



Global Compact UK Forum

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GC UK Forum - formation



- Founded in June 2003
- Aprox. 50 members - MNEs, SMEs & external observers: NGOs, Government, Trade Union
- 61 UK-based signatories
 - Half multinationals
 - Half SMEs
 - One city

GC UK Organisation



- How we came to be formed
- Until a year ago, we all met together
- A steering group was formed in January 2005, comprising:
 - 7 MNEs
 - 2 SMEs
 - Observers – WWF, Amnesty International, Oxfam, Transparency International, Trades Union Congress & Government
- Intending two full meetings per year and steering group meetings as required
- Government hosted last full meeting and will host next meeting in October



Initiatives committee

- Currently focused on:
 - Setting up ***learning forums*** on issues such as Business in China, COP compilation and case studies on adhering to the 10 GC principles.
 - ***Mentoring programme***. Whereby companies which have yet to produce a COP are teamed up with a company which has completed one to gain support and advice on compiling a COP.

Communications committee



- Considering what communications it should issue
- What means – own website or UN website
- Funding for communications



Deliverables so far

- Guidance for COPs for multinationals
- Guidance on assessment of COPs
- Guidance on production and assessment of COPs for SMEs

- This work is still being considered and refined
- Over past three months we have conducted a trial COP review process
- Three groups reviewed 2 different COPs
- Prime outcome – great value to the assessed company

Governance



- We have discussed and are still considering:-
 - The necessity and desirability of raising money to fund work/support
 - The formation of a secretariat
 - Legal format for the GC UK Forum

Challenge going forward



- We have three broad types of signatory
 1. Those outside the Forum, who show no desire to join a local network.
 2. Those inside the Forum, who wish to see it appropriately resourced to both organise itself and undertake work and who are prepared to contribute accordingly.
 3. Those inside the Forum who are happy to participate in occasional meetings, but who have little appetite to become further involved and wish to avoid any financial commitment.
- An explicit steer from the GC Office on what type of network it would like to see would be most helpful in resolving this matter.