



United Nations Global Compact



UNGC Human Rights Working Group Webinar Meeting¹

Chaired by Mary Robinson

**9 February 2010
10:30am to 12:30pm (NYC time)**

¹The main purpose of this webinar meeting is to advance work of the Good Practice Note workstream of the HRWG. Future HRWG webinar meetings will be focused on different workstreams.

Instructions during the webinar

- **If you haven't already done so, please mute your line (To mute/unmute your line, press *6)**

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- **Click “raise hand” to indicate that you want to speak**

During discussion periods, click “Raise Hand” on the top left hand side of your screen. The moderator will then call on participants in the order in which they raised their hand.



AGENDA



- **10:30 to 10:35**

WELCOME

- ❖ Welcome by Mary Robinson, Chair, UNGC Human Rights Working Group

- **10:35 to 10:40**

GOOD PRACTICE NOTES (GPN)

- ❖ Brief introduction of the Good Practice Note concept by Lene Wendland, UNOHCR

- **10:40 to 10:45**

GPN SUB-GROUP & ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

- ❖ Brief introduction of the Good Practice Note sub-group and endorsement process by Chip Pitts, Coordinator of the Good Practice Note subgroup

- **10:45 to 11:15**

GPN: STAKEHOLDER PANELS

- ❖ Meeting participants are invited to provide comments on the Good Practice Note. Discussion will be moderated.

- **11:15 to 11:45**

GPN: HOW BUSINESS CAN ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS TO FULFIL THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS

- ❖ Meeting participants are invited to provide comments on the Good Practice Note. Discussion will be moderated.

- **11:45 to 12:15**

GPN: BUYER IMPACTS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

- ❖ Meeting participants are invited to provide comments on the Good Practice Note. Discussion will be moderated.

- **12:15 to 12:25**

2010 UNGC LEADERS SUMMIT UPDATE

- ❖ UNGC representatives will update the HRWG about preparations for the 2010 Leaders Summit. HRWG members will briefly discuss potential human rights deliverables and coordination of the human rights content.

- **12:25 to 12:30**

WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

- ❖ Mary Robinson will close the meeting by proposing next steps for the Good Practice Note workstream and HRWG as a whole.

The Human Rights Working Group as a forum for endorsing good practices in implementing the Global Compact human rights principles

Good Practice Notes might be:

1. practical solutions to commonly occurring dilemma situations or
2. specific management practices proven to be helpful in enabling a company to respect and/or support human rights

Before a good practice will be endorsed by the HRWG, there must be:

1. **Transparency**
2. **Multi-stakeholder buy-in to the proposal**
3. **An explicit human rights dimension**
4. **Substantive content**

Procedure for the Endorsement of Good Practice Notes

[Draft]

1. Draft good practice notes, up for endorsement by the HRWG, will be circulated to the members approximately two weeks in advance of a HRWG meeting (in person or virtual). In most cases, good practice notes that are up for endorsement will have already undergone one, or more often multiple, rounds of consideration for feedback and comments by the Sub-Group of the HRWG on good practice notes, HRWG members more generally, and other relevant stakeholders.
2. HRWG members will be invited to provide any final comments during the meeting. Written comments will also be considered up to one week after the meeting.
3. After revisions have been made, the final good practice note will be circulated to members of the HRWG for their endorsement. Please note, at this stage, only formal (i.e. listed) members of the HRWG will be consulted. HRWG members will have 10 days to object to the endorsement of the good practice note.
4. If there are no objections within that time, the good practice note will be considered adopted.
5. Once a good practice has been endorsed by the HRWG, it will be posted on the Global Compact website at a dedicated link and will be part of the resources that the UN Global Compact recommends to companies.
6. If a member of the HRWG decides to object to the endorsement of the good practice note, they should provide a full explanation of their reason(s) for doing so that can be shared with the HRWG.
7. A sincere effort will be made to resolve all objections and to seek consensus on the final good practice note.
8. If the objections cannot be cleared, consideration will be given to whether the good practice note can be endorsed with any uncleared objections explicitly stated. However, the good practice note will not be endorsed if a third or more members have provided objections that were notable to be cleared.
9. If a good practice note is rejected following the procedure above, it may be considered for endorsement again once further revisions have been made or if sufficient objections are cleared to enable the requisite proportion of HRWG members to endorse the note following the same procedure described above.

