



Global Compact Network  
Nordic Countries

## Global Compact Nordic Network

Annual General Meeting

Statoil Fornebu, Oslo, October 13 2016

### Attendees

Susanna Zeko, *chairwoman*

Anne Mette Christiansen

Sara Krüger Falk

Hedda Felin

Lotte Frank Kirkegaard

Flemming Lyng Nielsen

Henrik Munthe

Nils Molin

Kajsa Persson-Berg

Johanna Pirinen

Tomi Rintanen

ICC Sweden

Enact

Confederation of Danish Industry (DI)

Statoil

CSR Greenland

Danfoss

NHO

Kongsberg Gruppen

ICC Sweden

Konecranes Global Corporation

Vaisala

## Minutes

1. Meeting opened
  - a. Chairwoman Susanna Zeko opened the meeting
2. Approval of secretary of the meeting
  - a. Kajsa Persson-Berg was approved as secretary.
3. Changes to the agenda
  - a. Due to time restrictions, the agenda was changed, new order being:
    - i. Item 4 – Presentation of Financial Report and Budget
    - ii. Item 7 – Proposed Governance Changes
    - iii. Item 2 – Presentation of Annual Report
    - iv. Item 3 - Action Plan 2016-2016
    - v. Additional Items
    - vi. Global Strategy Process
4. Presentation of Financial Report and Budget
  - a. Susanna presented the report (to be found in Annual Report) and the statement from lay auditor, Magnus Enell. Two points were made from the auditor:
    - i. The size of the sales ledger.
    - ii. Global Compact Nordic Network has gained a large profit over the year, mainly due to the fact that ICC Sweden has been able to cover all administrative costs.
  - b. Budget
    - i. In the new budget, each member country was allocated €100 per signatory from that country. This money is meant to go to national activities for the signatories.
5. Membership fees
  - a. Suggestion: Keep membership fees at €650 per year.
  - b. **Decision: Approved.**
6. Governance changes
  - a. Suggestion: Change Governance document to open up for members with less than 10 employees as well.

***Current phrasing***  
*All members should pay the annual GCNN fee and be a signatory to the UNGC. The GCNN is open to business and non-business organisations.*

***Proposed change***  
*All members should pay the annual GCNN fee and, if they have 10 or more employees, be a signatory to the UNGC. The GCNN is open to business and non-business organisations.*

The suggestion has come up as several smaller companies have expressed interest in joining the Compact, but not lived up to the requirements. The GCHQ has then steered them towards the local network, seeing their role as being more of a middle-hand before reaching the requirement of having 10 employees.
  - b. **Decision: Approved.**
7. Global Strategy Process
  - a. Sara Krüger Falk informed the meeting about how the strategy process is coming along. The strategy aims to turn Global Compact into a more global, professionalized organization, with a stronger role for the local networks. Financially, the voluntary contributions of today would instead be mandatory membership fees, with parts of them falling back on the local networks. GCNN has expressed positive views on most of the strategy as a more stable financial situation would allow for the network to set up a secretariat and become more established.

However, concerns have been that it is unclear what the GCHQ's demands on the local networks will be as well as the risk that making the membership fees mandatory will cause many signatories to exit. Businesses in Finland have expressed a position strongly against

mandatory fees. Although no survey has been made recently, this has also been the case in Norway.

In Sweden only a few companies have been discussed with, there the issue was where the money would be paid to.

Concerns were also raised that the mandatory fees will be too expensive.

**Decision: A steering group meeting will be held before the launch of the Global Strategy in Dubai, October 24, to set the GCNN's agenda and strategize how to move forward.**

8. Annual Report

- a. The final version of the Annual Report will be circulated on December 1. Please return to [info@gcnordic.net](mailto:info@gcnordic.net) before that with any comments or suggested changes.

9. Additional items

- a. Denmark has two national activities coming up
  - Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> a seminar on "Pioneering the SDGs"
  - Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> "Managing risks in challenging markets", a seminar on the role of business, civil society and peace, justice and strong institutions

Sweden, too, has two activities

- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> "Business and Children's Rights"
- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Communicating sustainability – an afternoon event with Jakob Trollbäck, the head behind the communication surrounding the Global Goals.

10. Meeting closed.