With only ten years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, world is ready for a decade of action and sustainable development to meet the target date of 2030.

At the core of the 2020-2030 decade is the need for action to tackle growing inequalities, empower women and girls, and address the issue of climate change.

The UN has called on all sectors of society to mobilize for a decade of action on three levels: global action to secure greater leadership, more resources and smarter solutions for the SDGs; local action embedding the needed transitions in the policies, budgets, institutions and regulatory frameworks of governments, cities and local authorities; and people action, including by youth, civil society, the media, the private sector, unions, academia and other stakeholders, to generate an unstoppable movement pushing for the required transformations.

We need to foster a new generation of partnerships and the role of corporate sector is crucial in not only to help us achieve our common goals, but we also count on you to align your business models with the 2030 Agenda to multiply the impact. In this context, as a role model, my organization, Oil and natural gas Corporation (ONGC), during last three years has spent Rs 1507 crore towards achieving 13 Sustainable Development Goals including Health care, education, sanitation, clean water, nutrition, skill development and rural development. There is need to have similar actions from all stakeholders.

For Governments and business, working together to build a prosperous, net zero carbon economy by 2050 is critical. Companies have an opportunity to step up as leaders at the forefront of the climate movement, reimagining the way they can work together with both Governments and the United Nations to shift Industries and transform the way we do business.

The SDGs lay out a clear vision for a sustainable future, also shaping a new era for business. As a part of our Making Global Goals Local Business campaign, each year, the UN Global Compact celebrates a group of SDG Pioneers — business leaders who are doing an exceptional job to advance the Global Goals through the implementation of our Ten Principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.
In the spirit of giving young people a seat at the table to build a sustainable future, this year the UN Global Compact will focus its search for SDG Pioneers to young professionals aged 35 and under.

This year the Global Impact Initiative — Target Gender Equality that Network India recently launched will support companies to set and meet ambitious, time-bound corporate targets for women's representation and leadership across business and at all levels.

Since as a part of Making Global Goals Local Business campaign, United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) has developed a global program called ‘SDGs Young Innovators’ to bring forward young leaders of the future who will accelerate the implementation of the SDGs and I urge our members to participate.

The UN Global Compact is taking the lead on turning political agreements like Paris Agreement and newly adopted SDGs into drivers for more responsible and sustainable business.

With almost 10 years left to reach the target date of achieving the 17 SDGs by 2030, I strongly urge each one of you to take a pledge today to address SDGs and implement one solution be it ecological, technological, financial, vocational and become a pioneer in it. Let us collectively create a sustainable, equitable and happy future for our nation and the world at large.

I am confident that we shall acquire greater heights in our commitment towards scaling up the partnerships for achieving SDGs together and look forward to your continued involvement in shaping and accelerating the pace of achieving the SDGs targets in India going forward.

Shashi Shanker
President, Global Compact Network India (GCNI)
& Chairman and Managing Director, ONGC Group of Companies
Dear Members,

We are seeing an unprecedented healthcare situation in the country and in the world in the wake of the pandemic, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). At GCNI, we are taking preventive measures to mitigate the risk of employee exposure to the (COVID-19). We wish you and your family remain safe during this time.

I am happy to share that during the past months we have significantly enhanced our presence and sphere of influence across our stakeholders in India.

Kamal Singh
Executive Director-GCNI

Some of the significant milestones were:
- Successfully hosted GCNI 3rd SDGs Summit on Emerging Trends in CSR to achieve SDGs: The Road Ahead” on 20th December 2019 in Mumbai. The Summit was attended by over 250 delegates representing reputed Industries, Corporates, CSOs and Academia attended the event.
- Successfully hosted 1st Quality Education Conclave on “Aligning NEP with SDGs: Imperative for Industry and Academia” with over 200 delegates representing from reputed B-School, Corporates, Govt and NGOs.
- Held 3rd Sustainability Quiz regional round in Kolkata, New Delhi and Mumbai and TCS emerging as winners followed by 2nd ReNew Power and 3rd MSCI.
- Hosted BMW India Sustainability Dialogue 4.0 “Building Responsible Organizations: Sustainability the Game Changer” on 6th December 2019 in New Delhi.
- Represented GCNI at UNGC Regional Meetings in Lisbon from 4th – 8th November 2019 along with the Making Global Goals Local Business the Social Responsibility Week 2019, which is an annual event that brings together representatives of the Government, Public Entities, Companies and Civil Society.
- Held Two Days Workshop on “Developing Woman Leadership: A Roadmap to Success” at Hyderabad, New Delhi and Pune. Over 45 women delegates from Academia, CSOs, PSUs and Corporates participated.

