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The XI Annual Local Networks Forum Update

1. The XI Annual Local Networks Forum – Outcome Document

The Global Compact office is finalizing the draft of XI Annual Local Network Forum Report. Please send your feedback or input to Mr. Walid Nagi (nagi@un.org), Head of Local Networks at the Global Compact by 28 May.

2. Local Network News Guidelines

As introduced during XI ALNF, to bring greater attention to the efforts of Local Networks on the ground in over 100 countries, the Global Compact is exploring how to better profile newsworthy activities and achievements of Local Networks through its communication channels. Given the vast work of Local Networks to advance corporate sustainability at the national and regional levels, the Global Compact now seeks to further showcase their efforts and profile the news of Local Networks.

For more information about how to identify and submit news, please refer to the Local Network News Guidelines.

3. Process to Map Participant Engagement in Local Networks Underway

Following the announcement at the XI ALNF, a collaborative exercise to identify which Global Compact signatories are engaged in Local Networks is underway as part of an effort to grow network membership. The Global Compact has made the necessary changes to the database and participant profiles to be able to showcase which companies are engaged locally.

To help complete this project, each Local Network will receive an email from the Relationship Management team within the next week with a step-by-step guide and list of participants from the country. The goal is to complete this exercise with all networks before the Leaders Summit on 19-20 September. Learn more about the Relationship Management Team.

4. Foundation for the Global Compact Upcoming Outreach

Local Networks are invited to review a sample draft of the Foundation’s mid-year outreach letter draft and a sample 2013 annual contribution invoice template. Please note that this is a working draft and is meant to provide an example of the tone and language relating to fundraising only. Details relating to activities, the value-proposition or other items may be revised in the coming weeks. As agreed at the XI ALNF, no references are made to new fundraising approaches. In May and June, the Global Compact will conduct personalized outreach to global champion companies that have contributed to the Foundation directly in recent years and have not yet made their 2013 contribution.

If any Local Network has serious concerns about the tone of this letter, please respond to the Local Network team in New York by 24 May.
Global Compact Leaders Summit 2013 Updates

1. Leaders Summit Sponsorship Opportunities for Local Networks

Local Networks are encouraged to mobilize five companies from their country to become Supporting sponsors of the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit 2013. Local Networks that do so will be recognized as Patron sponsors and strategic partners of the Summit and will receive the full benefits, recognition and visibility available to Patron sponsors. The combined visibility, networking, leadership, learning, engagement and partnership opportunities for both the network and companies offer a unique opportunity to showcase and scale up the commitment to and action in support of the Global Compact from a particular country.

The exclusive opportunity to become a strategic partner is limited therefore the Local Networks are encouraged to indicate interest the soonest.

More information about sponsorship can be found on the Summit website: www.leaderssummit2013.org/sponsors. Please contact Ms. Claire Kells (kells@globalcompactfoundation.org), Development Manager for the Foundation for the Global Compact to indicate interest in sponsorship.

2. Leaders Summit Invitations to the Local Networks Contact Persons

All Local Network Contact Persons will receive invitations to the Leaders Summit next week. In addition, the Global Compact encourages all networks to mobilize national delegations to attend the Summit. To help the Global Compact in its preparations and to ensure balanced geographical representation, Local Networks can play an important role in estimating the number of Summit attendees from your country.

Local Networks are requested to send an estimate of the number of delegates you expect to attend from your country to your regional networks managers in the Global Compact Office.

Upcoming Webinars

1. Communication on Engagement (COE) Policy - Webinar for Local Networks (23 May, 10:00 am EDT)

As recommended by the Global Compact Board, non-business participants will be required to communicate periodically on their engagement with the initiative through a Communication on Engagement (COE). All Local Networks are invited to preview and familiarize themselves with the requirements set forth in the upcoming COE Policy before it goes into effect on 31 October 2013. This is an opportunity for networks to understand how the COE affects non-business participants, ask clarifying questions, and equip themselves to continue to support participants locally.

Click here to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the webinar.

2. Anti-Corruption Call to Action - Webinar for Local Networks (6 June, 8:30 am EDT)

During the 12th Meeting of the Global Compact Anti-Corruption Working Group on 9 April in India, a Call to Action to Governments from the Private Sector on Anti-Corruption and the Post-2015 Development Agenda (Call to Action) was launched. The statement, which all companies are encouraged to sign, urges Governments to promote anti-corruption measures and implement related policies to establish systems of good governance.

Organized specifically for the Global Compact Local Networks, the webinar will provide an overview of the meaning of the Call to Action. It will also discuss the importance and relevance of including anti-corruption measures in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and ways in which Local Networks can mobilize their business participants to sign and support this Call to Action. The Global Compact has
also developed a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Call to Action. Local Networks are encouraged to closely review the draft FAQs which may be helpful as networks motivate and assist their business participants to support this Call to Action.

Please contact Ms. Donna Chung (chungd@un.org) to register for the webinar or to provide comments to the FAQ by 20 May.

Call for Input

1. Business for Peace Building Conference (25 June, 10:00 am – 18:00, UN Headquarters, New York)

Local Networks are invited to recommend companies in their network to invite to the Business for Peacebuilding Conference (25 Jun, New York) jointly convened by the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) and the Global Compact. Bringing together major global players, African business leaders, key actors from the business communities and governments of African countries, UN member states, and civil society organizations, this conference will facilitate a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the importance of engaging businesses in peace building and will offer a unique opportunity to catalyze collective action.

Please contact Bryan Kisadha (kisadha@unglobalcompact.org) to recommend companies or for more information.

2. Sustainable Agriculture Business Principles (SABPs) - Feedback Process and Stakeholder Consultation (July-November 2013)

The Global Compact has embarked on the development of voluntary Sustainable Agriculture Business Principles (SABPs). This process is designed to enable all Global Compact business, NGO and academic signatories who have interest and expertise in the food and agriculture sector to participate in the SABPs development through global stakeholder consultations to be held from July to November 2013. All Local Networks are invited to convene a consultation in their country in order to facilitate their members’ participation in the SABPs development process.

For more information, please contact Ms. Adrienne Gardaz (gardaz@un.org).

For Your Information

1. How to Submit a COP - Video Tutorials

Video tutorials regarding the submission of the COP are now available in English, French, Spanish, Japanese and Arabic. The Global Compact will continue to make this important resource available in more languages in order to cater to various regional audiences.

Videos may be viewed in the Communication on Progress section of the Global Compact website under "How Do I Submit a COP?" Learn more about video tutorials.

2. An Introduction to the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

In 2011, the United Nations Human Rights Council unanimously endorsed the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, a set of guidelines for States and companies to prevent and address human rights abuses committed in business operations. This document summarizes the content of the Guiding Principles and describes the mandate of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, which has been established to aid in their implementation.

Learn more about the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.