**Rio+20 Update**

**Updated Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum Flyer:** The updated flyer of the Forum can be found here: [Forum Flyer](#).

**A Paper-Smart Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum**

The Forum at Rio will be a “paper-smart” event following the guidelines of the Rio+20 Secretariat. There will be no hard copy publications of any kind at the venues. The Global Compact is currently evaluating the process for making materials available electronically. Please share this information with participants attending the forum. For more information on this, please click here: [Paper-smart guidelines](#).

**Network Business Delegation Mobilization & Registration for the Forum**

All networks are highly encouraged to organize and bring business delegations to the Forum particularly where networks have suggested sessions to be held as part of the Forum. Also, due to the overwhelming demand for hotel accommodation during Rio+20, it is strongly recommended that participants register for the Forum immediately to secure the limited accommodation pre-reserved for participants and take advantage of lower early registration rates. As the dates of the Forum draw closer, the availability of the pre-reserved accommodation is not guaranteed.

**Engagement of Highest Level Company Executives at the Forum**

Select company Chief Executives will be invited to participate in the high-level plenary “Compact for Rio” – the closing session of the Forum on 18 June. Forum participants will distil leading sustainability practices, innovations and collaborations, announce new commitments across all themes and recommendations for Government actions. Invitations will be sent to select Chief Executives in the coming weeks.

**Government Engagement at the Forum**

Governments are invited to attend the Forum as participants in the same manner as business, civil society and UN representatives. Member States will each receive two transferable passes to attend the Forum. Government officials interested in participating in the Forum are to liaise directly with the respective Rio+20 Focal Points in their Capitals. General inquiries regarding Government registration can be sent to rio2012govt@unglobalcompact.org.

**Civil Society Organization Participation at the Forum**

Select CSOs will be invited to participate in the Forum. These will include representatives from the Rio+20 Major Groups; organizations participating in the Global Compact working groups, initiatives and platforms, and organizations with a long-standing working relationship with the Global Compact. A maximum of two participants may attend from each invited CSO. Where a network receives an interest from CSOs engaged in the network to participate in the Forum, please communicate that to the GCO through the Local Network Managers for consideration.

**High Resolution Photos for the Local Networks Report**

Photos of 2011 network events and activities will be required to illustrate the Local Networks Annual Report to be launched at the ALNF in Rio. Please send photos from your events to the Regional Network Managers for inclusion in the Networks Achievement page of your network. It would be preferred if these are high resolution (300 dpi or more) photos.

**Network Commitments towards Rio+20**

To address the global challenges highlighted by Rio+20, the Corporate Sustainability Forum has put forth a call for commitments. Networks have the unique opportunity to make commitments of a collective/collaborative nature and the GCO will seek to give recognition to these commitments from networks. Please visit the website: [www.compact4rio.org/commitments](http://www.compact4rio.org/commitments) for the guidelines and criteria to identify and make a commitment towards the Forum. For more information please contact Nike Olaniyan at Olaniyan@un.org.
COP and Participant Management Webinars for Local Networks

The COP and Participant Management teams now offer three types of webinars on a monthly basis. All webinars have the goal to ensure active participation and to enable continuous improvement within the Global Compact, specifically:

- **Introduction to the Global Compact** for new business participants – This webinar will provide a brief overview of the Global Compact, the COP policy, and a variety of tools and resources available to business participants. It will be particularly useful for companies that have recently joined the initiative and new company contact points.

- **COP differentiation: Reaching the GC Active level** – This webinar for business participants will outline the COP policy and discuss the elements of basic, robust reporting. It is designed to help participants in the Learner Platform improve their next COP submission in order to reach GC Active level.

- **COP differentiation: Reaching the GC Advanced level** – This webinar for more advanced business participants will give an overview of the GC Advanced level, including the 24 advanced criteria.

Local Networks who would like to conduct webinars for their network or region broadly related to the Communication on Progress, can use the Global Compact Office’s webinar service provider. Webinars can be either conducted independently by the local network (in local language) or in cooperation with the COP team. Participants need an internet connection for video and can use either headset or telephone for audio. To learn more about the service or schedule a webinar, please contact Christine Weinreich, weinreich@un.org

Updates in Non-Business Participation in the Global Compact

As decided by the Global Compact Board at its last meeting in December 2011, new entry criteria and engagement requirements are being developed for non-business participation in the UN Global Compact. This includes introducing a mandatory annual reporting requirement for non-business participants. To view the revised application procedure and a draft of the COP policy for non-business participants, please click here: COP Policy, Questionnaire and Letter of Commitment. Please provide your feedback on the proposed changes by April 2, 2012 to participants@unglobalcompact.org

Global Compact Launch Event in Myanmar

On the 1st of May 2012, a Global Compact launch event will be held in Yangon Myanmar, under the theme: “Promoting Responsible Business in Myanmar – Towards Job Creation and Sustainable Development”. The invitation of the event has been sent out to the companies that are the GC signatories and have interests in the country. We would be happy to extend the invitations to such companies in your network. To request the invitation, please contact Yukako Hashida (hashida@unglobalcompact.org). Please see the sample invitation and draft agenda for your reference

Child Labour Platform / Labour Working Group Meeting – 17 April - Geneva, Switzerland

The meeting of the Global Compact Labour Working Group on approaches in tackling child labour and will discuss the Child Labour Platform as a new work stream of the working group. Companies and other stakeholders interested in joining the Child Labour Platform are to register for the meeting with Benjamin Smith, ILO-IPEC at smithb@ilo.org by Friday 6 April 2012. More information can be found on the event webpage.

Please inform network participants actively engaged in the issue of tackling child labour of the meeting. The GCO is also interested in identifying companies proactively involved in the issue at the regional or local level. If you wish to share examples of specific company efforts in tackling child labour, please contact Venu Keesari at: keesari@unglobalcompact.org

Call for Nominations: International Social Investment Ambassadors program

The Principles for Social Investment Secretariat (PSIS) was established by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) to support the implementation of effective social investment practices by UNGC signatories. Among PSIS’s key objectives is the promotion and adoption of the Principles for Social Investment by small to medium enterprises and multinational corporations, globally. To assist in meeting this objective, the PSIS in association with the UNGC is launching an international Social Investment Ambassadors program.

The Social Investment Ambassadors program recognizes individuals (on behalf of their company) with an outstanding commitment to social investment and calls on them to lead the way in promoting the UNGC-backed Principles for Social Investment and other social investment initiatives. Ambassadors will be selected from across the world and across a wide variety of industries.

Nominations to become a Social Investment Ambassador are sought by 30 April 2012.

For more information about the Social Investment Ambassador program, including nomination details, visit www.p4si.org/psi_ambassadors.shtml or contact Shaun Cannon, CEO, Principles for Social Investment Secretariat on shaun.cannon@p4si.org