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XI Annual Local Networks Forum Information

1. How to Participate in the Gallery Walk Open-Space Session: Finding Synergies Together with Global Compact Local Networks

On 25 April 2013, the ALNF and the Private Sector Focal Points Meeting will convene a joint open space session titled Finding Synergies Together with Global Compact Local Networks. This session will provide each Local Network with the opportunity to make a brief presentation and connect with national companies and UN Private Sector Focal Points from their region. During this session, Local Network representatives will be based in break-out rooms divided by region, and other participants will circulate among these rooms to listen to the presentations and network.

The goal of this session is to increase UN awareness of Local Network activities, showcase opportunities to better leverage networks to advance UN goals and issues, and facilitate meaningful connections between national companies in Local Networks.

Please contact Ms. Ryo Kobayashi (kobayashi@unglobalcompact.org) to confirm your network will participate or if you have any questions. Learn more about this session and how to prepare. Access the suggested template for Local Network presentations.

2. Invitation to a Women's Empowerment Principles Breakfast at the ALNF - 26 April 2013, 7:30am

The Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs), a joint initiative of the UN Global Compact and UN Women, were launched in 2010 to provide guidance to business on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace and community. Local Network Representatives and Contact Persons attending the ALNF are invited to join the Global Compact Office WEPs team for an informal breakfast gathering to
discuss how to advance the Principles locally.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Ms. Dzana Ferhatbegovic (dzana@unglobalcompact.org) by 19 April 2013.

3. Detailed ALNF Agenda Forthcoming

The detailed agenda of the XI ALNF will be posted on the registration website in early April, and all networks will be notified when it is available.

4. Reminder: Register for the XI ANLF by 5 April 2013

We urge Local Networks contact persons and representatives to register to the XI ALNF no later than 5 April 2013.

For Your Information

1. Subsidiary Engagement Policy

The Global Compact subsidiary engagement policy has been revised to reflect that participants may submit one Communication on Progress (COP) on behalf of the parent company and each signing subsidiary. Learn more about the subsidiary engagement policy.

To ensure the COP is accurately recorded in our records, the parent company should email Ms. Leimer Tejeda (tejeda@un.org) with the list of subsidiary signatories which the COP covers.

2. Participant Engagement Team

The Global Compact Office has recently added staffing support to its participant engagement team with the objective of better supporting Global Compact participants with COPs and their engagement in issue platforms. A main focus of the team will be on SME participation and reporting, to help address the high rate of SMEs being expelled. Therefore, a pilot project is underway providing SMEs that are about to be expelled with an additional year from their expulsion deadline to submit a COP. During this time, the participant engagement team will provide focused outreach and support to at-risk SMEs. If an SME still fails to communicate after the grace period, it will be expelled. This pilot project will only be communicated to SMEs on their expulsion date and not earlier.

If you have any questions, please contact the COP team (Ms. Ana Blanco, blanco@unglobalcompact.org or Ms. Sarah Bostwick, bostwick@unglobalcompact.org) or the Participant Engagement team (Ms. Leimer Tejeda, tejeda@un.org or Ms. Gordana Filipic, filipic@un.org).
Webinar Invitations

1. Women's Empowerment Principles Webinar - 10 April, 8:00 am EST and 7:00 pm EST

Local Network Representatives and Contact Persons are invited to a webinar briefing on the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs). Member states of the UN have specifically called on Global Compact Local Networks to promote implementation of the WEPs, and the webinar will provide an opportunity for Local Network to share their ideas about advancing the WEPs locally as well as how the Global Compact Office can support these efforts.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Ms. Dzana Ferhatbegovic (dzana@unglobalcompact.org) by 3 April 2013.

Engagement Opportunities

1. Suggestions for the 2013 Forum on Business and Human Rights

The Working Group on Business and Human Rights invites stakeholders to submit input and suggestions for the 2013 Forum on Business and Human Rights.

Interested Local Networks are encouraged to contact Ms. Marie Wibe (wibe@un.org) who would be pleased to collaborate on drafting a submission. Please note that the deadline for submissions is 12 April 2013. For more information about the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights click here.

2. Engage with Caring for Climate

Caring for Climate, the global business movement on climate change led by the UN Global Compact, UNEP and the secretariat of the UNFCCC, is now entering into a new phase of action.

• Help Caring for Climate Grow

The Global Compact Office is looking for your support to engage new companies in Caring for Climate. The Caring for Climate team is currently building a master list of companies that are particularly ambitious on climate action and collaboration, and would like to encourage all Local Networks to engage with these climate champions and send a list of target companies to engage in Caring for Climate to Mr. Pierre Cannet (cannet@un.org) by 30 April 2013. For more information about the initiative, please visit www.caringforclimate.org.

• Call for Local Action on Climate Adaptation
Caring for Climate invites Local Networks to host dialogues addressing the nexus at climate change risks and opportunities, sustainable development, and climate change adaptation. Building on the initiative’s adaptation guidance, *Adapting for a Green Economy: Companies, Communities and Climate Change*, Local Networks are encouraged to work with companies and local policymakers to enhance corporate leadership on adaptation on the ground, including throughout the supply chain and local communities. The final outcomes of these dialogues will be featured as part of a case report that will be highlighted at key Caring for Climate events including at COP19.

Local Networks interested in hosting a dialogue on climate change adaptation or learning more should contact Ms. Jayoung Park (park10@un.org).

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