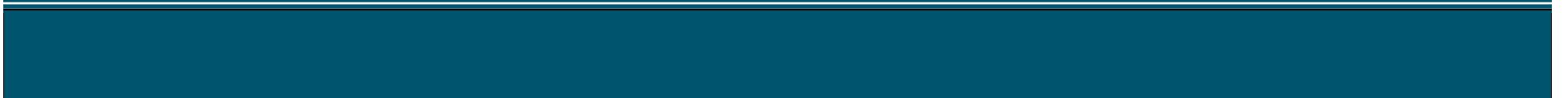




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GC Local Networks Asia

➤ Key Facts

- Participants' profile vary and diverse, but companies of all sizes are the majority
- Governance structure vary, but most have Steering Committees
- Number of participants (when specified) ranges ~25 to 88
- Mostly independent organizations or hosted by national organizations
- 4 reported to charge member fees, and financing was pointed as a challenge by some of them



GC Local Networks Asia

➤ Main Activities

- Net work Communication: more meetings than publications were reported as means to share information and experience
- International engagement: the majority of the networks actively participated in UNGC international meetings and/or initiatives
- Partnership projects: most of the countries reported partnerships projects, some of them in large numbers
- COPs: 4 of them reported specific support to members on COPs, including contacting non-communicating companies



GC Local Networks Asia

➤ Main Challenges

- Ensuring enough resources (financial or human resources) for the sustainability of the LN
- Low level of support from UN system was mentioned by two of them
- Difficulty to engage large business, especially MNCs, who tend to rely on HQ previous engagement with the UNGC



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Local Networks Bangladesh

➤ **Key Facts**

- Since 2002
- Grew from 8 participants (June 2006) to 25 (March 2007)
- Multi-stakeholder network: local companies, financial institutions, academia, SMEs



Local Network Bangladesh

➤ **Main Challenges**

- Lack of human and financial resources
- Lack of CSR understanding in general
- Dormant at the UNDP



Local Network Bangladesh

➤ Main Activities

- Monthly roundtables
- Communication: letters sent to business leaders, distribute various GC communications, develop write ups
- Regular meetings and dialogues with companies, chambers, associations, among other stakeholders
- Support in COP: share relevant COPs, identify practices within organizations, align it with relevant principles



Local Networks China

➤ Key Facts

- Three local networks:
 - ✓ China Enterprise Confederation (CEC)
 - ✓ China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Program
 - ✓ Chinese Productivity Distribution and Regional Economic Development Committee (CPDC) and China Enterprises Management Association of Science, Technology and Industry (CEMASTI) (work together as one)



Local Network China

➤ Main Activities

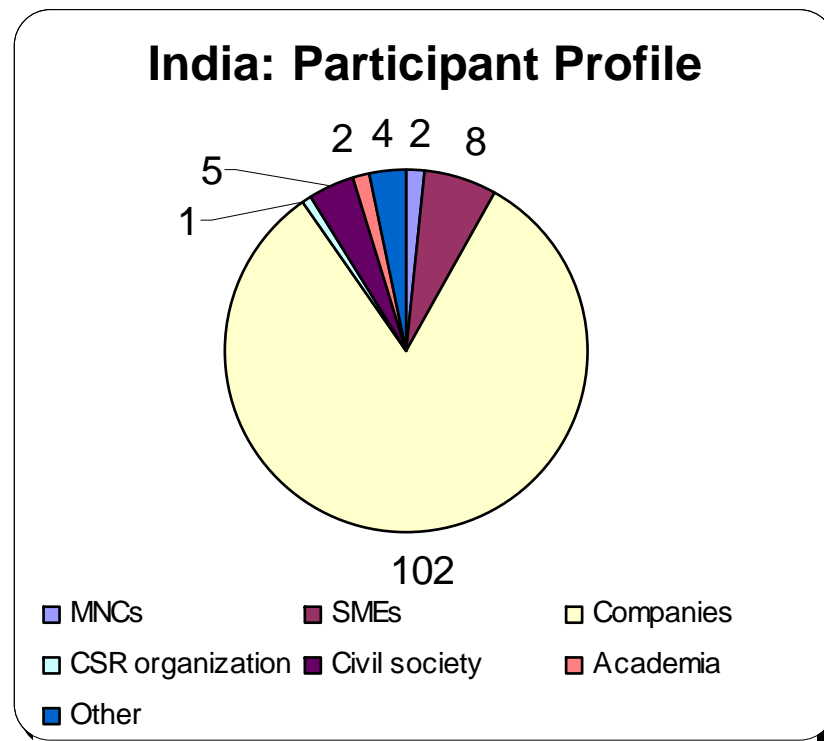
- CPDC/CEMASTI:
 - ✓ Held Annual Summit with Shanxi Provincial People's Government on occupational health, environment, etc
 - ✓ Encourage members to produce COPs
 - ✓ Included GC in all their publication
- China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Program: several poverty-alleviation projects nationally and internationally
- CEC:
 - ✓ Engaged in the development of a Chinese CSR Guide
 - ✓ Participated on ISO working group on CSR
 - ✓ Capacity building and supporting and sustaining local champions
 - ✓ Leading role in organizing delegation for the GC Leaders Summit



