



**UN Global Compact
Labour Working Group**
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New York, USA



Agenda

- 9:00 am **Opening of meeting. Welcome by Mr. Antonio Peñalosa and remarks by Mr. Georg Kell.**
- 9:15 am **Agenda Item 1 – What distinct contribution can the UN Global Compact make to the advancement of the labour principles? Viewpoints from some Global Compact participants** – A few Global Compact participants and labour stakeholders will be invited to share their perspectives to commence the discussion of how, in specific terms, the Global Compact and this working group could be used as a platform to encourage further progress on the part of participants in implementing the labour principles. Among other things, what are the most significant obstacles to further progress on the part of participants in implementing the labour principles? The objective of this discussion is to identify priorities for a programme of work.

Speakers

Ms. Sherilyn Brodersen	Cadbury
Ms. Stephanie Quappe	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Mr. Brent Wilton	International Organization of Employers
Mr. Jim Baker	International Trade Union Confederation
Ms. Soledad Milius	STR - Responsible Sourcing Division
Mr. Philip Jennings*	UNI Global Union

* Will participate via teleconference

- 11:00 am **Coffee break**

11:15 am

Agenda Item 2 - Global Compact Local Networks and the Labour Principles

Some Local Network focal points that have undertaken activities to advance the labour principles will be invited to share their experiences, challenges and lessons learned in endeavouring to advance the labour principles in their local network context. The objective of this discussion is to identify what support local networks and their participants need to undertake.

Speakers (Global Compact Local Networks via teleconference)

Mr. Flavio Fuertes	Argentina
Mr. Saâd Filali Meknassi	Morocco
Mr. Fasihul Karim Siddiqui	Pakistan

12:30 pm

Agenda Item 3 – ILO’s Decent Work Agenda and the Global Compact – The ILO’s Decent Work Agenda calls for a development strategy that acknowledges the central role of work in people’s lives. An essential part of the Decent Work Agenda is the promotion of full and productive employment and, of course, the private sector as the engine of growth plays a crucial role in this as well as in poverty reduction efforts. In June 2007, the International Labour Conference discussed the promotion of sustainable enterprises. The conclusions arising from this discussion drew on the latest thinking on sustainable development, private sector development and good corporate citizenship. There is significant potential to explore collaboration between the UNGC and the ILO’s Decent Work Agenda and in particular the ILO’s work on the promotion of sustainable enterprises. In addition, Global Compact Board Member and President of Ethical Globalization Initiative, Mary Robinson, has expressed her interest to present her perspective on this issue.

Speakers

Mr. Antonio Peñalosa	International Organization of Employers
Mr. David Lamotte	International Labour Organisation
Ms. Mary Robinson*	Ethical Globalization Initiative

* Will participate via teleconference

1:00 pm

Working lunch – Launch of the Guide on ILO resources relevant to Global Compact principles 3-6

– The ILO has guidance for business on many aspects of the labour principles. For the first time, this guide brings together references to all this guidance in one location. It was produced as one of the action points from the inaugural meeting of the Labour Working Group. The guide is expected to be very helpful for Global Compact participants, other companies and Local Networks in identifying guidance that can help them to implement the labour principles.

Speaker David Lamotte International Labour Organisation