

Global Compact Ghana Network's Annual Activity Report for 2006

1. Progress of local network in terms of increased number of participating companies and other participants.

The number of participants increased from 19 (at the end of 2005) to 33 (at the end of 2006). It is worthy of note that the total number now stands at 27(COP defaulters numbering 6 companies have been de-listed)

2. Collective activities decided by companies and other participants and implemented by the local network in learning and/or dialogues.

The third and fourth part of 2006 was devoted mostly to the preparation of the Ghana Learning Forum conference. The Global Compact Ghana Network (GCGN) in concert other partners mobilized the following organizations: AngloGold Ashanti; Barclays Bank; Coca-Cola; Deloitte & Touche; Ghana Chamber of Mines; Government of Ghana; GTZ; UNDP; just to mention a few to join a local Steering Committee in organizing the 4th International Learning Forum Meeting held in Accra in November 2006. One key objective of the SC in organizing the Ghana Conference was to increase the number of GC signatories in Ghana and also ensure local businesses participate in the meeting. In response to creating awareness about the Global Compact through radio discussions, the CEOs' Forum and other activities the SC help mobilize more companies to sign on locally to the Global Compact. These initiatives and activities resulted in the high turnout of GC signatories in Ghana within the period.

The following meetings/events were represented by Global Compact Ghana Network:

- CEO Lunch Meeting (* September 2006) Local Global Compact signatories and a variety of potential participants in the Ghanaian business world including Minister of Trade and Industry were represented in this meeting.
- III Annual Local Network Forum in Barcelona (26-27 September 2006) was represented by the CEO; Ghana Chamber of Mines at the Barcelona Summit.
- 4th International Learning Forum Conference, Accra (22-24 November 2006) Local Global Compact companies participated in this all important meeting which was the 1st LF conference to be held in Africa.
- 2006 Global Compact Policy Dialogue and Business and the MDGs Private Enterprise Foundation, a business association participated in the

3. Structure of collective governance of the Local Network

In response to renewed ideas, motivations as well as challenges on the Global Compact initiative, the Local Network reconstitute its existing Advisory Board into a Standing Committee comprised of representatives from Government, Civil Society, Labour (Trade Union Congress), Employers' Association (GEA), Private sector and UN organizations (UNDP, ILO, UNIDO). In order to enhance the work of the SC and ensure the Network response appropriately to the competing interest of GC members, a Terms of Reference (TOR) has been put up for use as guide. Members of the SC have a sound understanding of the GC philosophy and work toward implementing the ten GC principles.

The Standing Committee has the mandate to create sub-committees to undertake work plans on issues such as human rights, labour rights, environment and anti-corruption.

4. Activities undertaken in support of the CoP made by companies.

On 17th June 2006, GCGN organized a special learning session on CoPs for all GC participants with a Focal person at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company as Resource Person.

5. Complaints received and how these issues were dealt with

No particular complaints were received in 2006

6. Annual general meetings: agenda and outcome

For the purposes of the 4th International Learning Forum in Ghana, majority of the meetings focused on all the GC principles with the exception of anticorruption. Conference themes played a significant role in further discussions:

- I. Transformation
 - Empowerment of individuals as change agents within organizations
 - Transformation of participants at individual and organizational level
- II. Learning
 - Facilitation of new understanding of how to learn and how to integrate new way of learning into an organization
 - Facilitations of agreements on the way forward, including the issues that require learning and investigations i.e. case studies.
- III. Networks
 - Facilitating networking between individuals and organizations
 - Emergence of vibrant Global Compact networks, especially in Africa, incl. national, regional and continental networks.

7. Best practices of the network in the year

The Lunch for CEOs of companies in Ghana in 2006 and various media on the Global Compact, enabled us to increase subscription and obtain support for the LF.

The DANIDA Sponsored Improved Business Practice Project, has developed a Ghana Business Code based on the ten Global Compact principles and is working closely with the Ghana Network to roll it out to business community in Ghana.

8. Strategic statements/activities planned for a 2007 Agenda

Taking cognizance of the fact new companies have signed on to the Compact, the GCGN has considered the possibility of imbuing these nascent GC members with the tenets of the GC principles by embarking on the following activities:

- Promoting learning and dialogue among network members using CSR tools.
- Advocating for companies to internalize CSR and GC principles.
- Promoting partnership projects among Network members towards achievement of MDGs.

The Network will participate in some of the major meetings such as the Global Compact Leaders' Summit 2007 (5-6 July 2007) and the Annual Local Network Forum (16-17 October 2007) and Geneva, Switzerland in Monterrey, Mexico respectively.

Network Fact Sheet for 2006

Network Management							
Annual Network Meeting (yes/no)	COP facilitation (yes/no)	Helped to facilitate other integrity measures (e.g. complaint mechanism) (yes/no)	Website (if yes, URL)	Name Focal Point	Steering Committee (yes/no)	Steering Committee has non-business participants (yes/no)	Secretariat hosted by
Yes	Yes	No	In progress	Christy Ahenkora Banya	Yes	Yes	UNDP

Number Local Network Participants										Government participation in Network
TOTAL	MNCs	SMEs	Micro-enterprises (<10 employees)	Business Organization	CSR Organization	Labour Organization	Civil Society organizations	Academic Institution	Other Stakeholders UN Agencies	Yes/ no
33	7	14	1	2	1	1	4		3	

Number of Activities					
Outreach Events	Learning Events	Policy Dialogues	Partnership projects	Cooperation with other Local Networks	Other activities
2	2	-	-	-	Organisation of International Learning Forum.