Local Network India

➤ Key Facts

- Governing Council: president, VP, secretary, treasurer, and member
- Multi-stakeholder network comprises: large Indian companies, SMEs, MNCs, civil society organizations
- Government and labour organizations currently not participating
- Annual Meeting



Local Network India

➤ Main Activities

- COP: Follow up and facilitation on COP, contacting with non-communicating companies
- Dialogue, experience sharing and networking through National Convention, meetings, workshops
- Participation on international GC meetings
- Communication with GCO through the Focal Point
- Communication with members to encourage participation in the GC Leaders Summit
- Communications to members of GCS as well as non-GCS companies who are participating in GC Program on matters relating to GC Program



Local Network India

➤ Main Challenges

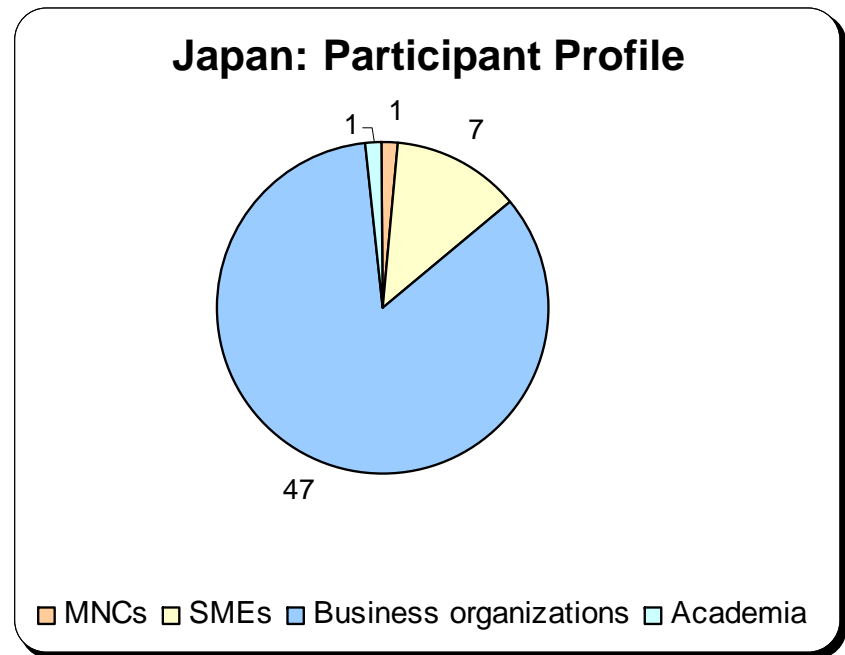
- Office bearers are part time, and can not devote enough time



Local Network Japan

➤ Key Facts

- 55 Participants
- Steering Committee that meets monthly
- Charges member fees (JY50,000 or JY100,000 per year)
- Annual network meeting



Local Network Japan

➤ Main Activities

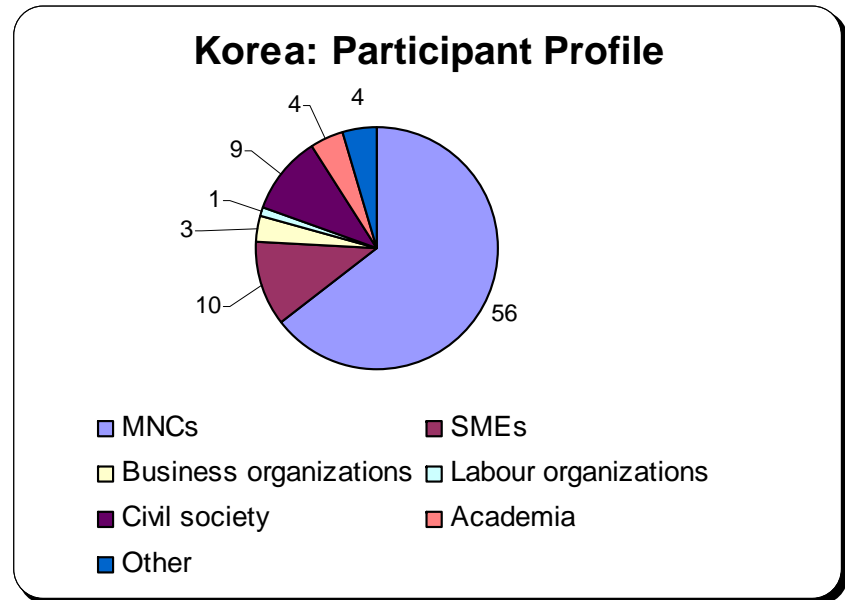
- 3 learning events per year
- Funded the publication of the “GC in Asia: Best Practices Booklet”
- Participated in main events, e.g. GC Network Focal Points Meetings, Annual Network Forums and Leaders Summit
- Continuously done outreach events, aiming to enlarge the network in Japan
- In different occasions invited core UN agencies to raise awareness on the MDGs
- Meeting with former SG Kofi Annan



