



Global Compact Network Australia

October 2010 Update – UN Global Compact Network Australia

Dear Signatories, friends and colleagues of the UN Global Compact Australian Network,
Welcome to the October Newsletter for the Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA).
I am delighted to announce the most recent Australian Signatories to the Global Compact:

Bitek Pty Ltd, ME Bank and BioPak.

We warmly welcome them to the growing list of Australian Global Compact Participants.

1. MEMBERSHIP

Following the Inaugural Annual Meeting of the GCNA in June the Membership Fees and Benefits schedule was adopted by the Network to enable financial sustainability and the Steering Committee was elected to progress the governance and vision of the Network:



"To become Australia's strongest corporate citizenship movement committed to the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption."

On behalf of Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA) I would like to formally acknowledge the following organizations on recently becoming Founding Members of GCNA:



**Accenture Australia Ltd
KPMG Australia
Nestle Australia Ltd. and
Westpac Banking Corporation.**

They join **Allens Arthur Robinson** and **Australia Post** as our first Founding Members of GCNA, providing a significant financial base from which to grow a flourishing Network, organise activities and provide a strong value proposition for Compact signatories to encourage membership.

Further, the following signatories have recently joined the GCNA as members and we would like to formally welcome them and their support:

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (Corporate)
SMEC Holdings Pty Ltd (Corporate)
PricewaterhouseCoopers (Corporate)
Futureye (SME)

Work continues with Allens Arthur Robinson's *pro bono* legal team in order to incorporate the Network and establish an ABN from which to provide a tax invoice for membership fees. Once this process is complete all Australian participants will be notified. An interim invoice system through St James Ethics Centre for those wishing to become members has been established.

2. DIARY DATES

I. ****SAVE THE DATE**:** 9am - 1pm, December 10, 2010 (Human Rights Day): **Human Rights Working Group Inaugural Meeting.**

Why do Australian companies need to worry about human rights, both in their operations at home and abroad; what are relevant stakeholders, including Australian companies and the government currently doing to foster business respect for human rights; and what further support do Australian companies need?

This will be the first of a quarterly series of workshops designed to facilitate shared learning re: UNGC's HR principles for **UNGC signatories in Australia**. Further information including needs analysis survey to follow. Likely location: Melbourne.

II. **Monday November 8, 2010, Melbourne: Afternoon tea with Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Chair of the Global Compact Foundation, former Chair of Shell and Anglo American.** Join Sir Mark who will be in Australia at this time, to hear the latest from the UN Global Compact Foundation and Board. Details tba.

3. FOLLOW-UP



"Welcome Event" Global Compact Network Australia-Melbourne and Sydney, hosted by KPMG.

More than 60 attendees turned up for each of these successful events which included a welcome and a networking opportunity for signatories with evening drinks, Australian Delegates' feedback highlights from the New York Leaders Summit, update from the Steering Committee and an invitation to participate in working groups.

The Melbourne Event was timed to coincide with the 63rd UN DPI/NGO Conference - "Advance Global Health: Achieve the MDGs" with both Tim Costello and high profile delegate Eric Falt, Director of the UN DPI emphasizing the importance of partnerships between business, civil society and the UN in order to achieve real progress in the Millennium Development Goals.



The Sydney Event was timed to coincide with the concurrent RIAA's 7th International Responsible Investment Conference with Glen Saunders, Board Member and Treasurer of the UN Principles of Responsible Investment (PRI) introducing the concepts of universal ownership, the materiality of externalities, and the virtuous circle of interconnected responsible business practices and long-term investment decision-making.

I offer sincere thanks to our host KPMG and our speakers including: Local Network Representative Matthew Tukaki, CEO, SansGov; Caroline Bayliss, Director, Global Sustainability, RMIT; Peter Kelly, Director, Corporate & External Relations, Nestle Australia; Bill Jones, CEO, Sustainable Living Fabrics; Alex Malley, CEO, CPA Australia; Michael Rose, Chief Executive Partner, Allens Arthur Robinson and Prof Malcolm McIntosh, Director, Asia Pacific Centre Sustainable Enterprise, Griffith Business School.





A resource of Australian Delegates Feedback on the Leaders

Summit in NY has now been compiled and can be downloaded:

<http://thehub.ethics.org.au/uploads/files/Leaders%20Summit%20010%20-%20REPORT%20from%20Australian%20Delegates.pdf>

Summit References:

The video "[Contagion/ Who Cares Wins](#)" can be found on YouTube together with 2 other Leaders Summit Videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=GCLeadersSummit2010>

All Leaders Summit Videos:

<http://www.un.org/webcast/globalcompact/leaderssummit2010/>

The extensive list of new resources launched at the 10th Anniversary Leaders Summit in New York including the Blueprint for Leadership:

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/tools_resources/leaders_summit_2010.html

Further information on the Principles of Responsible investment (Glen Saunders keynote), and the Clearinghouse of joint initiatives with the Global Compact: <http://www.unpri.org/>

Brisbane, September 17, 2010: Australia-Pacific Earth Charter (+10) Festival.

Session: Harvesting the benefits: business action on the Earth Charter. Another excellent event included a welcome from Queensland to Global Compact Network Australia. Run by the Asia Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise at Griffith Business School in partnership with the Earth Charter team at UN Association Queensland and the UN Global Compact Network Australia the event was chaired by Prof Malcolm McIntosh, Director of APCSE with speakers including Mirian Vilela, Executive Director of the Earth Charter International Secretary.

4. OTHER NEWS

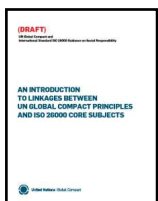
Partnership opportunities: United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards

2011 - currently exist for UN Global Compact signatories to support the upcoming 2011 World Environment Day Awards. The National Awards Program, established in 2000 in support of the United Nations Global Compact, plays an important role in raising awareness about key environmental issues and challenges, and inspires individuals, organisations and businesses to take positive steps towards sustainability, CSR and environmental stewardship. Read more here:

<http://thehub.ethics.org.au/event/details/id/59>

Global Compact Encourages Business Contribution to Humanitarian Efforts in Pakistan

- the Global Compact encourages participants to contribute to humanitarian efforts in Pakistan. Private sector support in meeting the immediate needs of the vulnerable people affected by this disaster is crucial. Visit business.un.org to find out how your organization can contribute to humanitarian efforts in Pakistan.



International Standard on Social Responsibility – ISO 26000 – APPROVED

A testament to five years of outstanding efforts globally and cross-sectorally, the world's first International Standard on Social Responsibility – ISO 26000 provides guidance to all types of organizations, regardless of their size or location, and has been mapped to the UN Global Compact. Read more here:

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/news_events/8.1/UNGC_ISO_DRAFT.pdf

UN Global Compact Bulletin - October

Including news on the recent Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) UN Summit and the Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative (with the PRI). Read more here:

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NewsAndEvents/UNGC_bulletin/october_2010.html

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The Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact

Human Rights

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery