



Global Compact Network Australia

JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

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

On June 30 2011 – my contract at St James Ethics Centre (SJEC) and therefore role as Head, Secretariat of the Global Compact Network, comes to completion.

Over the past 4 years, enabled by funding from Federal Treasury to St James Ethics Centre, I have had, together with my team, the wonderful opportunity to establish focal points for both the Australian Network of the UN Global Compact (GCNA) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), working directly with both the GRI Secretariat in Amsterdam and the UNGC office in New York and across Australian business, together with the development of a range of SME tools. These achievements have been acknowledged at the recent National Business Leaders Forum in Canberra, opened with a video address from HRH, the Prince of Wales and a special endorsement for the GCNA –



*"... It is essential that those who understand the importance of responsible behaviour have the necessary strength and capacity to deliver real change. Building this expertise requires the establishment of networks and the building of trust between different companies. I know that many of you are members of the **Global Compact Network Australia**, which has now grown to become Australia's strongest voluntary corporate citizenship initiative. I have always believed that bringing together business leaders from different sectors into environments where they can share best practice and learn from each others' mistakes is the key to raising the bar. Understanding that responsible business is as much about cooperation as competition is crucial if we are to move forward...."* **HRH, Prince of Wales, June 16, 2011**



The past year has seen a real flourishing of GCNA- following its inaugural annual meeting last year in June. GCNA is now the strongest corporate citizenship movement in Australia, having achieved financial sustainability and incorporation, with 90 Australian signatories, 30 engaged global signatories, 30 financial members and many engaged others – from an original database of 35 signatories 2 years ago. I encourage you to continue your support of its Board and Local Network Representative, Matthew Tukaki as it transitions to next steps. I hope to be able to support the continued momentum and implementation into the future.



Additionally I would like to encourage you, if not already, to become financial members of the GCNA and to play an active role in its governance at its next AGM- likely to be held in August 2011.

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome **BHP Billiton, Diversity Council of Australia, Transparency International Australia, Xstrata, Plan International Australia and the Barangaroo Delivery Authority** as our most recent financial Members to the Network and thank them for their support.

SIGNATORIES

I am also delighted to announce the most recent Australian Signatories to the Global Compact: **Australian National Couriers, Colopak Limited, Metcomm Industries Pty Ltd, Multi-Color Corporation (South Australia) Pty Ltd, Transparency International Australia and CareersMultiList** and we warmly welcome them to the growing list of Australian Global Compact Participants.

1. IMPORTANT **DIARY DATES**

AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND PRINCIPLES OF RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION (PRME) FORUM

University of NSW on Friday, 22 July 2011 <http://thehub.ethics.org.au/event/details/id/102>

This is the first forum of its kind to be held in Australia, or indeed the Asia Pacific region. As such, it will provide an opportunity for:

- collaboration among the Australian and New Zealand universities who are, or are interested in becoming, signatories to PRME;
- learning about experiences in embedding PRME in business curricula;
- discussion of initiatives for collaboration between academia and business (particularly signatories of the Global Compact);
- discussion of appropriate institutional and operational capacities to advocate and promote PRME;
- networking and partnership opportunities.

Please note there is no fee for attending this forum - contact Anabelle Alis anabelle.alis@unsw.edu.au.

SAVE THE DATE: BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP MEETING # 3

Date: 26 August 2011, 9.00 am – 2.00 pm including a networking lunch

Host: Rio Tinto, Melbourne

Based on feedback from working group participants, the August event will focus on human rights and business relationships: specifically the human rights issues that Australian business face throughout their value chains, what domestic and international standards say about their responsibility for these issues, and the policies, processes and tools that they may use to address them. There will also be a brief update on recent domestic and international developments in the business and human rights arena. The event will be free of charge for GCNA members. There will be a fee for all other business participants and priority will be given to UNGC signatories. **A formal invitation will be sent in July.**

2. FEEDBACK

NATIONAL ROLL-OUT OF UN GLOBAL COMPACT TRAINING AND THE ANNUAL UNGC WEEK COPENHAGEN.



