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Better Business through socially
responsible labour practices

The role of the GCLNs in promoting the labour principles

- the way forward -

GC Local networks

■ *Orientation given by the UNGC Office*

- *Policy paper on network governance “what is a local network?” and the “Guidance for local networks”*
- *LN determine their own internal governance arrangements and activities*
- *However, some basic requirements exist:*
 - *Make a special effort to involve the local affiliates of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).*

■ *ILO Survey conducted in 2007, presented to November 2007 GB*

Overview of currently active GCLNs to gauge to what extent workers’ and employers’ organizations are involved in their governance and activities

66 GCLNs at the time of survey (63 country-level, 3 sub/regional networks)

Source of info: questionnaire, interviews and information from GCLN websites

>> a “Map” was drawn

	GC secretariat		GC Steering Committee		GC network		GC activities	
	E	W	E	W	E	W	E	W
Africa	1 ^a	/	5 ^b	4 ^c	5	4	7	4
Americas	1 ^d	/	3 ^e	1 ^f	4	1	5	4
Arab States	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Asia	5 ^g	1 ^h	5 ⁱ	2 ^j	6	2	8	1
Europe	1 ^k	/	5 ^l	3 ^m	11	3	10	6

^aIn South Africa, BUSA (Business Unity South Africa) jointly manages the South African link together with the National Business Initiative and acts as secretariat.

^bKenya, Madagascar, Morocco, South Africa and Tunisia.

^cMadagascar, Morocco, South Africa and Tunisia.

^dPeru.

^eColombia, Mexico and Peru.

^fBrazil.

^gChina, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

^hIn Singapore, a national tripartite initiative acts as secretariat for the Global Compact.

ⁱChina, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

^jSingapore and Sri Lanka.

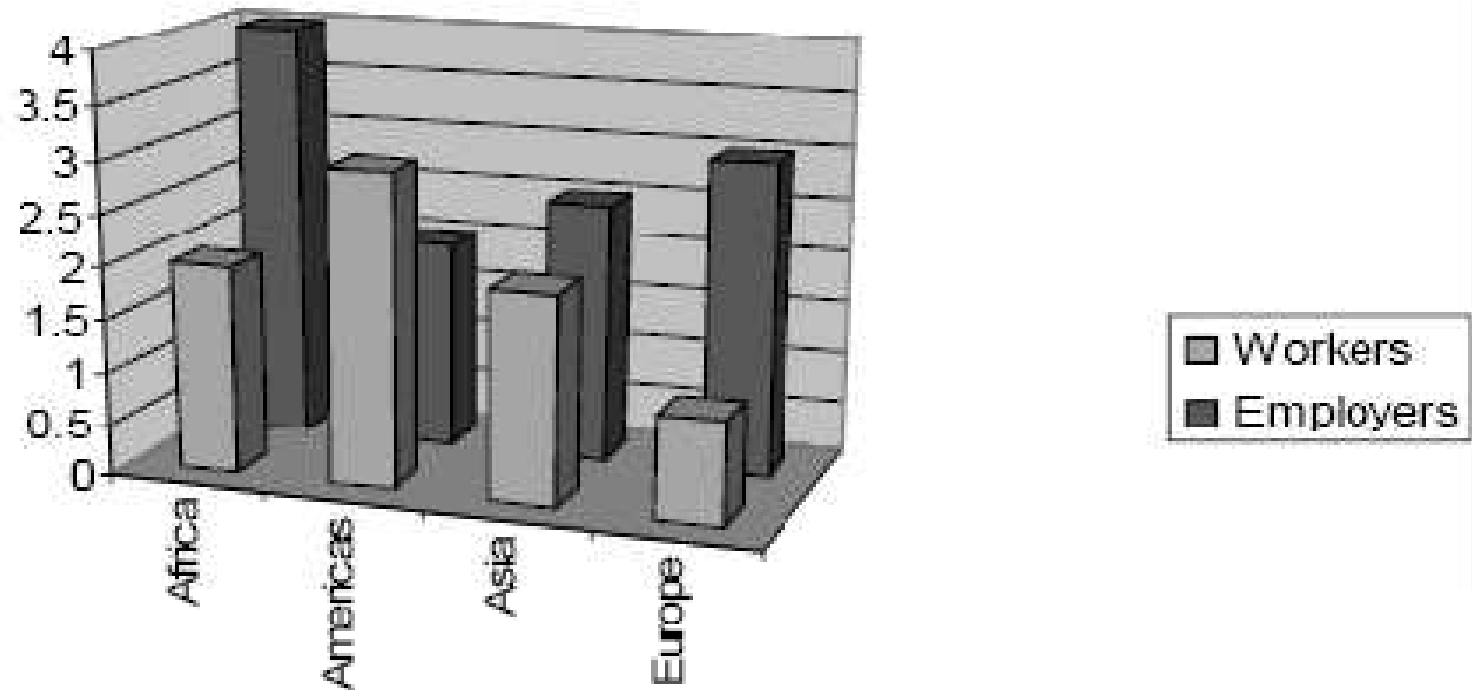
^kThe Nordic network. Please note that the Nordic network does not have a Steering Committee.

^lArmenia, Belarus, Croatia, Italy and Turkey.

^mItaly, Spain and Turkey.

From GCLN Focal Points' perspective...

Level of participation in LNs
(as perceived by Focal Points)



Responses from employers' & workers' orgs

- Among the respondents, 36% of the **employers'** organizations indicated their active participation in Global Compact events or CSR-related activities, and 40% have participated in more than five activities over the past five years.
- 2 of the surveyed employers' organizations also participated in Global Compact projects (eg. Growing Sustainable Business (GSB) initiative)
- Among the surveyed **workers'** organizations, 20% stated that they participate in UNGC activities. Only 3 trade unions have been invited to more than two events on CSR over the past five years.
- There was an overall consensus that participation in the GCLN would add value to the organization's work on CSR.

Exercise: Experience Sharing

How have employers' and workers' organizations participated in your Local Network activities?

How could their participation maximize the objectives of your Local Network?

What could be some challenges?

