

# Communicating Progress: The Essentials

A UN Global Compact Network UK Workshop  
Monday 30 April 2018 | 14:00-17:00 | London

Each year, UN Global Compact business Participants and Signatories are required to submit a Communication on Progress (COP) that reports how they are aligning their strategies and operations with the Compact's ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. This annual exercise highlights the signatories' commitment to advancing the principles and is essential for maintaining the integrity of the Global Compact.

The COP is a report to a company's stakeholders and the UNGC allows companies considerable latitude in how they wish to communicate their progress. However, there are some required components that must be included.

The purpose of this workshop is to de-mystify the COP process to ensure that signatories can fulfil their UNGC communications obligation with a minimum of fuss and a maximum benefit.

## Who should attend?

The workshop is intended for Participants and Signatories of the UN Global Compact that are preparing to submit their Communication on Progress report.

## Workshop Programme

Introduction to the COP

- Purpose & philosophy
- Minimum requirements
- Internal Benefits

Current issues in Sustainability Reporting

- Materiality
- Stakeholder engagement
- GRI
- Integrated Reporting
- Data Collection
- Assurance

Reporting on the UNGC's Issue Areas

- Special considerations when reporting on human rights, labour standards, environment, and anti-corruptions;
- Assessing materiality & meeting stakeholder expectations
- Choosing appropriate metrics and data collection

Presentation Tips

- Adapting an existing sustainability report
- Stakeholder perspectives & stories

## Cost of attendance

Free of charge for UNGC Participants | £50+VAT for UNGC Signatories (UK Network members) | £150+VAT for UNGC Signatories (non-UK Network members)

**Register online at:** <http://bit.ly/2rNaWbp>

**For more information, please email:** [secretariat@unglobalcompact.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@unglobalcompact.org.uk)



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## About the UN Global Compact Network UK

The UK Network coordinates UN Global Compact activity within the UK. It holds meetings to facilitate learning, knowledge exchange, and networking. It also helps UK-based Participants and Signatories fulfil the UNGC's reporting requirement and promotes the initiative in the UK and abroad. The UK Network provides a number of services to members, including:

- Organising Network meetings that provide a forum for knowledge exchange and networking, as well as a neutral venue where members may interact with other organisations, diverse in size, sector, and industry;
- Organising outreach events that provide a larger platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on UNGC-related issues;
- Providing Practical guidance and peer review for Communication on Progress and Modern Slavery Statements;
- Representing UK-based Participants and Signatories in regional and global discussions about the future development and activity of the UN Global Compact initiative;
- Engaging with UK Government departments and international policy leaders on responsible business matters;
- Promoting the Global Compact Ten Principles and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) throughout the UK business community.



Photo from a UN Global Compact Network UK workshop

## Testimonials

*'I think the workshop is a must for anyone trying to get to grips with drafting a COP - particularly if you have followed the template provided for your initial submission and are then not sure where to go from there the following year(s). Also useful for realising the business benefits that a well drafted COP can bring.'*

Sarah Smith, Managing Director, Walkgrove Limited (Course participant, March '14)

*"I found the workshop to be of great value and delivered exceptionally well. The result of my attendance is that our organisation is in a much better position to ensure we are fully aligned and committed to what is a very important initiative by the UN for responsible business practice. I would recommend organisations of any size or industry to attend".*

Chris Annear, Operations Director, Anvil Group (Course participant, May '15)

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