



United Nations Global Compact



Expert Group Meeting "Responsible Business & Investment in High-Risk Areas"

AGENDA

Tuesday 8 November 2011

9.00 – 18.00

North Lawn Building - Conference Room A

UN Headquarters, New York

8.45-9.00 Arrival at UNHQ

Expert Group members are asked to arrive at the Visitor's Entrance gate of United Nations Headquarters (1st ave at 46th st.) between 8:45am-9:00am in order to clear security. Global Compact Office staff will be waiting at the entrance gate to escort you to the meeting room.

9.15-9.30 Opening Remarks

Welcoming remarks and introduction

- **Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Chair of the Expert Group and Vice Chair of the UN Global Compact Board**

Update on the joint work of the UN Global Compact and PRI to engage companies and investors in implementing/using the Guidance.

- **Ms. Melissa Powell, Head, Strategy and Partnerships, Business & Peace, UN Global Compact Office**
- **Ms. Valeria Piani, Head, Investor Engagements, Principles for Responsible Investment**

9.30-13.00 Advancing the Guidance in Practice

The following sessions will be dedicated to fostering a discussion on actions taken to implement the Guidance at the country-level and exploring the challenges and lessons learned in relation to advancing responsible business practices in high-risk areas.

9.30-11.00 A) Conducting a Gap Analysis: Challenges and Lessons Learned

As part of the Core Business section of the Guidance, companies are encouraged to adapt policies, strategies and operational guidance to the specific needs of the high-risk context. How do you identify which policies and practices should be developed or modified given the specific needs of a conflict-affected environment? What kinds of stakeholders should be involved – both internally and externally? What does "best practice" look like and what are the pitfalls that should be avoided if possible?

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- A Corporate Perspective: **Mr. Michael Ellekjær, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, A.P. Moller - Maersk A/S**
- A Corporate Perspective: **Ms. Valeria Santos, Corporate Affairs Coordinator, Pacific Rubiales**
- An Investor Perspective: **Mr. Bill McGrew, Portfolio Manager, Corporate Governance, CalPERS**

11.00-11.20 **Coffee break** - *Coffee, tea & light snacks outside the meeting room*

11.20-12.50 **B) Managing Security Issues: Challenges and Lessons Learned**

Companies are encouraged to apply evolving best practices in the management of security services provided by private contractors as well as, to the extent possible, public security forces. What are examples of good practice in this area? In addition, companies are asked to take a broad and inclusive approach towards stakeholder engagement - but how should a company deal with armed groups?

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- The Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights: **Ms. Amy Lehr, Associate, Foley Hoag**
- A Corporate Perspective: **Mr. Giancarlo Rabbito, Security Analysis and Coordination Manager, ENI**
- An Investor Perspective: **Mr. Juan Salazar, Analyst, Governance & Sustainable Investment, F&C Asset Management**
- Dealing with Armed Groups: **Ms. Dost Bardouille-Crema, Project Director, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects – Corporate Engagement Project**

13.00-14.00 **Lunch** (Delegates Dining Room)

Participants will be escorted to the Delegates Dining Room where lunch will be served.

14.00-15.30 **Advancing Responsible Business Practices in a Post-Conflict Environment: the case of Libya**

The private sector has an important role to play in contributing to stability and development in post-conflict areas. Commercial activities can have direct and indirect positive impacts by creating job opportunities, generating revenues that advance economic development and recovery, making sustainable investments in cities and towns, creating inclusive hiring policies that build good relations between communities, developing “bottom of the pyramid” business strategies and promoting responsible

business practices. However, operating in such environments may also expose companies to heightened tensions, disruptions, or reputational or financial risks. What can companies do to advance responsible business practices in the context of Libya? Is there a role for the Expert Group/ Expert Group members – if so, what are the priority areas for action? Is there interest in exploring the development of a Global Compact Local Network in the country?

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- A Perspective on the Current Situation in Libya: **Mr. Anthony Skinner, Director, Middle East and North Africa Practice, Maplecroft**

Participants will be divided into small groups for a one hour session to discuss the following two questions, followed by a 15 minute report-back session:

- 1. What do you feel are the 3 key challenges/priority areas for corporate/investor support/action in Libya?**
- 2. What are some specific ideas for how the Global Compact-PRI Expert Group could support efforts on-the-ground in Libya as it seeks to advance in the realms of governance, development and societal justice?** *(i.e. Convene a multistakeholder event on issues such as promotion of the rule of law, good governance and operationalizing responsible business practices; Create a Global Compact Local Network to provide practical support to help ensure responsible business and investment practices are implemented.)*

15.30-15.45 **Coffee break** -Coffee & tea outside the meeting room

15.45-17.15 **Opportunities for the Expert Group Moving Forward**

This session will highlight some specific opportunities for action by Expert Group members in 2012. There will be a brief question and answer/discussion session following each speaker.

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- **Water & Peace:** Water plays a key role in economic and social development in high-risk and conflict-affected environments. Water is under increasing stress and it is becoming a more and more sought-after and potentially fought-over resource - calling for sustainable and conflict-sensitive water management measures. Expert Group members will be introduced to some new work planned in this area with a view to developing a new resource by the upcoming Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012.
 - **Ms. Heather Cooley, Co-Director of the Water and Sustainability Program, Pacific Institute & Mr. Jason Morrison, Director of the Globalization & the Environment Program, Pacific Institute**

- **Conflict minerals and new disclosure requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act:** What are the new disclosure rules and requirements connected with the conflict minerals provision of the Dodd-Frank Act? What types of companies will it impact? What are some of the immediate implications and long-term opportunities for companies and Expert Group Members?
 - **Mr. John D'Agostino, Director, KPMG**
- **From Red to Green Flags:** How can companies build on the UN endorsed "Protect, Respect, Remedy" framework on business and human rights to manage dilemmas and challenges faced in difficult operating environments such as weak governance zones? How can companies respect human rights when a State does not fulfil its obligations? What are some of the company responses to address their responsibilities to respect human rights in a high-risk zone? How can Expert Group Members further engage in this area?
 - **Ms. Kelly Davina Scott, Programmes Manager, The Institute for Human Rights and Business**
- **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative:** Why and how can Expert Group Members support EITI implementation at the country-level? Which countries are especially priorities? What are some recent developments that may be of interest to Expert Group Members – especially in the Middle East?
 - **Mr. Jonas Moberg, Head of Secretariat, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative**

17.15-18.00 Next steps for the Expert Group in 2012

This session will focus on suggested areas of activity for the Expert Group in 2012 - both at the global-level and at the country-level. How can the Expert Group contribute to the Rio +20 Conference on Sustainable Development in June? How can Expert Group Members further support GC Local Networks that are especially interested in advancing responsible business and investment issues?

- **Ms. Adrienne Gardaz, Associate Expert, Business & Peace Programme, UN Global Compact Office**
- **Ms. Jameela Pedicini, Manager of Investor Engagements, Social Issues, Principles for Responsible Investment**
- **Mr. Walid Naji, Regional Network Manager - MENA and Europe, UN Global Compact Office**

Concluding Remarks

- **Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Chair of the Expert Group and Vice Chair of the UN Global Compact Board**

** All participants are welcome to join the Global Compact and PRI staff for informal drinks at the Ambassador Lounge, located in the Millennium Plaza Hotel immediately following the meeting (at their own expense).