



Global Compact Nordic Network Annual General Meeting

Copenhagen, 4th December 2017 | 13.00-14.00

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Financial update

Conclusion: *The Nordic Network has good finances, with 1.8 million DKK. With an annual spending of 300 000 DKK on meetings, the network can continue for approximately five years.*

3. The new business model and the future of the Nordic Network

UN Global Compact is implementing a new business model in 2018, which implies an upscaling of activities for members. The new business model requires structural changes within the Global Compact and the establishment of national networks in the Nordics. It also implies that all members contribute financially to be part of the initiative. All members are requested to choose to be Signatory or Participant. Please see Lise Kingo's October letter for more detailed information about the new business model.

a. Financial Structure

There will be no fee for participating the Nordic network, however the annual contribution will be paid to the Global Office or the Local Network. We also consider raising funds from partners to finance future activities together within the Nordic network.

Decision: *The Nordic network will continue without a membership fee. The network will do the utmost to find funding opportunities to support meetings and events in the Nordics in the future.*

b. Network meetings

Suggestions: We propose to have one annual Nordic network meeting, and with a recommendation to arrange the meeting in the fall, one month after the Leaders Summit in New York that is held in connection with the General Assembly. It will be a two-day event, from lunch to lunch. The Nordic network will pay for the expenses related to the venue etc., however participants will have to pay for participating in the dinner. The next meeting takes place in Copenhagen 2018, and the following in Helsinki 2019. In the spring, the local networks will arrange an event that is relevant to the local context, for example through webinars.

Decision: *From 2018 and onwards, the Nordic network meetings will take place around one month after the Leaders Summit in New York. There will be one Nordic meeting per year, a two-day event with the expenses for the meeting paid by the network, however, expenses related to dinners will no longer be paid by the network.*

Next annual Nordic Network meetings:

Denmark 2018

Finland 2019

Norway 2020

Greenland/Iceland 2021

Sweden 2022

c. Future activities

Suggestions: We have started a discussion for collaboration with both the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN). We also propose to create 1-2 webinars on relevant topics at national level and share within the network. A third suggestion is to create workshop groups on different SDG/topics. These groups could meet monthly via Skype and develop further solutions and best practices. Please write us with suggestions for activities in the network on info@gcnordic.net.

Decision: *We will continue collaboration with both the Nordic Council of Ministers and other relevant partners. We will also create webinars and workshops group within the network – please send in your suggestions of topics to info@gcnordic.net before end of this year.*

4. Update on the establishment of the national networks

a. Denmark/Greenland – established

Summary: *Sara shared briefly about the establishment of the Danish Network and will continue to share information and statues related to the process to the other Local networks.*

b. Finland – in process

Summary: *Timo informed about their start-up meeting and plan to establish the Finnish network in March.*

c. Iceland – no information

d. Norway – in process, expected to be established fall 2018

Summary: *Wenche informed about the process, and the planning committee is meeting on the 7/12 to decide upon the next step.*

e. Sweden – in process, expected to be established spring 2018

Summary: *Margi informed about their process and the following week the statues will be signed. The first annual general meeting in the Swedish Network will be arranged in March/April.*

5. Additional points

Decision: *The Nordic network will continue to establish a monthly newsletter to keep the network informed about upcoming activities.*