



Meeting Supporter:



**Regional Meeting for GC Focal Points in Eastern Europe and the CIS
28-29 May 2008, Athens
- Agenda -**

Meeting Venue: Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens – Greece.

Wednesday May 28th

9.00-10.00	<p><u>Opening session:</u> Welcome address and overview of GC Networks in Eastern Europe and CIS GCO will provide an overview of GC Networks in Eastern Europe and CIS in addition to an update on overall GC strategy and activities for 2008, activities in the pipeline and any recently developed tools, resources and/or engagement mechanisms to assist and promote implementation. Giuseppe Belsito, Programme Manager, UNDP, will make a brief presentation on the establishment of the regional support center for Global Compact Networks in the Black Sea region. <i>Session coordinator:</i> Mr. Soren Petersen, Global Compact Office</p>
10.00-11.30	<p>Network sustainability Focal Points will discuss examples of Networks governance structures with particular focus on their sustainability, particularly when UNDP no longer hosts secretariat, how to align with other CSR initiatives on the ground etc. <i>Session coordinator:</i> Ms. Pascale Bonzom, UNDP RBEC Office – Bratislava</p>
<i>11.30-12.00</i>	<i>Coffee break and networking</i>
12.00-13.30	<p>GC Networks as a platform for partnerships Meeting participants will engage in a discussion on the role of Networks in supporting the development and implementation of partnership projects with Network participants. Networks will also be invited to contribute with examples of best practices and lessons learned. <i>Session coordinator:</i> Ms. Ruken Tekes, GC Network in Ukraine</p>
<i>13.30-14.30</i>	<i>Lunch and networking</i>
14.30-16.00	<p>Incentives and rewards systems The purpose of the session is to allow Network Focal Points the opportunity to share experience on the establishment of incentives and reward systems as a means to recognize good performance and promote implementation by Network participants. <i>Session coordinator:</i> Ms. Lyra Jakuleviciene, GC Network in Lithuania</p>
<i>16.00-16.30</i>	<i>Coffee break and networking</i>
16.30-18.00	<p><i>Meeting for UNDP Focal Points from Eastern Europe and the CIS</i> UNDP to present the Growing Inclusive Markets (GIM) report as well as discuss options for producing national GIM reports and advocacy platforms. <i>Session coordinator:</i> Mr. Casper Sonesson, United Nations Development Programme</p>
<i>18.00-20.00</i>	<i>Free time</i>

Side Event:

20.00

Launch of the Global Compact Network in Greece

Meeting participants are cordially invited to attend a dinner to mark the official launch of the Global Compact Network in Greece.

Thursday May 29th

8.00-9.00	Opening session*: Soft-power of governments This session will focus on the engagement of government at the local level, for example in policy dialogues etc, and other non-legislative options to promote CSR. <i>Session coordinator:</i> Ms. Alessia Sabbatino, GC Network Italy
9.00-11.00	Climate Change* The objective of the session is to build the capacity of Network Focal Points to engage companies in a national public policy dialogue on climate issues in order to further the national position within the context of the global debate. <i>Session coordinator:</i> Dr. Cornelis van der Lugt, United Nations Environment Programme
<i>11.00-11.30</i>	<i>Coffee break and networking</i>
11.30-13.00	Communication on Progress* Networks will review and discuss the various models currently used to engage in the COP process. Participants will also be invited to discuss how to promote the COP as a public accountability measure and the value this could bring to the Network. <i>Session coordinator/s:</i> Ms. Michelle Wolfe, GC Network UK
<i>13.00-14.00</i>	<i>Lunch and networking</i>
14.00-17.30	<u>Side Events:</u> <i>Belgian Project Focal Point Meeting</i> <i>Session coordinator:</i> Ms. Janka Geckova, UNDP RBEC Office – Bratislava

* These sessions will be combined sessions of Eastern and Western European Focal Points.