



Global Compact Network Australia

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

Welcome to the **May enews** for the Global Compact Network Australia. I am delighted to announce our most recent Australian Signatories to the Global Compact: Griffith University, Orana Incorporated, SMEC Holdings Pty Ltd and mecu Limited and we warmly welcome them to the growing list of Australian Global Compact Participants.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: 4 JUNE 2010 INAUGURAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK AUSTRALIA

RSVPs and Expressions of Interest for roles within the Network are due on 10 May 2010 – in order to circulate prior to meeting

We are happy to announce that **Bob Mc Mullan MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance** will address our inaugural Annual Meeting and will join business leaders –

**Jack Percy - Managing Director Australia, Accenture (and host);
Michael Luscombe, CEO, Woolworths;
David Atkin, CEO, Cbus and Board member of the Principles of Responsible Investment;
and Dr Simon Longstaff (Chair, ED, St James Ethics Centre).**

- on a panel to discuss corporate citizenship and the Global Compact in an Australian business context, and the role of business and government leadership in driving responsible business practice and sustainable development nationally, regionally and internationally. Following the panel discussion (to conclude at approximately 9.30am) the event will then move to the business of the meeting. Importantly this will include the voting in of an inaugural Steering Committee, Local Country Representative and Secretariat as well as membership fee structure and call for interest in working groups. Full details are attached.

Note: This is an invitation-only event for signatories and close associates of the Compact.

Date: June 4

Time: 8.00am Casual Breakfast for an 8.30am start until 11.30am

Venue: Accenture, Sydney

Proxies: In the event that you are unable to attend the Inaugural Annual Meeting of the GCNA you might wish to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf for membership to the Steering Committee or the position of Local Network Representative. Please find attached the 'notice of appointment of proxy form'. We take this opportunity to remind you that an appointed proxy must be a UNGC signatory and that the notice of this appointment should

be received by **Wednesday 2 June 2010.**



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OTHER IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR 2010:

- 1. 27 and 28 May 2010- Parliament House, Canberra - [The 11th National Business Leaders Forum on Sustainable Development \(NBLF\)](#)** – the theme for this year's Forum: Sustainable Business Leadership in the Asia Pacific: Growing the Low Carbon Economy. The NBLF supports the UN Global Compact Network Australia and will therefore feature a presentation/panel on the GC with a focus on Asia Pacific. The Forum is positioned for senior decision makers across business, government and civil society. Visit the website for full program and registration details: www.nblf.com.au
- 2. 8 June, Brisbane 2010- The 10th Anniversary Of The United Nations Global Compact And The Emerging Sustainable Enterprise Economy.**
A pre-event session in the lead up to the celebrations of the 10th Anniversary of the UN Global Compact at the Leaders Summit in New York and to raise the profile of the Conference and the Earth Charter Festival. Supported by the United Nations Association Australia (Queensland branch) and Earth Watch.
Details: Tuesday, 8 June, 5:30pm – 8:00pm, Function Room (Level 2), Griffith South Bank Graduate Centre (S07), South Bank campus, Griffith University

Chair:
Professor Malcolm McIntosh, Director, Asia Pacific Centre for Sustainable Enterprise
Guest Speakers:
Professor Sandra Waddock, Boston College, USA;
Rosemary Sainty, Focal Point, Australian UNGC Network;
Bill McCredie, Allens Arthur Robinson (UNGC Signatory);
Fiona Nicholls, General Manager External Relations, Coal Australia, Rio Tinto.

For full details and to book in: <http://www.griffith.edu.au/business/sustainable-enterprise/events>
- 3. 24-25 June 2010, New York- [UN Global Compact Leaders Summit 2010](#)** – by invitation . The Leaders Summit will convene chief executives with leaders from civil society, government and the UN to elevate the role of responsible business. Held every three years, the Summit is the forum for Global Compact participants to renew their commitment to responsible practices, share progress made and set the direction for the coming years. This year the summit celebrates the 10 year anniversary of the Compact. The Australian Focal Point is currently working with the Australian Mission to the UN to host the Australian Delegation at the Summit.
- 4. 2nd September 2010, Melbourne (Host: KMPG)- Inaugural UN Global Compact Network Australia Conference 2010.** Themed to the UNGC Leaders Summit 10 years celebration. Timed to coincide with the 63rd UN DPI/NGO International Annual Conference to be held in Melbourne. To include - Welcome from & overview of the Australian Network, Government's position on the UNGC, UNGC past & future (feedback from delegates at the UN Leaders Summit), Making the UNGC real in your business – afternoon members only session. Mark this diary date! Details following presentation at the Inaugural Annual meeting June 4.

Please contact me should you have any queries.

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