



UN Global Compact CEO Roundtable on Corporate Sustainability in Ghana

19 February 2014, M Plaza Hotel, Accra
1000 – 1330 hours

Agenda

1000-1025	Breakfast Reception
1025-1040	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Toni Aubynn, CEO, The Ghana Chamber of Mines/Global Compact Network Ghana • Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Regional Representative – Africa/ Head, Transparency & Anti-Corruption, United Nations Global Compact
1040-1045	Opening Remarks H.E. Ambassador Margit Thomsen , Royal Danish Embassy
1045-1200	Corporate Sustainability in Ghana: Challenges and Opportunities <p>Ghana's remarkable growth trajectory is projected to continue at the rapid pace of 8 per cent in 2014, remaining one of Africa's most dynamic economies, bolstered by private sector growth and productivity. The country's young population and growing industries offer significant opportunities as well as potential challenges that the private sector will have to face in mainstreaming environmental and climate change issues, meeting employment needs for the youth and mobilizing infrastructural resources for the country's development.</p> <p>As the first of a series of country-level discussions on sustainable development in Africa, the CEO Round-table will bring together key business leaders in the country to discuss how the private sector can sustain the continent's growth while creating jobs and ensuring prosperity and a better quality of life for all its citizens.</p> <p><i>Moderated by Dr. Toni Aubynn, CEO, The Ghana Chamber of Mines</i></p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Frank Adu, Managing Director, Cal Bank Ltd. • Mr. Irwin J. Barkan, Chief Executive Officer, BGI Properties • Mr. Desmond Appiah, Principal Consultant, Sustainable Ghana Ltd. • Ms. Lucia Quachey, Founder and President, Ghana Association of Women Entrepreneurs • Mr. Venan Sondo, Senior Manager, Sustainability and Climate Change, PricewaterhouseCoopers Ghana Ltd.
1200-1230	Talkback Session on Sustainability Reporting <p>Today, international companies publish more than 5,000 sustainability and corporate responsibility reports a year, however, within Africa, data on sustainability metrics from annual reporting is lacking. Despite this, the need for sustainability reporting has only increased. This interactive session will focus</p>

	<p>on why sustainability reporting should be integrated into every company's strategy plan and how companies – large and small – can implement reporting through simple and effective methods.</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Douglas Kativu, Head, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Focal Point South Africa • Ms. Agatha Quayson, Trade/Private Sector Development Specialist, Embassy of Switzerland in Ghana • Ms. Nkiruka Chiemelu, Relationship Manager for Africa, United Nations Global Compact
1230-1320	<p><i>Introduction to the UN Global Compact and Local Network Ghana</i></p> <p>The Global Compact is the largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative in the world with over 8000 companies in 145 countries committing to aligning their operations and strategies with the 10 Principles for responsible business in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. This introductory session into the Global Compact will focus on how companies can commit, join and get involved in the Global Compact's activities furthering sustainable development in Ghana and in the region with specific focus on Food and Agriculture, Education and Anti-Corruption Initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nkiruka Chiemelu, Relationship Manager for Africa, United Nations Global Compact • Mr. Kofi Anyemedu, Coordinator, Global Compact Network Ghana • Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Regional Representative – Africa /Head, Transparency & Anti-Corruption, United Nations Global Compact • Mr. Walid Nagi, Head, Local Networks, United Nations Global Compact
1320-1330	<p><i>Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Toni Aubynn, CEO, The Ghana Chamber of Mines/Global Compact Network Ghana • Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Regional Representative – Africa/ Head, Transparency & Anti-Corruption, United Nations Global Compact