



The European UN Global Compact Companies Towards Rio+20 and Beyond 2.00-3.30 p.m., 17 June 2012 [Room Name]

OVERVIEW

In the last decade since the launch of the Global Compact in 2000, Corporate Social Responsibility has evolved greatly with companies taking giant strides towards ensuring business sustainability.

With a view to the “Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum: Innovation and Collaboration for the Future We Want” the European Global Compact Local Networks produced, within, and as a result of, the increasing European based Global Compact Local Networks communication and collaboration framework, a practice and best practices collection focused on sustainable development initiatives and programs carried out by European companies to help advance sustainable business models and markets coherently with the Rio+20 logic. The publication, titled “The European UN Global Compact Companies Towards Rio+20 and Beyond. A Best Practices Collection”, contains about 100 case stories coming from more than 20 countries in Europe. It can certainly be considered as an extremely powerful sharing knowledge tool in a “learn from each other’s experiences” logic. It can also be identified as an important cognitive resource: it can become a very useful tool to better define possible interpretations and the different ways of implementation of the both global and local sustainability challenges within the specific context in which the European UN Global Compact participants perform.

PROGRAMME

Welcome Speech:

- Walid Nagi, Regional Network Manager - MENA and Europe, UN Global Compact Office

Introductory Remarks:

- Marco Frey, Representative, Global Compact Network Italia

Sharing Knowledge Participants:

- Delegates of companies that have their best practices included in the collection will showcase and debate among them and with participating people about their experiences. They will also discuss on how to make business contribution to sustainable development more effective. Participants will be seated at thematic round tables with peers. Each table will be animated and moderated by a European Local Network Contact Person/Representative.

AGENDA

- 02:00 – 02:15 Welcome Speech
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- 02:15 – 02:30 Introductory Remarks
Marco Frey, Representative, Global Compact Network Italia
- 02:30 – 03:15 Sharing Knowledge Round Tables
- 03:15 – 03:30 Closing Remarks