



## Global Compact Network Australia



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

I am delighted to announce our most recent Australian Signatories to the Global Compact are Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd and The Centre for Social Impact and we warmly welcome them to the growing list of Australian Global Compact Participants.

### **Invitation to the Singapore Compact CSR Summit**

Our Regional Global Compact Network colleagues in Singapore will be holding The International Singapore Compact CSR Summit to be held on 6-7 October 2009. They have kindly offered all Australian Global Compact participants to attend the conference at their member's rates. Please see the attached email with all details.

### **Building Australian Global Compact Content for Website and Training**

I have recruited an intern to assist in building resources for the Australian Network, to create an Australian business context for the Compact, beginning with the gathering together of case studies from Australian signatories to showcase on the Global Compact Network Australia website - across the 4 areas of human rights, labour law, environment and anti-corruption. You will be contacted shortly by the intern asking for any case studies, stories, examples, reports that can be linked or uploaded on to the website. These will be publicly accessible and where appropriate we will seek your permission to use as examples in the Communication on Progress training. Ideally it would be good to have examples from business signatories of all sizes – from smaller to corporate signatories.

### **Global Compact and Small Business**

Small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) make up more than 95% of businesses in Australia, and as such are an important contributor to both the economy and responsible business practices. A new guidance publication focusing on the implementation of the Global Compact principles by small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) from the UNDP Nordic Office and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been released: [Small and Medium Sized Enterprises on Their Way Towards Global Responsibility](#) and showcases the efforts of ten Danish businesses in addressing common human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption challenges, with practical recommendations for SMEs seeking to find the right approach to the implementation of the Global Compact principles in their strategy and operations.

Australian Small Business will be represented at the UN Leadership Forum on Climate Change on September 22. Bill Jones, Managing Director of Sustainable Living Fabrics has accepted an invitation to attend the forum: "Given small companies, collectively, are an important part of most economies, and are often leading the charge in addressing climate change, this is encouraging."

### **Global Compact Bulletin – September Edition**

Of interest may be the Corporate Values and Culture Project which is aiming to identify corporate values to consider how they influence and enable sustainable decision-making by businesses. The project which is seeking examples from Global Compact participants will develop an inventory.

Regards

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