

Madagascar Network Annual Report



Network objectives and priorities

The main GC activity for the Madagascar network is the Growing Sustainable Business initiative.

- What are the main priorities for the Network this year?

Main expected outcome for the network in 2007 are:

1. GSB operations evaluated and recommendations implemented
2. GSB Broker's role transferred to national body
3. GSB portfolio projects progress as outlined in their half-yearly plans
4. New partners sensitized to the GSB and partnership projects/enterprise solutions to poverty

Organization

- Who is the network focal point?

The GSB Broker, whose position is currently held by Pascale Bonzom, UNDP GSB Program Officer. However from January 2008 onward this position will be located at the Ministry of Economy, Planning, Private Sector and Trade.

- Is there a steering committee or decision making body? How often does it meet?

There is a multi-stakeholder GSB Steering Committee meeting twice a year.

Participation

- Who are the network participants (number of MNCs, SMEs, sectors represented, civil society, government)?

There are 21 Steering Committee members of which: 5 government representatives, 4 civil society representatives, 5 private sector representatives (from cross-sector business organizations), 3 UN system representatives and 4 donors representatives.

There are currently 13 live projects in the GSB portfolio including 3 projects from MNCs and 10 projects from local and international SMEs. Sectors represented by the projects include energy, water and sanitation, tourism, agri-business, financial services and waste management.

- What is the relationship between the network and the government?

The government is a member of the Steering Committee and is engaged in most of the project alliances.

Activities

- How does the network play its role as a promoter of the Global Compact at the local level, adapting universal values into local language and culture (outreach, learning, policy dialogue and partnership events relating to the ten principles and the Millennium Development Goals, translation of documents, website in local language, etc)?

The network organized in February 2006 a policy dialogue on “Maximizing the private sector’s contribution to poverty reduction and the MDGs”. As a follow-up a publication has been developed entitled “Enterprise Solutions to Poverty: success stories from Madagascar”, showcasing successful case studies of enterprise solutions to poverty in Madagascar. This Publication will be launched before the end of the year and will be used as a tool to advocate for more engagements of the private sector in partnership projects related to their core activities. Hopefully it could also be used to raise the profile of the GC and its principles in Madagascar.

- How does the network encourage “Communications on Progress” and support the development of case studies according to the GC research guidelines?

There is no activity on CoP.

- How active is the network in promoting partnership projects?

This is our core activity, as explained above.

- How does the network encourage deeper engagement of its participants through dialogue with several stakeholders and participation in local learning events (number of case studies and examples developed)?

Please see above, organization of Policy Dialogue and Publication work.

- What is the network’s communication role, between its companies and other stakeholders, with other stakeholders, with other networks world-wide, with the Global Compact Office, with government and the public in a given country or region?

Vohitra Environnement, one of the GSB’s portfolio projects, participated in the Leaders Summit and highlighted the role of partnering with the UN in achieving its goals.

- To what extent does the network engage new companies with the Global Compact (number per year)?

1 company this year: Vohitra Environnement.

- Activities planned for the coming year.

Activities planned for the coming year will be defined with the Ministry of Economy, Planning, Private Sector and Trade, towards the end of the year. They are likely to include further advancing progress of the GSB portfolio as well portfolio expansion.

- How has the network been engaged in issues relating to the integrity measures? And does the network have a policy on such engagement?

No work in this area.

Progress

- A short self-evaluation of progress made against objectives in the past year. The GSB is progressing towards achievement of its Annual Work Plan’s results. It has identified the national entity that will be hosting the GSB Broker and initiative from 2008 onwards and it is in the process of recruiting it. The GSB’s evaluation should soon start as well. All projects are progressing well, as outlined in its Information Bulletin posted on the UNDP Madagascar’s web site.

- Examples of best practices.

The Publication will be available for download on the UNDP GSB’s web site before the end of the year.

- Major challenges that the network has faced and how they were tackled. N/A

Attachment: Network Fact Sheet for 200_:

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	No	No	www.undp.org/partners/business/gsb	GSB Broker	Yes	Yes	UNDP	No

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
35	4	10	1	5	0	1	3	0	12	Yes

Number of Activities					
Outreach Events	Learning Events	Policy Dialogues	Partnership projects	Cooperation with other Local Networks	Other activities
0	0	1	13	0	1