



JULY '09 Newsletter

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NEW NETWORK PARTICIPANT: ALPHA Pharmaceuticals registers in Global Compact.



UN GLOBAL COMPACT PROJECT LAUNCHES ITS ACTIVITIES IN LATAKIA: UNGC Syria was launched in Latakia in partnership with Syria Business Council and the presence of UNDP Resident Representative, Chairman of Syria Business Council, Governor of Latakia and Director of Customs. The event engaged the costal private sector leaders and concerned stakeholders in a multi topic discussion.

THE GLOBAL COMPACT OFFICE RELEASED ITS LOCAL NETWORK REPORT 2008 (PDF), an annual survey of network activities around the world. The next ALNF will be held in conjunction with the 2010 Global Compact Leaders Summit on 24-25 of June in New York.



HUMAN RIGHTS SOLUTIONS FORUM TACKLES BUSINESS DILEMMA'S A web-based Solutions Forum was launched during the Global Compact Annual Local Network Forum in Istanbul. The Forum investigates human rights issues, such as child labor, non-discrimination, privacy, and access to water, which affect businesses in growing markets, poor governance zones or in areas facing human rights issues. The purpose is to increase an understanding of human rights issues and encourage fairness.



WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR This day celebrates progress made toward the elimination of child labour, while simultaneously urging governments, business and others to take action on continuing challenges. For the World Day, the ILO released a report titled *Give Girls a Chance: Tackling child labour, a key to the future*, highlighting the exploitation of girls in child labour and warning that the world crisis may compel more girls out of education and into child labour. Likewise, Global Compact Principle 5 of the UN Global Compact asks companies to uphold the effective abolition of child labour.

UN DELEGATES BRIEFED ON RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT AND CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP IN WAKE OF FINANCIAL CRISES The UN Global Compact and the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) discussed the roles of responsible investment and corporate citizenship during these times of financial difficulties. They believe that businesses and investors must make sure that ESG (environmental, social, and governance) factors are incorporated into management of risks and opportunities.



BUSINESS, INVESTORS, NGOs TACKLE "RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED COUNTRIES" IN THE VII GLOBAL COMPACT ANNUAL LOCAL NETWORK FORUM (ALNF) The two-day forum hosted more than 300 delegates from nearly 80 countries covering a wide range of issues, from network management to the networks' practices in advancing the GC's core issues in the areas of - human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. The Istanbul event discussed the challenges associated with investments in high-risk settings and to receive professional advice from UNGC.

JULY 09' EVENTS:

- PRI in Person Annual Event; July 16-17 Sydney, Australia
- Global Compact Board Meeting; July 24 New York, USA