- In coming quarter, a series of Women Leadership Training Programmes in New Delhi, Lucknow and Assam would be hosted.
- GCNI will be hosting its 1st Sustainable HR Conclave on 14 -15th May 2020, New Delhi where practitioners and professionals will explore the various dimensions of designing and implementing Responsible/Sustainable and Green Supply Chains.
- We hope that we shall acquire greater heights in our commitment towards scaling up the partnerships for achieving SDGs together.
“Emerging Trends in CSR to Achieve SDGs: The Road Ahead”

Global Compact Network India (GCNI), a local arm of UN Global Compact, New York held the 3rd Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDGs) on the theme of “Emerging Trends in CSR to Achieve SDGs” on December 20, 2018 at Hotel ITC Grand Central, Mumbai. The agenda of the Summit comes in the backdrop of High-Level Committee of Govt. of India recommendation in aligning CSR with SDGs and deliberate issues and prepare the Road Ahead. It was attended by our 250 participants and 30 speakers.

SP Shukla, Summit Chair & Vice President - Western Region, GCNI and Group President & CEO - Aerospace & Defense Sector, Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra & Mahindra opened the summit by summarizing aptly how essential it is for corporates to set realistic goals when it came to sustainable development and align their business goals with SDGs.

“A short-term strategy is always to focus on specific targets through CSR funds, which can be a useful way for companies to make a beginning and learn from our experience of doing things to formulate longer term strategies.”

K.K Maheshwari, MD, Ultra Tech Cements Ltd. Aditya Birla Group delivered the keynote address where he stated how there needs to be a balance in the goals for a sustainable development. He spoke about working towards building rural infrastructure, providing clean water and sanitation facilities everywhere. He also spoke about the influencing factors in young people’s mind and how education plays an important role in it. One of the primary goals in sustainable development would be to ensure provision of education and reduce the rate of drop-outs across the country. He concluded saying, “CSR activities by companies have a multitude positive effect and it is one of the main ways to achieve the goals we set for the country.”
Key Highlights of the Summit:

- Over 250 Delegates from all over India
- Launch of GCNI - KPMG – Thought Leadership Paper on “Assimilate, Blend, Converge for SDGs”
- Exclusive Case Studies session focusing on Quality Education – SDG 4 and Clean Water & Sanitation – SDG 6
- Sustainability Quiz Grand Finale after having Kolkata, New Delhi & Mumbai regional rounds and Tata Consultancy Services emerging as the Champion team followed by 2nd ReNew Power and 3rd MSCI.
- Web Launch of SustainEverse - by GCNI & SocioLadder, which is a first-of-its-kind sustainability platform to measure and report the impact made by the country towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations.
- Target Equality India Launch - UNGC announced Target Equality at the Trailblazing Women Reception on 25 September 2019 at UN Headquarters and UNGC India is one of the participating Networks.
- Launch of “Cool Teens- Plus” – A New Age Life Skills Programme for Adolescents by Dentsu- Indeed & Diageo
- Launch of Citizen Foundation-GCNI SDGs 2020 Calendar
- First Time Exhibition at SDGs Summit showcasing best practices on SDGs
PLENARY SESSION 1:
Understanding the changing landscape of CSR

From L-R: Subroto Geed, EVP & COO, West, Diageo India; Prabhat Pani, Head of Social Sector Interventions and Projects, SPJMR and Senior Advisor, (Partnerships & Technology) TATA Trusts; Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Secretary General, Indian Steel Association; Dr. Anand Agarwal, CEO, Sterlite Technologies Ltd; Meenakshi Batra, CEO, CAF India and George Hamilton, President, Institute for Sustainable Communities.

PLENARY SESSION 2:
Mapping the colors of SDGs

From L-R: Arvind Bodhankar, Jt. Executive President & Chief Sustainability Officer, UltraTech Cement; Alka Talwar, Chief CSR & Sustainability Officer, Tata Chemicals Limited; Anirban Ghosh, CSO, Mahindra Group; Shalini Singh, Chief Corporate Comm. & Sustainability, The Tata Power Company Ltd. and R K Choubey, Chief General Manager (S D), GAIL (India) Ltd.

