



Terms of Reference

Global Compact Nordic Network (GCNN)

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Objectives of the GCNN

Primary objective:

- To provide a learning forum for members of GCNN on implementation of GC principles and progress communication

Secondary objectives:

- Promote the Global Compact
- Showcase good practice
- Inspire and assist other companies in implementing the ten principles

Membership

Membership is open for businesses and business associations from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden that have joined the Global Compact.

Consultancies that are signatories to Global Compact, can become members of the GCNN, if they do not use the networks meetings for acquisition. However, small micro enterprises (less than 3 persons) can only be joined under special conditions.

UN branches based in the Nordic countries are also able to become members. Other types of Global Compact members and stakeholders will be invited on an ad hoc basis to participate in network meetings or parts of meetings.

Companies that are not yet members of the GCNN, can participate as observers in one network meeting, if they are either signatories to the Global Compact or seriously considering signing up.

Annual membership fee

The annual membership fee is € 650 per year

Membership fee covers the cost of participating in the two annual GCNN meetings except for transportation and accommodation.

In addition, the fee contributes to covering the costs of travel of the focal point for participation in the annual Local Networks Forum and the annual meeting of the European focal points.

Governance

The GCNN has an informal governance structure; there is Focal Point and national coordinators. Furthermore, there is an informal steering committee in which one business representative from each Nordic country together with Focal Point and national coordinators create.

Any major decision with regard to the functioning of the GCNN has to be agreed to by the majority of participants at a meeting of the GCNN.

A focal point is appointed by the GCNN for a period of two years

It is the role of the focal point:

- to administrate membership, financial affairs and web site of the GCNN
- to keep GCNN members informed about important developments regarding Global Compact
- to be the voice of the GCNN in matters related to the development of the Global Compact
- to liaison with other networks on behalf of the GCNN
- to assist in the organizing of GCNN meetings and other events
- to produce the Annual Activities Report, describing past and future GCNN activities

Two annual meetings

There are two regular meetings of the GCNN every year.

GCNN members from Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden (and Iceland) take turns in hosting these meetings.

The meetings are organized by GCNN members from the host country with support from the focal point

Meeting agendas, presentations and other output from the meetings will be posted at the GCNN web site.

Working groups

Ad hoc working groups can be established for the purpose of for example:

- discussing sectorial approaches to implementing the GC principles
- showcasing best practices of the GCNN on a particular issue
- planning an outreach event or other joint activities

Working groups can be established on the initiative of any member of the GCNN without prior approval by the rest of the network members

All working groups shall be open to all members of the GCNN and shall report briefly at each meeting of the GCNN

Other activities

Together with the UNDP Nordic Office, the GCNN runs a Mentor Program. Members of the GCNN can volunteer to become mentors on matters related to the Global Compact for companies that are less experienced in implementing the Global Compact principles and communicating on progress.

Supplementing the Nordic activities, GCNN members are encouraged to organize and participate in activities at the national or local level for the purpose of promoting the awareness and implementation of the Global Compact principles