests on the topic, a webinar will be held on 11 September at 8:30 EDT. The Global Compact Network UK and Global Compact Network Ukraine will share their experiences on their respective processes, including such topics as activities, recruitment and funding.

To participate, please sign up by sending an email to Ms. Tiina Mylly (mylly@unglobalcompact.org) by 8 September. Ideas and suggestions for the agenda are also welcomed.
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