PLENARY SESSION III
Bridging the financial gap for SDGs

From L-R: Aseem Kumar, Head, APRC-GCNI; Aditi Namdeo, Head of Operations and Business Engagement, Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution India, WEF; Karanraj Chaudri, Advisor – UNDP SDG Innovative Finance, India/ South-Asia; Gabriel Eric Naranjo, Field Investment Officer, USAID/ India; Ramraj Pai, CEO, Impact Investor Council and Govind Sankaranarayanan, Vice-Chairman, ECube Investment Advisors Pvt. Ltd.
Web Launch of SustainEverse a first-of-its-kind sustainability platform to measure and report the impact made by the country towards SDGs by GCNI & SocioLadder. From L-R: Santhosh Jayaram, Partner and Head, Sustainability and CSR Advisory, KPMG in India; K.K Maheshwari, MD, Ultra Tech Cements Ltd. Aditya Birla Group; Shravan Charya, Founder and CEO SocioLadder Fondation; SP Shukla, Summit Chair & Vice President - Western Region, GCNI; Kamal Singh, ED-GCNI and Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Secretary General, ISA

Launch of “Cool Teens Plus - A New Age Life Skills Programme for Adolescents” implemented by Indeed, Dentsu Aegis Network and supported by Diageo and Pernod Ricard India

Launch of SDGs Calendar 2020 by GCNI & Citizen Foundation
Aligning NEP with SDGs: Imperative for Industry and Academia

The fourth goal of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) pronounces “Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning”. Given the demographics in India, making youth future-ready by imparting quality education is extremely critical to its success as a knowledge economy. The new draft National Education Policy and Sustainable Development Goal 4 share the goals of universal quality education and lifelong learning.
Keeping in mind the Agenda of New Draft NEP and its alignment with SDG 4, 1st Quality Education Conclave was organized by GCNI to deliberate upon ways and means to achieve SDG 4, Quality Education, in all levels of Education Systems in India.

Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank”, Hon’ble Union Minister, Ministry of Human Resource was the Chief Guest, Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon’ble Dy. Chief Minister, Government of NCT Delhi gave the Valedictory Address and Dr. Patwardhan, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission gave the Keynote Address at the Conclave.

Some of the eminent speakers who presented their point of views on Quality of Education were:

Mr. Ramanathan Ramanan, Mission Director & Add. Secretary, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog; Mr. Eric Falt, Director, UNESCO India; Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra, Director HR, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.; Dr. H Chaturvedi, Director and Professor, BIMTECH; Dr. Virander Singh Chauhan, Executive Chairman, NAAC; Dr. DV Shastry, Executive Director- Training, R&D and Startup, Gail (India) Ltd.; Ms. Deepti Varma, Director HR, Amazon India; Ms. Bani Paintal Dhawan, Head of Education, India and South Asia-Google Cloud India Pvt Ltd.; Dr. Ravi P. Singh, Secretary General, Quality Council of India; Ms. Richa Sharma Agnihotri, Principal, Sanskriti School

The Conclave focused on:

1. Importance of aligning National Education Policy with Sustainable Development Goals
2. Role of Industry and Academia to enhance the Quality of Education in India
3. The new 5+3+3+4 School Education design: NEP as a road map to transform the School Education System
4. Quality Assurance, Accreditation & Ranking – Imperatives for Creating Centres of Excellence in Higher Education
5. Leveraging Innovation and Technology: Ecosystems to scale up delivery of Quality Education.
It is known that India alone can help meet 50% of the global sustainability goals. With less than 4100 days left to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals, it is time for the most ambitious partnership of the 21st century among Indian corporate leaders, government, policy makers, think tanks, and NGOs.

The 4th edition of the India Sustainability Dialogue 4.0 (ISD 4.0) was organized by GCNI in partnership with BMW with an objective to discuss the social, economic and environmental challenges that India faces and a possible road map to address them which will contribute to achieving the SDGs by 2030. Focus of the discussions was specifically, to discuss India’s progress on meeting the Paris Agreement by cutting down emissions, importance of a circular economic model for a resource growth country like India, role of CSR initiatives in transforming the SDG agenda, and conclude with the importance of partnerships to meet the targets.

