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1) Call to Action: Local Network Participation at COP21
Hosted by the UN Global Compact, UNEP and the UNFCCC Secretariat in cooperation with the French COP21/CMP11 incoming-Presidency, the Caring for Climate Business Forum will take place on 7-8 December at Paris-Le Bourget. The Forum will provide a venue for business and investors to meet with governments, civil society and the UN to advance the climate agenda. With plenary and thematic sessions and a high-level meeting, the Forum will serve as a platform for companies to demonstrate progress and announce new commitments to action.

Local Networks play an important role in mobilizing business around climate change ahead of this milestone meeting. To learn more about how your network can engage on climate in the lead-up to and at COP 21, see flyer and the presentation prepared by Global Compact Network France.

2) Participants Asked to Demonstrate Climate Leadership ahead of COP21
The UN Global Compact is calling on companies around the world to commit to taking action on critical
climate change issues in the following ways 1) Become a Carbon Pricing Champion; 2) Share leading practices on climate adaptation; 3) Align with climate science; and 4) Engage responsibly in climate policy. The Caring for Climate Business Forum at COP21 (7-8 December, Paris) will provide a platform to showcase and feature private sector commitments to action. Local networks are kindly asked to encourage participants to make commitments to climate action.

For more information, please visit the Caring for Climate website. Companies can submit commitments directly at business.un.org and/or at https://business.un.org/en/forms/commitment_form?climatechange=true.

3) Reminder: Call for Input: Executive Guide on Carbon Pricing Leadership
Caring for Climate has released a draft the Executive Guide on Carbon Pricing Leadership for public consultation. The Executive Guide covers the topics of setting an internal carbon price, advocating for carbon pricing policies, and communicating on progress. The full report with case stories will be launched at the Caring for Climate Business Forum at COP21. Local Networks are invited to review and comment on the draft and invite their participants to do the same. Please contact caring4climate@un.org with any questions.

Consultation Draft: Executive Guide to Carbon Pricing Leadership:
https://collaborase.com/C4Ccarbonpricing

Overview: Business Leadership on Carbon Pricing:
http://caringforclimate.org/workstreams/carbon-pricing/

Encourage the companies in your network to attend the premier United Nations event focused on gender equality and business. To attend the event, please request an invitation. Information on sponsorship opportunities is also available. To learn more about the WEPs Annual Event, please check out past WEPs Annual Events.

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1. Reminder: Call for Nomination: WEPs CEO Leadership Awards
Local Networks are encouraged to recognize CEO champions who are advancing gender equality by sharing the opportunity to apply for the 2016 WEPs CEO Leadership Awards. Award recipients will have the opportunity to speak directly about their commitment at a ceremony held at the United Nations during the Women’s Empowerment Principles Annual Event in March 2016. Learn more. The deadline for nomination submission is 30 October 2015.

Local Networks who are attending the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights (16-18 November, Geneva) are also invited to attend the Human Rights and Labour Working Group meeting on 16 November from 8-10am.

If you’re interested, kindly RSVP to Ms. Elisabeth Millenaar (millenaar@unglobalcompact.org) and Ms. Shubha Chandra (chandra@unglobalcompact.org) by 6 November 2015.

Webinar

1. B4P Webinar: Business Action Pledge in Response to the Refugee Crisis – Mobilizing Companies (22 October, 8:00-9:00am EST)
The UN Global Compact, in partnership with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), launched the Business Action Pledge in Response to the Refugee Crisis. The pledge is a call to companies and other stakeholders to take action in lessening the suffering of people forced to flee conflict and support solutions for the resulting widespread societal disruption. Companies with operations or supply chains in countries that are producing, transiting and receiving refugees are called upon to demonstrate leadership by taking action – as an individual company or in partnership with others. Local Networks are encouraged to circulate the webinar link to their signatory companies to learn about their opportunities to take actions in a response to this global crisis. Join the webinar by registering here.
2. WEPs Webinar: Successful Maternity/Parental Leave Schemes (5 November, 6:00-7:30pm EST)
The WEPs team offers a webinar which focuses on a discussion on maternity/parental leave, pregnancy and return to work. The Australian Human Rights Commission will share their latest research and toolkit to combat pregnancy discrimination, and speakers will highlight successful maternity/parental leave schemes and lessons learned on how to create a fairer environment for pregnant women and mothers and fathers returning to work. Click here to register.

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• Equality Means Business: WEPs in Practice - New Delhi, India
Organized by the UN Global Compact and Global Compact Network India, and driven by four WEPs companies, the event held on 8 October 2015 brought together participants from business, government and civil society to reflect on persistent barriers to women’s empowerment and share strategies for scaling up implementation of the WEPs in India. Read press release.

• Gender Equality: Principles into Practice - Toronto, Canada
Hosted by two Women's Empowerment Principles supporters, the 8 October event gathered over 200 top business representatives for a unique evening, combining the arts and business. The WEPs were introduced and the 2015 WEPs CEO Leadership Award recipient spoke about his company's journey to implement the WEPs, calling on other Canadian business leaders to join.

If you are interested in hosting a Women's Empowerment Principles event in your country, please contact WEPs@unglobalcompact.org.

2. Recorded Webinar: Business Action Pledge in Response to the Refugee Crisis
Conducted on 7 October, this webinar provided the background and explained about the types of activities Local Networks can engage in to take action in response to the global refugee crisis unfolding across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. For details, please see the presentation and the recommendations from PRME.