



## Global Compact Network Australia

### APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Signatories, friends and colleagues of the UN Global Compact Australian Network (GCNA)

#### SIGNATORIES

I am delighted to announce the most recent Australian Signatories to the Global Compact: **National Australia Bank, Diversity Council Australia, Inner Northern Group Training, Dragon Trend Corporation Ltd** and we warmly welcome them to the growing list of Australian Global Compact Participants.

#### MEMBERSHIP

We would also like to formally welcome **mecu** as our most recent Member to the Network and thank them for their support.

See the adopted [Membership Fees and Benefits](#) schedule for information on how to become a Member of GCNA. Global Compact Network Australia is now incorporated and we encourage all signatories to become Members of the Network, allowing your organisation to participate in the governance of GCNA- including nominating for elected positions of the Network, and voting at the next AGM (**to be held early in the second half of the year**). Please contact me for further details.

#### BUSINESS PLANNING OUTCOMES

In consultation with the GCNA Board during February, the following 3 key business objectives for the Network were adopted to take to the next AGM:

1. Organisational: Entity in sound financial position;
2. Membership: Increase in membership - 30% target;
3. Activity: Increased awareness, adoption and implementation of the UNGC principles.

#### UPCOMING

##### **Invitation to the IX Annual Local Networks Forum (ALNF) and the UN Global Compact Week**

The UN Global Compact Office hereby invites Local Network delegations to the IX ALNF and UN Global Compact Week in Copenhagen, Denmark from the 16th – 20th May 2011. Network delegations include the Secretariat, Local Network Representative and this year a call for business participants involved in the network. There is room for up to five per network delegation, so please contact me ASAP if you would like to participate in this key annual event for Global Compact Local Networks. [For a detailed invitation click here](#). (for members and signatories).

##### **National Roll-out of UN Global Compact training.**

Having completed the regional **Master Training** course earlier this month I will be commencing a national rollout of UNGC training **from June 2011**. This will cover an overview of the UNGC, training on the UNGC annual Communication on Progress including the new differentiated reporting framework, the GRI framework, a best practice panel and feedback from the Annual Local Networks Forum. If your organisation would be interested in hosting one of these sessions please let me know.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **GCNA Human Rights Working Group For Business**

The second of our quarterly meetings will be held this Friday April 15 in Sydney with an excellent line-up of speakers from government, business and civil society. Supported by the Australian Human Rights Commission and hosted by Westpac. (Now fully booked)

### **UN Global Compact Bulletin April 2011**

The latest monthly bulletin from the Global Compact Office is now out including an important paper on GC Governance: "The further development of Local Networks is essential when it comes to the future of the Global Compact: system-wide change requires transformative activities on the local level." [Click here](#) to read more.

### **Website**

Working with the team at Generation Alliance we hope to present the Network with a new look website, branding and design mid-year.

### **WA Welcomes the UN Global Compact Network Australia**

A successful first WA GCNA event was held in February with plans to further develop a WA community of practice for the Network. [Read more here.](#)

With compliments,

**ROSEMARY SAINTY**

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