2015 has been a very exciting year for the UN Global Compact and the world. We have witnessed the UN Global Compact turning 15 in June, the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the UN Global Compact convening the UN Private Sector Forum in September, and the global agreement on climate change in December.

We would like to thank you for all the great work that you have done this year and look forward to closer collaboration in 2016 and beyond. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

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1. UN Global Compact Welcomes Historic Climate Agreement Adopted by 195 countries in Paris at COP21
UN Global Compact Executive Director Lise Kingo released a statement welcoming the historic climate agreement adopted by 195 countries at COP21 in Paris. The statement is available on the UN Global Compact website along with more outcomes from the Global Compact’s Caring for Climate Business Forum, which was held as the official avenue for business at COP21. Local Networks are invited to share this statement widely.

2. UN Global Compact Mandate Renewed by Member States
On 10 December 2015 the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (Economic and Financial Committee) adopted a resolution on the evolving strategic engagement of the UN in multi-stakeholder partnerships, including with the private sector. The resolution, under General Assembly agenda item 27 (Towards global partnerships: A principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners), reiterates the UN Global Compact’s broad mandate, which is “to advance United Nations values and responsible business practices within the United Nations system and among the global business community.” Read more.
1. Circulate a Questionnaire on the Role of Business in Advancing Children’s Rights in Humanitarian Action

In collaboration with UNICEF, the UN Global Compact is undertaking a questionnaire to assess the role of business in advancing children’s rights in humanitarian action. The objective is to expand on Principle 9 of the Children’s Rights and Business Principles (help protect children affected by emergencies) and to provide practical guidance for companies on how to respect and make positive contributions to children’s rights. Furthermore, the project will result in a set of recommendations to help strengthen UNICEF’s and the UN Global Compact’s engagement with the private sector in emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Local Networks are encouraged to circulate the questionnaire among their participants. Companies are invited to respond to a 15-minute questionnaire by 15 January 2016. The links can be found below:

- English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/buschildrightsemergencies
- French: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/buschildrightsemergencies

For more information, please contact Ms. Tiina Mylly, mylly@unglobalcompact.org

**Upcoming Events**

1. **2016 PRME Regional Meetings**

Local Networks are encouraged to inform Global Compact participants of the upcoming PRME Regional Meetings which are as follows:

- **3rd PRME Regional Meeting Iberian** will be hosted by Porto Business School, Portugal on 1-2 February 2016.
- **2nd PRME Regional Meeting North America** will be hosted by Coles College of Business, Atlanta, Georgia, USA on 4-6 February 2016
- **13th PRME Chapter Brazil Meeting** will be hosted on 16 February 2016
- **6th PRME MENA Regional Forum and EFMD-MENA Conference** will be hosted by The American University in Cairo, Egypt on 11-13 April 2016

For questions, please contact Florencia Librizzi (librizzi@unglobalcompact.org).

**Resources**

1. **Supply Chain Sustainability Workshop Toolkit for Local Networks**

On 16 December, the Supply Chain Sustainability Team at the UN Global Compact hosted a webinar to present a toolkit that enables Local Networks to convene workshops on supply chain sustainability management in collaboration with expert partners and the UN Global Compact. The recording of the webinar is available here, but should not be shared publicly on Local Network websites, as the purpose of the recording is to inform Local Networks, rather than businesses, about this opportunity. Local Networks are invited to contact Elena Bombis (bombis@unglobalcompact.org) and Anita Househam (househam@un.org) to receive a copy of the toolkit and discuss opportunities to host a workshop in their country.

Download the Supply Chain Sustainability Workshop Toolkit.

2. **ITC Standards Map and Recorded Webinars**

The International Trade Centre (ITC) presents their online tool, the Standards Map, in recorded webinars in Spanish, French, and English. With information on over 180 standards, codes of conduct, audit protocols addressing sustainability hotspots in global supply chains, the Standards Map is a good way for Local Networks to increase their knowledge and a valuable resource for UN Global Compact participants trying to compare and understand the scope of numerous standards. Made possible by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs and brought to you by the Global Compact Regional Support Center for Latin America and Caribbean, Local Network Switzerland, and the UN Global Compact.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Bostwick (bostwick@unglobalcompact.org).

3. **PRME and LEAD launch Business-Business School Partnership Resource**

On the occasion of the UN Global Compact’s 2015 LEAD Symposium: Roadmap for Integrated Sustainability, PRME Champions and LEAD launch a new resource that inspires business to Partner with Business Schools to Advance Sustainability: Ideas to Inspire Action. Read more.
Businesses and business schools collaborate to co-create solutions for sustainability challenges. For business, these win-win partnerships yield fresh and innovative input to a company’s most pressing challenges and also create a pipeline to recruit the best minds. Simultaneously, partnerships enable higher education institutions to more effectively graduate students and future leaders who are prepared to tackle real-world challenges while concurrently supporting real-time curriculum adaption to reflect the issues that companies are faced with today and tomorrow.

Download the toolkit and accompanying brochure to learn more and to read about inspiring examples of partnerships, categorized under a framework of five themes: Influencing, Training, Collaborating, Researching, and Consulting.