Towards Rio+20
The UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) to be held in June 2012 will aim at three objectives: (i) secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development; (ii) review progress and remaining implementation gaps in meeting already agreed commitments; (iii) assess new and emerging challenges. The focus of Rio+20 is on green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and institutional framework for sustainable development. See link below for more information on Rio+20.
http://www.unsd2012.org/rio20/

We have no doubt. Rio+20 will set the sustainability agenda for coming decades and will offer an important opportunity not only to elevate the critical role of corporate sustainability but also to investigate how governments can leverage business engagement in sustainable development.

We are currently gearing-up for Rio+20. Soon we will ask you to do the same. As a first step we will need your assistance to ensure the support of GC business participants in the lead up to Rio+20. In order for GC business participants to provide input to the outcome document of Rio+20, the GCO will prepare and circulate a narrative for consultation among all GC business participants. The narrative will serve as basis for the preparation of the outcome document of Rio+20. GC business participants will be asked to sign on to the overall vision of the narrative and we will need your help to follow-up with companies to ensure they support. Within the next month, we will share the narrative with you and explain the consultation process in more details.

Sign up now and join the GC Online Social Network Platform, where the Agenda for the Local Networks Regional Meetings will be discussed
The Global Compact Office announced the launch of a new social network platform in the last ALNF (Copenhagen). This new platform is aimed at providing networks with a space to interact and to exchange ideas and knowledge, while stimulating the internetwork and inter-regional collaboration. Furthermore, the agenda and logistics issues for the Local Networks Regional Meetings will be discussed in the platform. Therefore, the GCO highly encourages you to sign-up and login the platform. For further information about how to work with the platform, please read the Explanatory Note available in this link.

HUMAN RIGHTS
The latest draft of the Children’s Rights and Business Principles, which aim to set standards for child-friendly business everywhere is ready for final consultation. This draft is based on feedback received through a consultation process. More than 600 business leaders, civil society representatives, key experts and children participated in face-to-face or online consultations. Overall, the feedback has been positive.

The key changes in addition to a range of edits relate to:
- Making a stronger distinction between the "respect" and "support" elements of the principles (for now, in red and green in the document).
- Taking out the illustrative examples from the Principles, as those will be included in accompanying documentation.
- Focusing more strongly on non-discrimination (including equity) and participation of children.
- There is now also a strong emphasis on the technical aspects in the glossary.

Before finalizing the Principles, this version is being circulated with a limited number of key stakeholders, including the Global Compact Local Network contact persons, for a final review. Your review and comments of the attached almost finalized product will be highly appreciated. For your information, the adult consultation report is also attached. Both the adult and children’s consultation reports will be available online in the next few days on the Children and Business portal of the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre – http://www.business-humanrights.org/ChildrenPortal/CRBPI

The deadline for feedback is 9 September 2011 (email: househam@un.org)


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Materials for the Global Compact Training on Implementation and Reporting now available online
The Global Compact Office has developed a one-day training on implementation of the Global Compact principles and on communicating progress, following the Global Compact Management Model. All materials are available for interested Global Compact Local Networks through the Social Network. Sign up for the Group “Global Compact Training on Implementation and Reporting” to access the training materials and share your thoughts and experiences.