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**Upcoming Events**


The Global Compact is encouraging all Local Networks to mobilize national delegations for the **Caring for Climate Business Forum**: Innovation, Ambition, Collaboration, taking place at the UN Climate Change Conference. The inaugural event is held in partnership with UNEP and the UNFCCC secretariat and in cooperation with the Polish COP19/CMP9 Presidency to accelerate climate innovation, ambition and collaboration globally and locally.

The Global Compact Office will provide two complimentary registrations for Local Networks that bring three Global Compact or Caring for Climate signatories from their country to the Forum. Participating Local Networks will also have relevant banner recognition and access to networking areas and bilateral meeting space at the Forum.

For further information on how to register and participate in the Forum, please send an email to forum@caringforclimate.org.

2. **Business Stakeholder Meeting at 2013 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights (2-4 Dec, Geneva)**

In keeping with the General Assembly’s mandate of promoting responsible business practices and UN values among the global business community and the UN system, the Global Compact is the lead coordinator of the Business Stakeholder Meeting to be held during the second annual **UN Forum on Business and Human Rights**. Organized by the Global Compact in close collaboration with the IOE, ICC, GBI and BSR, the Business Stakeholder Meeting is one of several stakeholder meetings convened in conjunction with the Forum to offer a "safe space" to enable peer exchanges and learning. The Forum itself, which is guided by the Working Group on Business and Human Rights, aims to promote multi-stakeholder dialogue on trends and challenges in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Local Networks interested in participating or sending a business representative to the Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights can read more and register here. In addition, limited funding for travel for non-OECD participants may be available.

For further information, please contact Ms. Shubha Chandra (chandra@unglobalcompact.org). The deadline to apply for funding is **24 October** and only applies to confirmed participants.

**Engagement Opportunities**

1. **Call for Consultations: Sustainable Agriculture Business Principles (SABPs) Consultation**

Convened by the UN Global Compact, a diverse network of experts have developed a White Paper on Sustainable Agriculture Business Principles (SABPs) that includes actions needed from business and other sectors, and key outcomes required to deliver sustainable agriculture globally.
Through an online consultation questionnaire, we are interested in receiving input specifically on the outcomes that sustainable agriculture business principles should aim to achieve; the factors key to achieving these goals and the actions that are needed. Input provided will be taken into account as the SABPs are drafted later this year (expected December 2013).

All Local Networks are kindly requested to support the outreach to stakeholders to participate in the online consultation. The UNGC has developed a communication package with a number of boiler plates that can be posted on websites, social media and other platforms.

For more information, please contact Mr. Guan Schellekens (schellekens@unglobalcompact.org).

2. Call for Nominations: Women’s Empowerment Principles Leadership Awards

Local Networks are encouraged to mobilize local companies to apply for the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Leadership Awards, which highlight concrete actions taken to implement the WEPs and advance and empower women. The Awards seek to recognize business leaders for their exceptional championship of gender equality and support of the seven Women’s Empowerment Principles.

Nominations will be accepted until 1 November. Download the nomination form here. For more information on the Awards, eligibility and how to apply, please see the WEPs Leadership Awards FAQ.

3. Local Network Partnership Champion Group

The Local Network Partnership Champion Group (PCG) – a recently established leadership community – has been created to facilitate ongoing networking opportunities and knowledge-sharing structures between an expanding group of networks interested in strengthening their partnership brokering capacity. Planned activities for Phase 1 include an opportunity to localize the Business Partnership Hub through strategic local-level outreach efforts. Participating networks will receive access to partnership mapping tools, ongoing personalized support and global recognition on the Business Partnership Hub homepage. All networks are welcome to participate in the PCG.

For more information and to learn how to join, please contact Ms. Christine Conforti (conforti@unglobalcompact.org).

