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In order to continue to empower Local Networks and strengthen their skills and competencies in supporting participants in advancing corporate sustainability and promote action in support of broader UN goals in their local context, the Global Compact is introducing a new capacity building programme, Local Networks Issue Engagement Programme. The programme aims at supporting Networks to bridge the gap between identifying priorities and implementing their strategic work plan. The Local Networks Issue Engagement Programme seeks to bring 4 - 5 Advanced Local Network contact persons from various Local Networks across regions to the Global Compact in New York for a period of time to gain relevant insights from our issue teams on how to effectively leverage the Global Compact Portfolio for the implementation of their activity plans and measure their local impact. Furthermore, participating networks will be exposed to the work of other networks encouraging cross-pollination of best practices, as well as to inter-network and inter-regional collaboration opportunities.

For application details and background information, please refer to the Issue Engagement Programme Concept Note. To express your interest, please email Ms. Natalia Uliana (uliana@unglobalcompact.org) no later by 1 October.
1. **2015 Annual Contributions Updates**

The Foundation has sent out reminders and is conducting targeted follow-up with business participants to make their 2015 annual contribution. Only those business participants who have not yet made a 2015 annual contribution will receive this follow-up. A copy of the mid-year fundraising letter is attached for your reference. Questions about 2015 annual contributions should be directed to contributions@globalcompactfoundation.org.

2. **Sponsorships and Issue-specific Programme Funding Updates**

The Foundation continues to work with Global Compact issue-area teams to raise funds for issue-specific events and programmes. Upcoming events seeking corporate funding include the 2015 Caring for Climate Business Forum and the 2016 WEPs Annual Event. Issue areas that are seeking project funding include CEO Water Mandate, Business for Peace, Anti-Corruption, Supply Chain and others. Questions about sponsorships and issue-specific programme funding should be directed to info@globalcompactfoundation.org.

### Engagement Opportunities

1. **Call for Nomination: WEPs CEO Leadership Awards**

Local Networks are encouraged to recognize CEO champions advancing gender equality by sharing the opportunity to apply for the 2016 WEPs CEO Leadership Awards. Award recipients will have the opportunity to speak directly about their commitment at a ceremony held at the United Nations during the Women’s Empowerment Principles Annual Event in March 2016. Learn more. The deadline for nomination submission is 30 October 2015.

2. **Reminder: Implementation of Business for the Rule of Law**

Local Networks are invited to participate in bi-lateral conference calls with the Global Compact to help determine the best way to launch and implement Business for the Rule of Law (B4ROL) in alignment with local priorities. These calls will occur in place of the regional calls described in the August Local Network Monthly Update. B4ROL highlights the foundational and mutually beneficial relationship between advancing the rule of law and sustainable development, and in particular, highlights how businesses are able to lend their support to advancing Sustainable Development Goal 16. Initially launched on the margins of GC+15 in New York on 24 June, the B4ROL Framework serves as practical guidance for companies around the world in taking proactive, voluntary actions to support the rule of law in their everyday operations and relationships as a complement to respecting the rule of law.

To register your interest in participating on a call, contact rol@unglobalcompact.org no later than 30 September 2015 with the view of calls taking place throughout October. For more information on B4ROL, please visit the website.

### Webinar

1. **Local Network Webinar- Advancing Responsible Business Practices in Land, Construction, Real Estate Use and Investment (20 October, 8:00am EST)**

To improve responsible business practices in the land, construction and real estate industry, the Global Compact and RICS partnered in 2013 to jointly develop a good practice resource for the sector entitled "Advancing Responsible Business Practices in Land, Construction, Real Estate Use and Investment." This webinar will serve to 1) present the resource to Local Networks highlighting key components and 2) introduce opportunities for Local Networks to disseminate the Resource among the sector and its end-users.

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, 20 October 2015 at 8:00 am (EST)

**Registration Link:** https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8870093822507087618

### For Your Information

1. **Briefing Document on Current EU Policies and Activities**

Global Compact Local Networks, especially European Networks, may be interested in the European Commission's Staff Working Document, which explains current EU policies and activities, which support the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. While the document...
focuses on Pillar I "State duty to protect human rights" and Pillar III "Access to remedy for victims of business-related abuses", it also refers to activities in Pillar II on the "Corporate responsibility to respect human rights" and the positive contributions of the Global Compact. The document contains business and human rights public policy trends and may provide Networks with background and ideas for supporting the development of National Action Plans on business and human rights.

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