

Guidance on Annual Reports for GC Networks MOLDOVA



Annual Network Reports are crucially important for brand protection and quality assurance. Annual reports also have the potential to play an important role in the effective development of local networks by enabling the exchange of information about best practice and the development of alliances between networks.

As agreed at the Second Networks Conference in London on November 2004, each network should produce an annual report, describing activities and initiatives undertaken in the previous year. Reports should be put on the Global Compact website prior to the Annual Networks Conference¹.

The following are suggestions on issues that should be covered by network reports. In light of the experience of previous years, Networks are asked to provide the Annual Network Report as a written document and provide some basic facts in the attached table.

Network objectives and priorities

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

1. *Establishment of the network in the view of its institutionalization*
2. *Enlargement of the network in Moldova*
3. *Identification of joint initiatives to be supported*
4. *Launching a policy dialogue with the Government on labour issues*
5. *Better understanding of GC/SCR in the context of Moldova*

Organization

- Who is the network focal point?

Network acting chairman: Valeriu Strelets, Bioprotect Manager
UN Focal Point: Aurelia Braguta, Investment Broker

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

There is no steering committee, but all network members have been meeting and deciding every 2-3 months

Participation

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

¹ For Annual Network Reports of previous years, please consult the Global Compact website at:
http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NetworksAroundTheWorld/gc_networks_report_on_activities.html

5 MNC

10 SMEs

Telecommunications, Agribusiness, Food&Drinks, Textile, Oil&Gas, Banking

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

No formal framework but Government is generally supportive and opened the launch in 2006

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)?

- Policy Dialogue to improve Labour standards

- Promoting CSR among local businesses by the GC champions

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

- The UNDP focal point has facilitated a training on non-financial reporting and CoP for network members.

- The network plans to edit a CSR publication, which is aimed to demonstrate other companies the practice of non-financial reporting

- How active is the network in promoting partnership projects?

Separately companies are active, but as a network rather difficult to find a viable intervention that would work as a group.

- 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)?

By sharing at network meetings examples of specific interventions

- 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?

- Network is making first steps by attempts to engage in regional events facilitated by the UN.

- The GCLN members in Moldova, although new, have been actively engaged in communicating the GC principles to other non-network members through: the Business Club “Timpul” and the Foreign Investors Association

- The network members conducted 1 roundtable with UN journalists club

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

Just a few examples

- Activities planned for the coming year.

The plan is currently being reviewed by network members and potential activities include:

- *CSR awareness raising among the business community*
- *Partnership projects with the UN (potential social entrepreneurship project)*
- *Enlargement of network*

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

Not yet but discussions are ongoing and network is in process of identifying/developing such a policy

Progress

- A short self-evaluation of progress made against objectives in the past year.

The network has managed to keep up the pace and hold regular meetings. The members found these meetings very important in order to get the network running. With support from UNDP the network is about to launch a study on labour standards in order to launch a policy dialogue on this matter with the Government. The network members were not able to register progress on institutionalizing, and decided to create a Steering Committee (Board) to improve decision making

- Examples of best practices.
 - *Participation of several companies in UN initiatives i.e.:*
 - *UNDP social entrepreneurship project,*
 - *ILO project that supports national partners in preventing child labour*
 - *Production of a publication illustrating the LGCN members CSR activities in Moldova*
- Major challenges that the network has faced and how they were tackled.

Major challenges of the network are different and relate to external and internal factors. External include the unfavourable business climate in Moldova; Internal include difficulties in institutionalizing, slow decision making. The first one is hard to tackle by the network and is taken at slow steps in specific areas (i.e. labour); The internal issues could be resolved by the appointment of a project board and the identification of a solution for network's institutionalizing.

Attachment: Network Fact Sheet for 2007:

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	http://www.undp.org/index.shtml	Aurelia Braguta	No	n/a	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
15	5	9	1	15						

Number of Activities					
Outreach Events	Learning Events	Policy Dialogues	Partnership projects	Cooperation with other Local Networks	Other activities
1	3	1	pipeline	-	2 publications