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**Key Action Items for Local Networks**

1. **Participate in the Local Network Annual Survey**

All Local Networks are encouraged complete the first ever Local Network Annual Survey by 8 **February, 2013**. The survey results will build upon the feedback to the Local Networks Strategic Review provided at regional meetings and during webinars. It will also help to map the various issues that Local Networks will be working on in the future in order to improve engagement opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding this survey please contact Walid Nagi (nagi@un.org).

Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

2. **Save the Date for the XI Annual Local Network Forum: 24-26 April, 2013**

The XI Annual Local Network Forum (ALNF) will take place in Geneva, Switzerland in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Headquarters on 24-26 April. For the first time, the ALNF and the UN System Private Sector Focal Points Meeting will be convened alongside one another reflecting the Global Compact’s goal to better engage the private sector in taking action in pursuit of UN goals and issues at the country level. A one-day joint session convening Private Sector Focal Points and Local Network representatives with business will complement the two meetings.

A formal invitation, draft agenda, logistical information and link to a registration website will follow shortly.

3. **Read the Global Compact Annual Letter**

In the next several days, the Global Compact Office will be sending its annual letter from Executive Director Georg Kell to all participants from business, civil society and other stakeholder groups.
The letter calls on companies to undertake a number of actions to push their corporate sustainability efforts a step further. The Global Compact Office would like to draw your attention to one item in particular regarding funding.

The Global Compact must secure greater financial support and stability, and can no longer rely on voluntary contributions from a small minority of our participants. Moving forward, all business participants will be required to make an annual contribution to the Foundation for the Global Compact in order to remain an active participant in the initiative after 2013.

The local networks are aware that the Global Compact is undergoing a strategic review and funding is an essential part of this review. The suggested strategies were presented and consulted with Local Networks and the outcome is based on the recommendations received during those consultations in the regional meetings and webinars. The emphasis on empowering and building the capacity of networks is one of the main objectives of increased funding, and the ability to move fully into the next phase of action and impact is reliant upon a greater financial base.

Read the full letter.

4. Attend a Webinar for Local Networks on Updates to the COP Differentiation Programme

Before minor updates to the COP Differentiation Programme take effect later in the first quarter of 2013, Local Networks are invited to attend a webinar to preview the revisions in advance. This is an opportunity for networks to ask clarifying questions, understand the effects of the update on participants, and equip themselves to continue supporting companies in communicating progress. A recording of the webinar will be made available.

Register for the webinar on 29 January 2013 at 8–9 am EST
Register for the webinar on 30 January 2013 at 6–7 pm EST

Engagement Opportunities for Local Networks

1. Call for Comment: Draft Anti-Corruption Risk Assessment Guide

As part of the Global Compact Working Group on the 10th Principle against Corruption, the Sub-Working Group on Anti-Corruption Risk Assessment is developing a comprehensive and practical guide on how to conduct an anti-corruption risk Assessment. A draft of the guide is under open consultation until 25 February, 2013.

Send your feedback on the Draft Guide for Anti-Corruption Risk Assessment to Ms. Moramay Navarro
Webinars & Events

1. Introduction to the Guiding Principles for the Implementation of the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework Webinar

The Global Compact 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 UN Human Rights Council on 16 June 2011. 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 webinar will also introduce Local Networks to national human rights institutions as possible partners for advancing human rights at the local level.

Register for the webinar on 21 February at 9:00 am EST
Register for the webinar on 21 February at 7:00 pm EST

2. Children’s Rights and Business Principles

Approaching the one anniversary of the Children’s Rights and Business Principles, more work is needed to ensure that business understands the impact they can have on children, both negative and positive, and to encourage business to take action to respect and support children’s rights.

- Local Launches

Global Compact Local Networks have been involved in over 25 national launches of the Children’s Rights and Business Principles globally. Most recently, Local Networks and offices of the three partners - the Global Compact, UNICEF and Save the Children - hosted events in Costa Rica, Mali, Belgium, Madagascar and the Netherlands. The Global Compact Office welcomes continued awareness-raising efforts and encourages Local Networks to engage with the local offices of UNICEF and Save the Children, or other relevant organizations, to support local launches.

- View an introductory presentation to learn more.
- Access an overview document listing past and upcoming events, as well as country contact details for the three partners.
- Watch a video about the Principles.

- One Year Later: Taking Stock of the Children's Rights and Business Principles (22 March,
Held in collaboration with the World Child and Youth Forum, this event will take stock of the Children’s Rights and Business Principles for the first time since they were launched in March 2012. This high-level event, which will be hosted by the Royal Family of Sweden, will provide an opportunity to review recent developments in the past year, as well as reflect on some of the key challenges and opportunities that companies and other stakeholders face when implementing the Principles. There will also be a consultation session in the afternoon.

Participation is by invitation only. Local Networks are encouraged to identify companies in their network that they would like the Global Compact Office to suggest to the organizers to invite. Please contact Ms. Anita Househam (househam@un.org) with questions or your recommendations.

**Resources for Networks**

1. **The UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: Complementarity and Distinctions**

   The Global Compact Office has prepared a two-page note that explains the complementarities and differences between the Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The OECD Guidelines are a set of recommendations from governments to multinational enterprises operating or based in the over 40 countries that have decided to adhere to them. The OECD Guidelines include the operations of **National Contact Points (NCPs)**, which are government offices located in each of the adhering governments. If there is an NCP in your country, it may be useful to connect with them to exchange information about upcoming plans and activates. NCPs may also be able to assist if any concerns are raised about conduct of business participants in the Local Network as NCPs have procedures for handling complaints raised against multinational enterprises based in or operating in the country.

   Download the note, View contact details for NCPs.