4. Collaborate with PRME Regional Chapters

Local Networks are invited to collaborate with Regional Chapters of the Global Compact’s sister-initiative, the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), in Asia, Australasia, Brazil, German speaking countries (DACH), Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC), Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Nordic, and UK and Ireland. PRME Regional Chapters, officially endorsed as an outcome of the 3rd PRME Global Forum, work to provide a platform for dialogue, learning and action on responsible management and leadership education and research; increase the visibility of PRME and its signatories in a region; adapt the Six Principles of PRME into a local context and develop and promote activities linked to the PRME. Upcoming PRME Regional Meetings include:

• 3rd PRME Regional Forum MENA (10-11 Nov, Dubai)
• 4th PRME Regional Forum Asia (14-15 Nov, Manila)
• 3rd PRME Regional Forum Australasia (18-21 Nov, New Zealand)

Local Networks are encouraged to connect with the relevant the PRME Regional Chapter and inform their participants of the upcoming PRME Regional Meetings. Click here to learn more or contact the PRME Secretariat (prmesecretariat@unglobalcompact.org).

5. Global Compact International Yearbook 2014

Applications for the 2014 “Global Compact International Yearbook” are now being accepted. A product of macondo Media Group, the yearbook offers in-depth information on key sustainability issues to stakeholders around the world and promotes knowledge exchange and learning in the spirit of the Global Compact principles. Financial contributions are not collected on behalf of the Global Compact Office; rather, they are exclusively used to fund the development of the yearbook by macondo Media Group.

For further information, please visit the website or contact Dr. Elmer Lenzen, Publisher
Upcoming Webinars and Trainings

1. Communication on Engagement Policy – Trainings for Non-Business Participants (23 October)

The Communication on Engagement (COE) Policy, which will become effective on 31 October 2013, introduces clear engagement activities for non-business participants in the initiative. The policy includes a reporting component, which intends to increase transparency and disclosure practices among all participants. The Global Compact Office offered training on this new policy specifically for Local Networks in May 2013 and will now offer a training session for non-business participants on 23 October at 12:00 EDT. The COE policy will be available in all UN languages and Portuguese.

Please register using the above link or contact Ms. Ana Blanco (blanco@unglobalcompact.org) with questions.

2. Global Compact Human Rights Agenda - Webinar for Local Networks (12 Dec, 8:30 and 19:00 EDT)

The Global Compact human rights team is hosting a webinar specifically for interested Local Network contact points/representatives as an exchange on global and local approaches to business and human rights. The human rights team will provide an introduction to the business and human rights approaches, tools, resources and special initiatives at the global level. Local Networks that wish to do so are invited to share local business and human rights approaches, tools, resources and special initiatives that they are undertaking. The webinar will be held on:
- 12 December at 8:30 EDT
- 12 December at 19:00 EDT

Please register for the appropriate time using the above link and contact Ms. Shubha Chandra (chandra@unglobalcompact.org) if you would like to make a presentation during the webinar.

For Your Information

1. UN Global Compact Leaders Summit 2013 Outcome Document

The Global Compact Office is currently developing the Leaders Summit report. It will be circulated to all Local Networks when available.

2. Local Network News Guidelines

Local Networks are encouraged to use and take a full advantage of the Global Compact website "Local Network News" Section to share active engagements on the ground locally. As introduced at the XI ALNF and in the May Local Network monthly update, the "Local Network News" Section will aim to bring greater attention to the efforts of Local Networks on the ground. Given the vast work of Local Networks to advance corporate sustainability at the national and regional levels, the Global Compact is continuing to explore how to better profile newsworthy activities and achievements of Local Networks through its communication channels.

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


As many companies are aware, the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights set out, inter alia, the elements of the corporate responsibility to respect human rights. Guiding Principle 19 provides that once companies have conducted human rights due diligence and obtained their findings, “appropriate action will vary according to whether the business enterprise causes or contributes to an adverse impact, or whether it is ...directly linked...” The Global Compact has prepared a visual tool for companies, in the form of a flow chart, to explain the implications that flow from this categorization, and to enhance
understanding of this Principle.

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