



2009 Global Compact Regional Meeting Africa
Business taking a Stand in the Fight Against Corruption
CONFERENCE

Date: March 18, 2009
Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria

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| 9h00-9h30 | Welcome and Opening of Conference
<i>UN Global Compact Office, GCLN Nigeria, UNODC, World Bank Institute</i> |
| 9h30-11h00 | Panel 1 - Corporate governance as a tool to fight corruption
<p>The fallout from the global financial crisis has ignited a debate on the interlinkages between corruption and corporate governance. Good corporate governance is crucial to secure investor confidence, enhance access to capital markets, promote growth and strengthen economies. What went wrong with Siemens? BAE? Etc. The panel discussion will explore the link between corporate governance and the fight against corruption; challenges and opportunities of corporate governance as a tool to fight corruption in a developing country, and how corporate governance can contribute to and facilitate economic development and improve market conditions.</p> |
| 11h00-11h30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11h30-13h00 | Panel 2 - The role of financial institutions: Risks and Challenges of Corruption
<p>Financial markets play a crucial role in supporting transparency and stability of markets and should provide leadership and support activities undertaken by companies. The panel will discuss and spur dialogue on the role of investors in the promotion of transparency, governance and the prevention of corruption. Given the recent collapse of global financial markets, how can financial institutions provide leadership in promoting transparency and contribute to stability in the continent?</p> |
| 13h00-14h30 | Lunch |
| 14h30-16h00 | Panel 3 - The political economy of corruption and collective action as a tool to fight corruption
<p>Collective action enables companies to collaborate with industry peers and stakeholders to create markets where decisions are driven by economic considerations and not influenced by corruption. By working collectively, companies can help level the playing field between competitors, improve the quality of legal and regulatory systems, create incentives to avoid bribery among individuals and organizations, and introduce greater transparency and predictability to business transactions in corruption-prone countries and sectors. The panel will explore the importance of collective action, its opportunities and challenges, how companies can work collectively to promote transparency and prevent corruption and thus improve the business environment.</p> |

Participation in the Conference is free but requires prior registration by email to Ms. Beauty Alfred of the Global Compact Local Network Nigeria:

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(Please send your request for registration including following information:
Name, Position, Organization, Email, Address, and Phone)