Commencing in Melbourne, June 6, hosted by Parsons Brinckerhoff and Sydney, June 9, hosted by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority. The program included a briefing on the [UN Global Compact Week](#) in Copenhagen which I attended on behalf of GCNA in May. A key theme of the UNGC week was around the Communication on Progress (CoP) annual requirement which has been reviewed in order to maintain the integrity of the commitment in signing up to the 10 principles of the compact.

I commend to you in particular the *Global Compact Annual Review 2010* which contains the results of the 2010 UNGC

Implementation Survey and the progress of the Working groups featured at the UNGC Week together with updates on the Global Compact's growth, strategic and operational priorities, governance and finances. http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/news_events/8.1/UN_Global_Compact_Annual_Review_2010.pdf

Briefing, UN Global Compact Week in Copenhagen:

- Results of the 2010 Global Compact Implementation Survey - <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/127-06-07-2011>
- UNGC LEAD Companies project - <http://www.unglobalcompact.org/HowToParticipate/Lead/index.html>
- Preparation for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development – Rio +20 in June 2012 – http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NewsAndEvents/rio_2012.html

Understanding the UNGC Commitment, Realising the Benefits

- Differentiation reporting Framework for the Annual Communication on Progress – http://www.unglobalcompact.org/COP/differentiation_programme.html
- Leadership blueprint - http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/lead/Blueprint_EN.pdf

Preparing for the next Communication on Progress

- The UNGC Management Model - http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/news_events/9.1_news_archives/2010_06_17/UN_Global_Compact_Management_Model.pdf
- Identification of key UNGC resources- http://www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/tools_resources/index.html



Also presented at the UNGC Week:

- Annual Local Network Report 2011: Takes stock of Local Network achievements and highlights best practices being undertaken by networks around the world.
http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/networks_around_world_doc/Annual_Report_2011/Annual_Local_Network_Report_2011.pdf
- Local Network Toolkit: Provides guidance for establishing, running and managing the day-to-day affairs of a Global Compact Local Network.
http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/networks_around_world_doc/GCLN_ToolKit.pdf

GCNA HOST MEETINGS WITH UN GLOBAL COMPACT CHINA

Held last week for a major Chinese Extractive (UNGC Signatory) with operations in Australia and key local industry stakeholders/GCNA members. There is a growing global commitment to link activities of the UNGC Local Networks via subsidiary interests. Many thanks to those stakeholders who took part.

3. OTHER NEWS

GCNA WELCOMES GILLARD GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE REPORTING

Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, David Bradbury announced last week that the Gillard Government is supporting responsible corporate reporting in Australia by providing \$400,000 in funding over the next two years to the Global Reporting Initiative Focal Point Australia. The Focal Point was established concurrently with the establishment of the Focal Point for the UN Global Compact in Australia and promotes world's best practice reporting of environmental, social and governance issues by Australian corporations and works closely with the UN Global Compact globally and locally to drive corporate sustainability leadership. The announcement is seen as supporting the global move towards integrated reporting.

UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Geneva, June 16. Created by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights, Professor John Ruggie. In addition, the Council decided to establish a five person expert working group to disseminate and implement the Guiding Principles. The working group will be formed at the Council's next session in September 2011. The Council also agreed that there should be an annual multi-stakeholder forum on business and human rights in Geneva, to promote dialogue and cooperation amongst all interested groups. <http://www.business-humanrights.org/media/documents/ruggie/ruggie-guiding-principles-endorsed-16-jun-2011.pdf>

UN GLOBAL COMPACT BULLETIN JUNE 2011

The latest monthly bulletin includes an invitation to signatories for a series of webinars on Human Rights and Labour, and COP Differentiation: Achieving "GC Advanced" .
http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NewsAndEvents/UNGC_bulletin/2011_06_01.html

With compliments,

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