Local Networks Monthly Newsletter

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Local Networks Update

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Upcoming Events

   • XII Annual Local Network Forum (24 June, 09:00 – 18:00, UN Headquarters)
   • Other GC+15 Sessions of Interest for Local Networks
      • GC+15 Roundtable Session (25 June, 9:00–11:00, UN Headquarters)
      • Local Network Regional Meetings (26 June, UN Global Compact Headquarters)
         Agenda and time have been sent to you separately by your respective Regional Managers.

   • Get Social: Show Your Involvement with #GlobalCompact15
We encourage all participants to share their involvement with Global Compact+15 over social media.
Join the conversation and help raise awareness by using the hashtag: #GlobalCompact15. See our social media toolkit for sample messages, speaker handles and other helpful information. Don't forget to follow @globalcompact to see live tweets throughout the event!

2. The VII Local Networks Exchange Programme (19 – 21 October, Istanbul)
The VII Local Networks Exchange Programme will take place from 19 to 21 October 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey. The Local Network Exchange Programme bringing together small groups of Local Network contact persons - from various networks across and regions – to a specified Local Network (host) for several days to gain relevant insights on the workings of other networks, to foster inter-network and inter-regional collaborations and the cross-pollination of best practices. For more information about the VII Local Networks Exchange Programme, including selection criteria and requirements, please read the explanatory note.

Contact Persons should indicate interest in participating in this year’s Exchange Program by contacting Ms. Natalia Uliana (uliana@unglobalcompact.org) no later than 15 August 2015. Selected Networks will be contacted by 31 August 2015.
News & Updates

1. Global Compact to Launch a New Website
In the next few days, a newly designed public-facing Global Compact website will go live at [www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org). We aim to reach a wider audience through an updated writing style and enhanced visual appeal. The website will be structured on a new approach to how our content is organized. The main sections of the site will be geared toward audiences at different points along the Global Compact journey. The website will have new functionality that will allow for greater findability of all of our content. Over the coming months we will be exploring how we can use the new website to better feature content provided by Local Networks. The new website will be formally launched on 22 June and its functionalities will be introduced at the Annual Local Network Forum.

Please note that the redesign only affects the public view of the website. The dashboard view of the website – including the Knowledge Sharing System – will not change.

2. 2015 Fundraising Follow-Up
Relationship Managers will be conducting targeted follow-up during the months of June and July for 2015 global contributions to the Foundation for the Global Compact.

Engagement Opportunities

1. Implement the Women’s Empowerment Principles
In a [Declaration](http://example.com) issued at the conclusion of the 2015 G7 Summit, the heads of state and governments of the Group of Seven (G7) stated support for the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) and called on companies worldwide to integrate the Principles into their activities. Read press release [here](http://example.com).

The WEPs initiative calls on Local Networks to build on this momentum and partner with public and private actors to support the WEPs and advance equality between women and men.

To learn more, contact the WEPs Secretariat ([WEPs@unglobalcompact.org](mailto:WEPs@unglobalcompact.org)).