



2007 ANNUAL REPORT

UN Global Compact Korea Network

I. Introduction

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

UNGC Korea Network held its official inaugural ceremony on 17 September 2007. More than 180 participants, including about 70 CEOs, representing Korean business, government, labour and civil society gathered to congratulate the official launch of the UNGC Korea Network.

88 PARTICIPANTS

There are currently 88 businesses and other stakeholders participating in the GC initiative from Korea. 38 of them have signed up as establishing members for the Korea Network on 2 July 2007 at the Kick-off Ceremony and most participants have shown commitment to join the UNGC Korea Network

II. Brief History of the Initiative of UNGC Korea Network

6 (participants)

JUNE 2006

UNDP ROK & The Council for the Korean Pact on Anticorruption and Transparency agree to cooperate for the enhancement of the GC initiative in Korea

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NOVEMBER 2006

TWELVE organizations interested in the initiative get together for a breakfast meeting on preparations for establishing the UNGC Korea Network

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FEBRUARY 2007

UN GLOBAL COMACT information session is held where Georg Kell, Executive Director of GCO speaks on the Global Compact initiative

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MARCH 2007

TASK FORCE for the establishment of the UNGC Korea Network is composed of members from the Ministry of Foreign of Affairs and Trade, UNDP ROK, representatives from the private sector, public sector, academia and CSOs



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APRIL 2007

NATIONAL COORDINATOR of UNGC Korea Network appointed and workshop for the preparation of establishing the UNGC Korea Network is held

44

MAY 2007

INFORMATION SESSION on the progress of the UN Global Compact and establishment of the Korea Network takes place

51

JULY 2007

KICK-OFF meeting for the UNGC Korea Network is held where 38 participants register as establishing members

70

AUGUST 2007

HOMPAGE of UNGC Korea Network is officially launched

82

SEPTEMBER 2007

INAUGURATION CEREMONY of the UNGC Korea Network is successfully held

III. Article of Corporation

Unlike the general structure of a Korean Article of Corporations, the Article of Corporation of the UNGC Korea Network includes a Preamble, which emphasizes the unique characteristics of the Korea Network, which is a domestic organization with key links to the United Nations.

UN Global Compact Korea Network Article of Corporation; Preamble

“The UN Global Compact is the largest voluntary corporate citizenship initiative in the world and offers a unique platform to engage companies in responsible business behaviour in the world, through the Ten Principles in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption. It provides access to the United Nation’s broad knowledge base in development issues as well as in mobilizing governments, business, civil society and labour organizations as well as academic institutions to take collective actions....”



IV. Structure

General Assembly: All GC Korea Network Participants

- The assembly is the highest legislative organ composed of full members and general members; also, the President is the Chairperson of the assembly
- Meetings take place annually

Board of Directors: 1 President, 3 Vice-Presidents, 13 Board of Directors, 2 Auditors

- Meeting take place quarterly

Steering Committee: 1 Chairman, 2 Vice-Chairman, 15-20 committee members

- Purpose: To execute the resolution made by the general assembly and the board of directors and also to implement activities stated in the article of corporation
- Meetings take place quarterly

Secretariat: 1 Secretary-General, 1 Professional Staff, 1 Analyst, 1 Intern

- Purpose: To promote the operation effectively, execute practically, make or keep in file documents, and assist the work of the steering committee

Advisory Committee: 1 Chairperson, 5-15 committee members (including representatives from the government, business organizations, academia and UN Agencies)

- Purpose: To advise operations of the network

Focal Point: Amb. Chulki JU, UNGC Korea Network National Coordinator

V. Activities

Work Plan for 2007 include:

- Korea Network Workshop upon Inauguration; A Guide to COPs and the Future role of UNGC Korea Network (2007. 9. 18)
- Session with UNGC Korean participants and CSR related persons; a part of the CSR International Conference organized by The National Human Rights Commission of Korea (2007. 9. 19)
- Korea Network Symposium: Climate Change and Korean Corporations (2007. 11)
- Korea Network Workshop: Korean Corporations working towards achieving the MDGs (2007. 12)
- Preparation of two partnership projects for the mobilization of resources from the private sector in Korea to support sustainable development in LDCs (2007)
- Website development and maintenance
- Translation and publication of GC materials



Mid and long term activities include:

- Increase general knowledge of GC, Korea Network and strengthening the infrastructure of the Korea Network
- Increase participation of GC and Korea Network
- Setting up of functional working groups, including four main areas of the GC initiative
- Emphasis on COP improvement and special training sessions on various initiatives including COPs, PRI etc
- Strengthen PR for academia, CSO and media
- Cooperation and networking with GCO, Local Networks, Regional Networks and International Organizations
- Constant studies and propositions regarding the future role of Korean corporations for contributing to the GC initiative

VI. Overall Evaluation

Although the GC initiative was launched in 2000, there was a lack of awareness of the GC initiative and the first member from Korea only signed up in October 2005. Furthermore, there was no local network, which could promote the initiative and provide suitable guidance for interested future participants from Korea.