STAKEHOLDER PANELS

By Katharina Hermann

HOW BUSINESSES CAN ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENT TO FULFIL THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES

By Lauren Gula & Nicky Black

BUYER IMPACTS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

By Cody Sisco

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LEADERS SUMMIT 2010

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Purpose

- Triennial gathering of the top executives of all Global Compact participants and other stakeholders.
- Elevate the role of responsible business in achieving more sustainable and inclusive markets.
- Platform for organizations to convene, collaborate and commit to building a new era of sustainability.
- Mark the 10th Anniversary of the UN Global Compact.

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Who will Participate?

- Chaired by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.
- Top executives from business, government, civil society, labour, the investment community, academia and the UN.
- Participants will reflect the composition and regional distribution of the various stakeholder groups within the UN Global Compact.

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Corporate Participation

- CEOs of every company participating in the UN Global Compact are invited.
- Invitations sent out 8 January 2010.
- CEOs of large companies (250+) may bring one senior-level colleague.
- Registration confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Securing Corporate Participation

- The Summit is being constructed to deliver maximum value to both corporate leaders and corporate governance members. Thus, if the company's chief executive officer is unable to participate, then another C-suite officer or board member will be crucial.

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Other Stakeholder Groups

- Representatives from international civil society and labour organizations, business associations have been invited by the UN Global Compact Office directly.
- Invitations to academic institutions, governments and United Nations entities will be issued mid February 2010.

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Registration

- Registration is by invitation only and all invitees receive a personal identifier and password in the invitation.
- Registration can be completed at www.leadersummit2010.org.

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Timing and Location

- **23 June:** UN General Assembly Hall
 - Welcome Reception to be held in the evening.
- **24-25 June:** Marriott Marquis Hotel
 - 1 ½ day Summit Programme.
 - Gala Dinner, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the UN Global Compact.

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Programme Overview

- The Summit will be divided into three parts:
 - **Part I: Setting the Sustainability Agenda**
 - **Part II: Leading the Change**
 - **Part III: Achieving Development**



Part I: Setting Sustainability Agenda

- This session will:
 - Identify which drivers will most influence and accelerate corporate integration of ESG issues – looking at the changing role of governments, financial markets and educators, as well as climate change, global supply chains and societal demands, as major drivers.
 - Explore how leaders from a range of sectors – business, investors, government, civil society, labour, academia and the United Nations – should work individually and collectively to ensure that we pass the tipping point to a new era of sustainability.

Part II: Leading the Change

- This session will:
 - Unveil a “Blueprint for Sustainability Leadership” in advancing the universal principles of the Global Compact.
 - Introduce new thinking and resources in a range of key areas – environmental stewardship, anti-corruption disclosure, advancement of women, sustainable supply chain management, and investment in conflict-affected areas.
 - Highlight existing and emerging best practices by sustainability front-runners, showing how companies drive organizational change and also support effective policy on ESG issues.

Part III: Achieving Development

- This session will:
 - Launch a framework for motivating business action in support of the MDGs and sustainable development, which identifies key linkages to climate change, peace and good governance and includes strengthened disclosure and impact assessment mechanisms.
 - Demonstrate the expanding capability of the public and private sectors to jointly address development challenges, and highlight promising initiatives with the potential to have even greater impact with scale.

Summit Format

- Seeking to maximize interaction between participants.
- Participants will be seated at tables of approximately 10 people – according to rank.
- Sessions will begin with a panel discussion conducted in “Q&A” style, to be followed by round-table discussions.

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