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   • XIII ALNF Outcome Document
   
   Attended by over 50 Local Networks, the XIII Annual Local Network Forum – held in conjunction with the GC+15 Event (23-25 June, New York) – set the stage for future growth of the Global Compact around the world by enhancing governance measures and presenting new tools and frameworks to build the capacity of Local Networks in their daily operations. For more details on the meeting, please see the draft XIII Annual Local Network Forum Outcome Document.

   Please send your feedback or input to Mr. Walid Nagi (nagi@un.org), Chief, Local Networks at the Global Compact by 30 July, in order to finalize the document.

   • Progression Model with proposed MOUs
   
   As proposed and adopted during the XIII ALNF, the Progression Model together with new MOUs will be implemented as of January 2016. Please familiarize yourselves with the documents:
   
   • Advanced Network MOU
   • Active Network MOU
   • Emerging Network Letter of Intent
• **Local Network Advisory Group (LNAG) Election Results**
The LNAG election was held during the XIII ALNF. Seven new LNAG members and seven alternate members were elected as representatives of each region. The new LNAG members will be working closely with their respective regions and Global Compact HQ for the next two years from 2015 – 2017. To view the results, click [here](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED).

• **Local Networks Logos**
As presented during the XIII ALNF, Global Compact HQ is beginning the process of receiving feedback on the revised Local Network logos and the Local Network endorser logos. The updated logos were developed based on the input received from the Local Networks over the last year, and they are aligned with the new Global Compact master logo that was introduced during Global Compact+15. [View the slides presented during the ALNF](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED), which contain the logos, the proposed timeline and the items for feedback. Please note that due to governance matters, the word "Network" should stay in the logo and you can use a similar word in your language that would make sense to your participants and in your local context.

As agreed, if you wish to have the logo and the endorser logos translated to your language, please send us the exact translation in order to avoid any mistakes. Global Compact HQ will create all logos and share them with the networks.

*Please send your feedback to Ms. Natalia Uliana ([uliana@unglobalcompact.org](mailto:uliana@unglobalcompact.org)) by 20 August so that we may develop the logos and the logo design manual on time.*

• **Local Network Management Toolkit**
As presented at the ALNF, the [Local Network Management Toolkit Version 3](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED) is now available. Aimed to support Local Networks in their day-to-day management, the toolkit has been designed to walk emerging networks through the process of launching a network while also addressing the questions of more advanced networks seeking to further improve their operations.

• **A Global Compact for Sustainable Development Flyer**
Released at Global Compact+15, the flyer [A Global Compact for Sustainable Development](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED) provides a brief business case to support sustainable development and explains how businesses can contribute and engage with the Global Compact globally and locally.

• **ALNF Full Presentation Package**

• **Local Networks Video and Collage to Georg**

• **Watch videos and see photos from Global Compact+15**

• **Global Compact 15th Anniversary Dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street**
Thank you very much to Local Networks that mobilized a delegation to attend the 15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. Global participation helped make the dinner a big success. View selected highlights [here](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED).

2. **Foundation for the Global Compact Fundraising Update**
The Foundation will be sending out reminders to all business participants to make their 2015 annual contribution starting in mid-July. Only those business participants who have not yet made a 2015 annual contribution will receive this reminder. See the [draft letter](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED) for your reference. Collaborative Local Networks will also shortly be receiving updates on Foundation fundraising efforts as of 30 June 2015. Questions about 2015 annual contributions should be directed to [contributions@globalcompactfoundation.org](mailto:contributions@globalcompactfoundation.org).

As noted at the XIII ALNF, the Foundation continues to work with Global Compact issue teams to raise funds for issue-specific events and programmes. Upcoming events seeking corporate funding include the [2015 Caring for Climate Business Forum](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED) and the [2016 WEPs Annual Event](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D2DE3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED). *Questions about sponsorships and issue-specific programme funding should be directed to [info@globalcompactfoundation.org](mailto:info@globalcompactfoundation.org).*

3. **Sir Mark Moody-Stuart Releases Article on Local Networks, Global Change**
Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Vice Chairman of the UN Global Compact, and Chairman of the Global Compact
Foundation, has developed an article about the Global Compact and the important role of Local Networks for Change. Read the article [here](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/t/r-03D20E3FC8ABCDF72540EF23F30FEDED).

**Upcoming Events**

1. **Mark Your Calendar: 2015 Local Networks Regional Meetings**
   - Europe (14 – 16 October, Germany)
   - Africa & MENA (23 – 24 November, Nigeria)
   - America (26 - 27 October, Chile)
   - Asia & Oceania (11 -13 November, Myanmar)

2. **2015 PRME Regional Meetings**
   - [7th PRME Chapter Meeting Brazil](https://www.gouround.org/7th-prme-chapter-meeting-brazil/)
   - [4th PRME Regional Meeting LAC](https://www.gouround.org/4th-prme-regional-meeting-lac/)
   - [3rd PRME Chapter Meeting DACH](https://www.gouround.org/3rd-prme-chapter-meeting-dach/)
   - [8th PRME Chapter Meeting Brazil](https://www.gouround.org/8th-prme-chapter-meeting-brazil/)
   - [5th PRME MENA Regional Forum](https://www.gouround.org/5th-prme-mena-regional-forum/)
   - [6th PRME Asia Forum India](https://www.gouround.org/6th-prme-asia-forum-india/)

**Engagement Opportunities**

1. **Mobilize CEOs for the UN Private Sector Forum 2015 (26 September, New York)**
   The [United Nations Private Sector Forum 2015](https://www.gouround.org/private-sector-forum-2015/) will focus on the role of the private sector in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Convened in the context of the UN summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, the interactive Forum is designed to increase understanding of efforts underway by the private sector and civil society, and provide a platform for the private sector to announce long-term goals and partnerships that will make an important contribution towards achieving sustainable development for all. Hosted by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the Forum will feature high-level roundtable discussions among business, Government, civil society and UN leaders. For more information, please see the event [concept note](https://www.gouround.org/private-sector-forum-2015/).