Local Network Korea

➤ Key Facts

- Since September 2007
- 88 network members
- 18-23 Steering Committee members
- Also has a General Assembly, Board of Directors, Secretariat, Advisory Committee and Focal Point
- Annual network meeting
- Charges member fees



Local Network Korea

➤ Main Activities

- Different activities were developed to build up the momentum to promote a more lively GC initiative in Korea, including:
 - ✓ Creation of a Task Force Group
 - ✓ Information session: “Global Compact and Progress on the Preparations for the Establishment of the UNGC Korea Network”
 - ✓ Participation in the “Regional Meeting of GC Network Focal Points: Asia” to share experience and lessons learned
 - ✓ Systematic communication to the media
- Launch of the UNGC Network in Korea
- 6 outreach and 5 learning events, 18 policy dialogues, 2 partnership projects, 5 cases of cooperation with other networks



Local Network Nepal

➤ Key Facts

- Participants:
 - ✓ 10% MNCs and large domestic companies
 - ✓ 90% SMEs



Local Network Nepal

➤ Main Activities

- Regular briefing to senior managers
- Sharing information: monthly meeting to discuss relevant issues, e.g. MDGs, Human Rights, disaster management, HIV-AIDS, role of the private sector in the peace process
- Involvement of the private sector as main stakeholders in different projects
- GC participant Gandaki Bee Concern buying directly from poor entrepreneurs from remote parts of the country



Local Network Nepal

➤ **Main Challenges**

- Absence of a focal point for a long time
- Few large business
- Ensuring funding
- Socio-economic and political situation

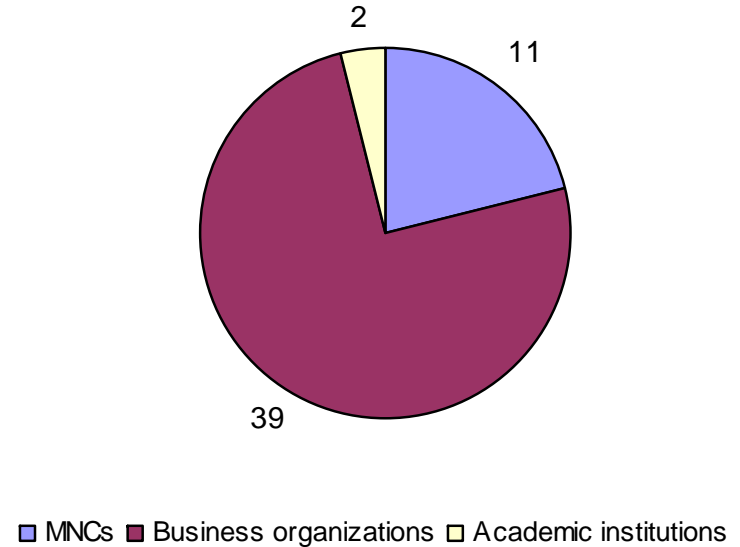


Local Network Pakistan

➤ Key Facts

- Since 2005
- 25 members multi-stakeholder Steering Committee
- Annual network meeting
- Charge member fees (PKR20,000 entry fee + PKR5,000 per year)
- 52 participants

Pakistan: Participant Profile



Local Network Pakistan

➤ Main Activities

- 2 outreach and 2 learning events
- 1 policy dialogue and 3 partnership projects
- Participation in different international UNGC meetings
- Launched awareness survey about UNGC principles within Pakistani business enterprises
- Launched the CSR business talk series “Making the UNGC work”
- Assisted members in elaborating COPs
- Nominated a member to the international task force for the development of curriculum of Responsible Business Education
- Currently publishing different materials: best practices, internalization of UNGC, local newsletter, among others



Local Network Pakistan

➤ Main Challenges

- Financial sustainability: challenging to ensure funds
- Difficult to bring in MNCs: they tend to rely on HQ commitment
- Difficulty to have LN's own secretariat: poses problems in communicating and follow up with LN members
- Diversity of people assigned by companies to interact with the LN results often in poor responses to LN initiatives
- Low level of support from UNDP

