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1. Local Network Advisory Group Update: New Representative for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region and New Chair Appointed

To fill the vacant position of the Local Network Advisory Group (LNAG) representative for South-East Asia and the Pacific, a transparent nomination and online election process was held last month by the five networks in that region, and Mr. Y.W. Junardy, Representative of Global Compact Network Indonesia, was appointed. The newly-formed LNAG selected Mr. Yilmaz Arguden, Representative of Global Compact Network Turkey as the new Chair that will also occupy the Ex-Officio Local Network position on the Global Compact Board.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Walid Nagi (nagi@un.org).

2. Global Compact Releases 2014-2016 Strategy

The Global Compact released its 2014-2016 strategy which lays out how the initiative will work to make corporate sustainability a transformative force in achieving a shared, secure and sustainable future. Over the next three years, the initiative aims to achieve scale and transformation, while maintaining quality and impact, by focusing on four priorities: participant engagement, Local Networks, a global portfolio of issues, and responsible business in support of UN goals and issues. Developed by the management and staff of the Global Compact with support from Deloitte, the strategy was released after 18 months of consultation with a range of key stakeholders including the Global Compact Board, Government Group and Local Networks.
Call for Support

1. Call for Support: Seeks for a Co-Organizer for the Sixth Local Networks Exchange Programme
The Fifth Local Network Exchange Programme was convened in Buenos Aires, Argentina from February 4-7, 2014. Co-organized by the UN Global Compact and the Global Compact Network Argentina, the four-day event was a huge success engaging participants in the practical working sessions related to network management and capacity building and also provided opportunities to meet local businesses to learn best practices and identify how businesses are tackling the global challenges in their national context.

The Exchange Programme is convened twice a year on a rotational basis with an objective to bring small groups of Local Network contact persons from various Local Networks across regional boundaries around the world to a specified Local Network (host) for a period of time to gain relevant insights on the workings of other networks, foster inter-network and inter-regional collaborations and the cross-pollination of best practices.

As the GCO plans for the next Exchange Programme, we are seeking for a Local Network interested in co-organizing and hosting the next Programme. To express your interest, and/or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Walid Nagi (nagi@un.org).

Engagement Opportunities

1. Call for Examples: Local Networks Working with National Human Rights Institutions
Together with OHCHR, the Global Compact is updating the Factsheet on Working Together: Global Compact Local Networks and National Human Rights Institutions. National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) are independent, expert bodies on human rights established through national laws or constitutions. NHRI have a legal mandate to engage in activities to promote and protect human rights, including outreach and human rights education. The updated document will feature examples of Local Networks that have worked with an NHRI in their country.

Please submit examples of how your network has cooperated with a NHRI to be considered for inclusion in the document by 28 February 2014 to Ms. Michelle Lau (lau@unglobalcompact.org).

2. Submit Input to UN Working Group: Local Networks and National Action Plans for Business and Human Rights
The UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and business is hosting an open consultation (20 February, Geneva) on the strategic elements of National Action Plans in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Read the concept note to learn more.

The Global Compact in New York plans to submit input encouraging the integration of Global Compact Local Networks in National Action Plans. Local Networks are also encouraged to provide their input in writing to the OHCHR (wg-business@ohchr.org) with copy to Ms. Michelle Lau (lau@unglobalcompact.org).

3. Call for Participation: Opportunities to Partnership with the Social Enterprise-Impact Investing Projects
The Social Enterprise-Impact Investing Workstream is a new workstream of the Global Compact designed to facilitate partnerships between social enterprises (companies with market-based solutions to social challenges) and GC signatory corporations. The intended result of these partnerships are market-based innovations that address elements of the Post 2015 agenda. Opportunities to partner with social enterprises with promising solutions in Climate and Energy and Health are available this month. To learn more, visit the profiles on the Social Enterprise Action Hub.
1. Company: Bloomtrigger

   Location: Brazil
   Issue Area: Climate and Energy
   The Bloomtrigger project provides capacity building services and financing solutions to Amazonian communities to strengthen their ability to conserve biodiversity in their communities. Bloomtrigger seeks a corporate partner providing functional expertise in IT support and volunteers for strategic planning to help expand their program through various Amazonian communities. Profile

2. Company: InStrat Global Health Solutions

   Location: Nigeria
   Issue Area: Health
   InStrat Global Health Solutions leverages technology to provide healthcare access to the most remote areas of Nigeria. The company is currently developing a Flexible Survey Platform (FSuP) which will enable health workers to capture health data at the community level. This data will allow community and national health facilities design more effective healthcare solutions. InStrat seeks a corporate partner to help conduct evaluations on the changes regarding health outcomes in communities where the (FSuP) is being deployed. Profile

   If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rosedel Davies-Adewebi (rdaviesadewebi@unglobalcompact.org).