   Local Networks are encouraged to nominate a maximum of 10 CEOs to be invited to the Forum. The CEOs that you will nominate should have played a leading role in advancing the post-2015 agenda and/or related issues.

   *Please use this [template](https://www.gouround.org/private-sector-forum-2015/) to submit suggested invitees to Ms. Natalia Uliana (uliana@unglobalcompact.org) by no later than **30 July**. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

2. **Call for Input: The SDG Compass**
   The Global Compact, GRI and WBCSD have joined forces on a project to mobilize the private sector in implementing the SDGs. Shortly after the SDGs are finalized, the project will culminate in a guide, the SDG Compass, designed to serve as a management tool that companies can use to assess their impact, augment their goal setting practices and if they choose to, align their businesses with the SDGs. It will achieve these objectives in the following ways:
   - **Impact Assessment**: The guide will support companies in navigating existing impact assessment methodologies, frameworks and metrics and selecting those that can be meaningfully applied to a company’s impact on particular SDGs.
   - **Goal Setting**: The guide will direct companies to make meaningful and ambitious corporate goals that support one or more of the SDGs. It will further include a discussion of how companies can communicate such corporate goals in a credible manner to their stakeholders.
   - **Alignment with the SDGs**: The guide will steer companies to find the most relevant linkages between their business strategies and the SDGs.
Local Networks are encouraged to review the draft SDG Compass which is now open for consultation at [http://www.sdgcompass.org](http://www.sdgcompass.org). The deadline for submitting comments is 31 July.

The project partners are also looking for case studies to help illustrate what leading companies are already doing related to topics addressed in the guide. Specifically looking for company examples on:

- The business case for the SDGs
- Assessing SDGs impacts and defining priorities
- Setting business goals aligned with the SDGs
- Implementing and forming partnerships
- Reporting and communicating the business’ contribution to the SDGs

Local Networks are invited to share this opportunity with their participants. To express interest in submitting a company case study, please provide a short description (250 -500 words) of the case study to Ms. Emmeline Skelton (skelton@unglobalcompact.org) by 31 July.

3. Call for Dissemination: Traceability Solutions for the Apparel Sector

The C & A Foundation is leading a project in collaboration with BSR and Global Compact HQ’s Supply Chain Sustainability team to identify traceability solutions for the apparel industry. The objective is to understand the functional and technical requirements along each step of the supply chain, and then explore what solutions providers exist that could address these requirements. The most promising solutions will be selected and piloted in order to enable apparel supply chains to be fully traceable.

The partners are asking companies from the apparel sector to share input and information about their traceability needs and service providers, and to express interest in piloting one or more of the identified solutions in this area.

Local Networks are invited circulate this engagement opportunity among their participants. For more information, please contact Ms. Elena Bombis (bombis@unglobalcompact.org).

4. Support Youth Employment

Georg Kell and Global Compact HQ have endorsed Fundación Novia Salcedo’s Youth Employment Campaign, which is supported by the Global Compact Network Spain and the ILO Office for Spain and is backed by the Spanish Government. [View the letter of support](http://bulletin.unglobalcompact.org/)

All Global Compact Local Networks are encouraged to support this international campaign to declare a "Youth Employment Decade" from 2016 to 2025. For more information, please contact Mr. Javier Cortés (cortes@unglobalcompact.org) or Mr. Ben Chin (chin@unglobalcompact.org).

For Your Information

1. The Global Compact HQ payment/reimbursement process has changed

The Global Compact HQ payment/reimbursement process has changed. Reimbursement Request Forms should still be emailed to your Regional Networks Manager with all necessary documentation (receipts and boarding passes). However, effective immediately, the new requirements for reimbursement requests are as follows:

- Please make sure that the New Reimbursement Request Form is filled out completely. All necessary information related to the expense needs to be included within the form.
- Only send one PDF attachment that includes the Reimbursement Request Form and all relevant supporting documents. PDF format is required.
- Include a Funding Request Number on your Reimbursement Request Form (can be obtained from the Regional Networks Manager)

PLEASE NOTE: Text and wording from the body of your email will not be recognized or captured. All relevant info related to the invoice or reimbursement must be included / merged in the PDF attachment.

Therefore all reimbursement requests must now include the following information:

- Vendor/Payee Name & Remittance Address
- Banking requirements for ACH/ Int’l Wire payment
- Funding Request Number
- Detailed description of the charge
- Reimbursement Requests must include reimbursement request form, itemized w/receipts
- Email address contact for payment confirmation

Please note that the policy to grant travel subsidies for Local Network travel to the Regional Meetings and the Annual Local Network Forum has remained unchanged.

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