Recognizing such limitations and slow progress, various initiatives led by UNDP ROK and organizations from various sectors, helped start build up the momentum to stimulate a more lively GC initiative in Korea. By March 2007, with 27 Korean participants, a Task Force Group was formed, composed of UNDP ROK, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and members representing businesses, business associations, academia, civil society and government. With a wide range of sectors being present, the Task Force members have been meeting at least twice a month for brainstorming and decision making sessions to think of ways to expand the GC initiative and to implement the strategies effectively. Task Force members also respectively participated with full enthusiasm at GC related events both locally and regionally. For example, a member from the business sector participated at the “Regional Meeting of Global Compact Network Focal Points; Asia” (April 2007) and shared their experience and lessons learned. Along with such developments, a Preparatory Secretariat was also established with the help of UNDP ROK and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

As a result, the “Global Compact and Progress on the Preparations for Establishment of UNGC Korea Network” Information Session was held with the presence of over 50 working level persons on 29 May 2007, followed by the Kick-off meeting in July 2007 as mentioned above. The Preparatory Secretariat also coordinated the participation of one ministerial level participation and 9 business and non-business organizations to the 2007 Global Compact Leaders Summit. The Preparatory Secretariat also put in strong efforts to keep the media updated regarding domestic as well as international GC events. This was done by continuously sending the press relevant updated information regarding the developments and events of the GC initiative. Overall, such individual efforts proved to be effective in implementing UNGC strategies in their own respective manners, as well as in collaborated manners, as awareness of GC is continuously rising.



Consequently, the UNGC Korea Network successfully held its Inauguration Ceremony on 17 September 2007 and is preparing for their participation at the Global Compact V Annual Local Networks Forum (Monterrey, Mexico). The first official Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on 25 October 2007.

VII. Contact Us

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❖ **Attachments: UN Global Compact Korea Network Fact Sheet for 2007**



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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	Member fees (if yes, amount for Company/ SME/ other)
Yes	Yes	No	Yes www.unglobalcompact.kr	Amb. Chulki Ju, National Coordinator	Yes	Yes	Amb. Chulki Ju, National Coordinator	Yes

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	Yes/ no
88	56	10	0	3	0	1	9	4	4	Yes

Number of Activities					
Outreach Events	Learning Events	Policy Dialogues	Partnership projects	Cooperation with other Local Networks	Other activities
6	5	18	2	5	

➤ Please refer to the “Number and division of activities” as attached



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➤ **Outreach Events**

1. 2007. 2. 1 Information Session on UNGC
2. 2007. 4.11 Task Force Workshop for the Establishment of UNGC Korea Network
3. 2007. 7. 2 UNGC Korea Network Kick-Off Meeting
4. 2007. 8. 7 UNGC Korea Network website launching
5. 2007. 9.17 UNGC Korea Network Inauguration Ceremony
6. 2007 Publishing of GC related materials in Korean

➤ **Learning Events**

1. 2007. 5.29 Current Status of GC and information on the establishment of UNGC Korea Network
2. 2007. 9.17 UNGC Korea Network Workshop upon Inauguration; A Guide to COPs and the Future role of UNGC Korea Network
3. 2007. 9.18 Session with UNGC Korean participants and CSR related persons
4. 2007. 11 Korea Network Symposium; Climate Change and Korean Corporations
5. 2007.12 Korea Network Workshop; Korean Corporations working towards achieving the MDGs

➤ **Policy Dialogues (18 Times)**

1. 2007 18 Task Force Meetings for the Establishment of the Network and raising awareness of GC in Korea

➤ **Partnership Projects (2 Projects)**

1. 2007 Drafting of two partnership projects for the mobilization of resources from the private sector in Korea to support sustainable development in LDCs (with UNDP ROK)

➤ **Cooperation with other Local Networks**

1. 2007. 4. 2 UNGC Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting
2. 2007. 7. 5 UNGC Leaders Summit
3. 2007.10.17 GC Annual Networks Forum
4. 2007.10.15 GC Progress and Value Workshop
5. 2007 Visits to and encounters with other local Networks (UK)