



Global Compact Network Australia

MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

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

Next week I will be attending [UN Global Compact Week](#) in Copenhagen. Join me on the [Global Compact Network Australia LinkedIn Group](#) for regular updates from the Forum.

IMPORTANT **DIARY DATES**

1. National Roll-Out Of UN Global Compact Training Commences

Melbourne

8.30 for 9am - 1pm, Monday June 6
Hosted by Parsons Brinckerhoff

Sydney

8.30 for 9am - 1pm, Thursday June 9
Hosted by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority

"Global Compact Local Networks perform increasingly important roles in facilitating the progress of companies engaged in the Global Compact with respect to implementation of the ten principles, deepening the learning experience of all participants through their own activities and events and supporting their participants in the preparation of their annual "Communication on Progress" (CoP) reports. "

Program:

- **Welcome:** Both Sydney and Melbourne sessions will commence with a welcome by the senior leadership of the organization and attendees will hear about the host company's own "CSR" journey and UNGC experience.
- **Overview and briefing** on the key learnings of the UN Global Compact Week in Copenhagen, including preparation for the significant UN Conference on Sustainable Development – Rio +20 in June 2012. Rio+20 aims to set the sustainability agenda for coming decades, and the Global Compact is well-positioned to put forward solutions by business – on issues such as poverty, climate, food, water and energy.
- **Peer learning session** on the UNGC annual communication on progress including the new differentiated reporting framework, the GRI / UNGC memorandum of understanding with an overview of the GRI framework / Global Compact principles linkages and the latest on the Integrated Reporting agenda
- **Best practice panel** - benefits and opportunities. The Melbourne Session will include the Women's Empowerment Principles Initiative.
- **Networking**

[Register here for Melbourne: http://thehub.ethics.org.au/event/details/id/93](http://thehub.ethics.org.au/event/details/id/93)
[Register here for Sydney: http://thehub.ethics.org.au/event/details/id/94](http://thehub.ethics.org.au/event/details/id/94)

A detailed invitation and agenda will follow. Priority will be given to GCNA members and UNGC signatories. Small to medium enterprises are encouraged to attend.

2. Reminder: 12th National Business Leaders Forum On Sustainable Development (NBLF), Thursday 16th And Friday 17th June

Held at Parliament House, Canberra, the Forum showcases the best current thinking and practice from prominent international leaders in business and government including Mr Kishor Chaukar, Managing Director of TATA in India, [and member of the UN Global Compact LEAD group of companies](#). This year the 12th NBLF program reflects the achievements of the Responsible Business Practice Project including the acknowledgement of the Global Compact Network Australia - many of the presenters and participants are engaged in this initiative, together with the presence of the Chief Executive of GRI. [View the latest program and register here: www.nblf.com.au](http://www.nblf.com.au)

OTHER NEWS

1.GCNA Human Rights Working Group For Business

The second of our quarterly meetings was held on Friday April 15 hosted by Westpac in Sydney with a packed agenda providing up to the minute briefings and the opportunity for peer learning, with an excellent line-up of speakers and facilitators from government (Attorney-General's Dept, Treasury), business (Pacific Hydro, Cerrejon Coal Mine, Allens Arthur Robinson, Xstrata, Banarra, ANZ), academia (Flinders University) and civil society (Australian Human Rights Commission and the Advisor to the UN Special Representative on Business and Human Rights). [Read more here:](#)



<http://thehub.ethics.org.au/uploads/files/Media%20Release%20Human%20Rights%20Business%20Working%20Group%20%232.pdf>

2. UN Global Compact Bulletin May 2011

The latest monthly bulletin includes an invitation to a live broadcast on the UN Global Compact-Accenture Sector-Specific CEO Study on Sustainability (25 May, Online). This is an open invitation to UNGC signatories. To read more [click here:](#)

http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NewsAndEvents/UNGC_bulletin/2011_05_01.html

With compliments,

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