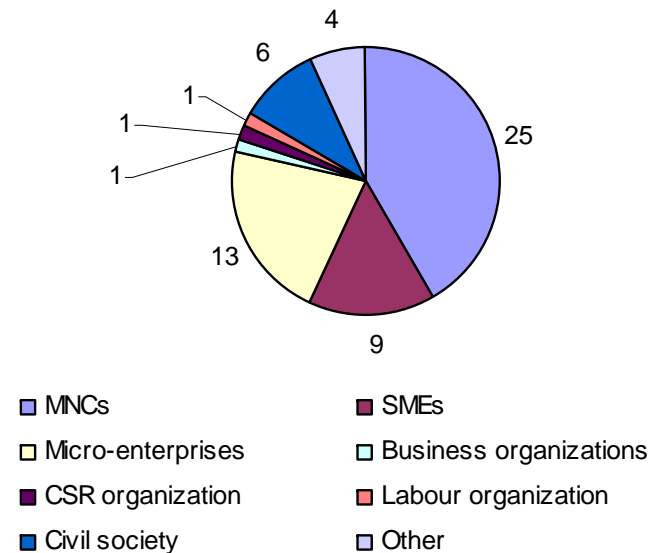


Local Network Singapore

➤ Key Facts

- Multi-stakeholder membership and national Steering Committee
- Annual network meeting and conference
- Charges fees ranging from S\$250 to S\$100 per year
- 60 GC signatories
- 170 local membership

Singapore: Participant Profile



Local Network Singapore

➤ Main Activities

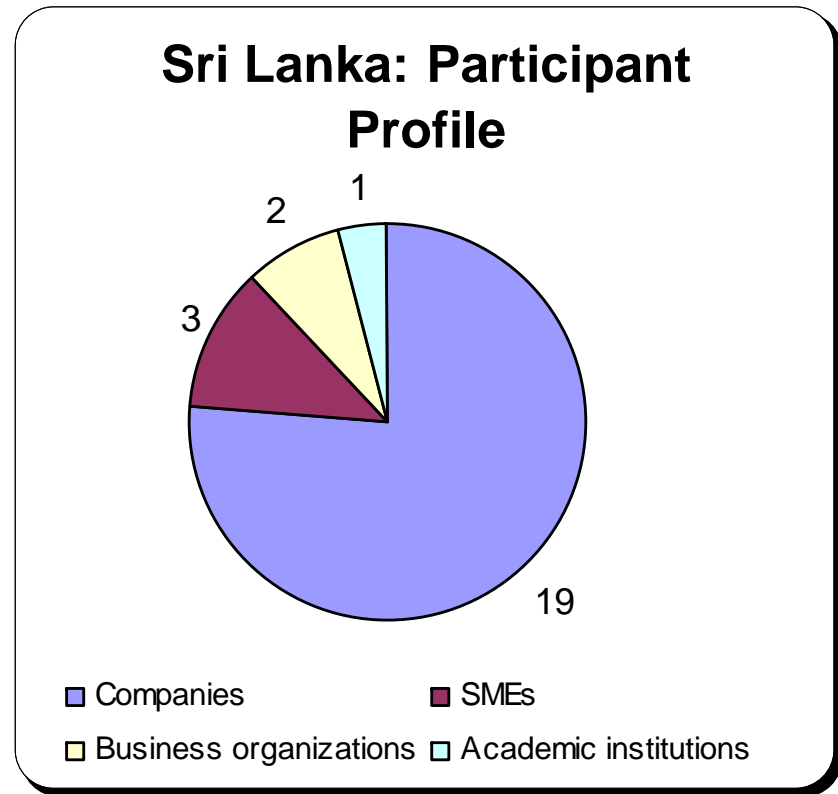
- 4 outreach and 6 learning events
- 5 policy dialogues
- 2 partnership projects
- 2 cases of cooperation with other networks
- Participation in international GC meetings, including the Annual Local Networks Forum



Local Network Sri Lanka

➤ Key Facts

- Three Steering Committees: business, academic and advisory
- All Steering Committee members are from business
- No member fees
- No annual network meeting
- 25 members, mainly companies



Local Network Sri Lanka

➤ **Main Activities**

- 4 learning events
- 1 partnership project
- Signature of MoU between UNGC and CIMA for collaboration on UNGC's local activities
- Held the first Business Committee Meeting
- Attended different international UNGC workshops and meetings
- 2 local UNGC members announced the plans to distribute leaflets with the 10 principles in each package of Mabroc Kelani Tea



Local Network Viet Nam

➤ **Key Facts**

- The GC Local Network was launched in Viet Nam in September 2007, in partnership with the Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- The launch was supported by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) and Unilever Viet Nam



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