

# Global Compact Nordic Network

**Some experiences and views from a Nordic perspective**

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## Who we are

- **Network established 2001**
- **About 50 large multinationals from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway**
- **Most sectors; from telecom to cars, from paper to oil and gas to pharmaceuticals. Even two business organisations**

# How we are organised

- **Until this summer**
  - Loosely structured
  - No secretariat; a dedicated consultant working for free
  - No funding, expenses shared between members
- **As from 1. July**
  - Structured more in line with GC policy (less formalized)
  - Focal Point in the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise; no steering committee (so far)
  - Network funded by membership fee (EUR 500 per year) to cover cost of meetings
  - Work of Focal Point not charged, but expenses covered

## How do we work (1)

- Meet twice a year, rotating, lasting for two days
- A forum for learning and sharing experiences on GC principles, CSR and on COPs
- Frank and open discussions; no minutes taken
- Members from business only. However, NGOs, politicians, ministries or others are involved in all meetings
- We need to be challenged by stakeholders

## How do we work (2)

- **We do not make decisions; we listen and learn (no voting)**
- **Internal communication: Focal Point receives and forwards all relevant NY information, coordinates meetings, gives advise to members etc.**
- **External communication: Focal Point represents Network in between meetings**
- **Open to contacts with other networks (but limited resources..)**

## Extracts from Oslo agenda June 2005

- MDGs and role of business
- Principles no. 7, 8, 9; how do we tackle them
- How to implement principle no. 10
- The Danish “Standard code of conduct on supply chain management”
- Update on “UN Draft Norms”
- Future structure of the Nordic Network

# What have we

## Achieved:

- Raising members awareness of GC challenges
- Linking members in a constructive, transparent way
- Improving members actual GC performance
- Involving relevant stakeholders and demonstrating business commitment to CSR and development

## Not achieved:

- Attracting new members
- All members' active participation in the Network

# How do we perceive the draft proposal on local networks

- **Preliminary reactions from some members**
  - Too much UN bureaucracy
  - Impossible to digest all these NY papers, too long and too detailed. “I need an executive summary”
  - Local networks need minimal administration. NY paper seems to go in the opposite direction
  - Local networks should serve as inspiration for members, nothing else. Decision-making power??