Some of the speakers who presented their point of view on sustainability in India were:

- Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
- Mr. Bishow Parajuli, Representative and Country Director, United Nations World Food Programme
- Ms. Jan Thompson OBE, British Deputy High Commissioner in India
- Mr. Siddhartha Sharma, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, TATA Sons
- Mr. Joe Phelan, Director, WBCSD India
- Arushi Nishank, Chairperson, Sparsh Ganga
- Mr. Yaduvendra Mathur, Former Special Secretary, NITI Aayog
Two Days Training Program

Developing Women Leadership - A Roadmap to success

21st – 22nd, November 2019, Hyderabad
5th – 6th December 2019, New Delhi

GCNI in collaboration with WOW Factors India held its 6th edition of the Training Programme on “Developing Women Leadership: A Roadmap to Success” on 25th-26th in Kolkata, West Bengal. Over 45 women delegates from Academia, CSOs, PSUs and Corporates participated.

This training programme was designed to enhance leadership abilities for women participants and enable them to manage a highly Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) business environment and also maintain the right balance of work and life. The participants will thereby be able to move into the next level of leadership and commit themselves in a challenging environment for becoming more effective leaders and undertake leadership roles and responsibilities in their organisations.

The Developing Women Leadership module combines the latest leadership models with recent thinking on how adults learn and change

Kavitha Kalvakuntla, Founder & President, Telangana Jagruthi delivering Keynote Address at Women Leadership Training

Glimpses of Participants at Hyderabad Training
Key Objectives:

Get insights into the 8 Dimensions of the Whole Brain and develop a more constructive use of Whole Brain Leadership power.

Learn and understand various tools and techniques to effective decision making, communication, creativity and conflict resolution skills.

Develop actionable personal plans to address their most significant leadership challenge

Enhance and improve their leadership and management skills and establish a strong peer network with some of the most successful and creative women leaders in the industry.
KEY SPEAKERS

- Sangeeta Talwar, Managing Partner, Flyvision Consulting
- Kavitha Kalvakuntla, Founder & President, Telangana Jagruthi
- Prof. R R Sharma, ED, WOW Factors India
- Dr. Shankar Goenka, Author, Coach, TEDx Speaker & MD, WOW Factors
- Dr. Prageetha G Raju, Associate Professor, OB & HR, Symbiosis Law School
- Namrata Gill, Vice President Human Resources, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
- Shalini Koshy, Senior Diversity Program leader, Amazon
- Aboli Abkari Head – Partnerships, Dr. Reddy’s Foundation
- Usha Singh, Director HR – MOIL
- Neha Kalia, Talent Acquisition Leader, DSCI, DuPont
- Uma Rao, VP- HR, Ashok Leyland
- Vanita Sharma, Sr. Learning Facilitator, Learning Engineer & Corporate Trainer
- Simin Askari, VP - Corporate HR, DS Group
- Sangeeta Murthi Sahgal, Co-Founder, Diversity Dialogs & HR Consultant
- Veena Swarup, Former Director (HR), Engineers India Limited (EIL)
- Sabita Natraj, General Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- Neha Saxena Shenoy, Regional Head: Leadership & Talent Development, RB Health, South Asia, Middle East, Africa, Turkey
- Dr. Jyoti Rana, Professor (Management), Shri Vishwakarma Skill University
- Jitender Chaudhary, Ex. Senior Advisor, People & Change Advisory, Management Consulting, KPMG
- Anuranjita Kumar, Managing Director Human Resources, International Hubs, RBS
- Dr. Neelam Gupta, Founder President, AROH Foundation
UN GCNI co-incident its third Sustainability Quiz in India with the key objective to assess the current awareness & provide opportunities to sensitize its stakeholders and build capacity around the SDGs targets in India and thus provide platform for recognition to organizations.

The objective of Sustainability Quiz is to basically assess the current awareness & provide opportunities to sensitize its stakeholders and build capacity around the SDGs targets in India and thus provide platform for recognition to organizations.

Teams from all over India participated in the Quiz which provided a unique opportunity for UN Global Compact Signatories, Institutions, B-Schools and other organizations to showcase their talent towards creating the innovative solutions required accelerating progress towards the SDGs.
The Tea Sector in India has come under immense stress today with global and domestic price stagnation, increase in the production and production costs; thereby threatening the sustainability and long-term viability of the Sector. The production of tea, in India, has been increasing over the years but the market price and demand have improved only marginally in the last 5-6 years.

It is with the above objective that UN Global Compact Network India, with the support of ICCo, organized a Roundtable Consultation Session in Kolkata to discuss the issues like compensation to the labourer’s, stagnant market price of tea, the social developmental concerns of – education, access to drinking water, health etc. The issues are multi-faceted ranging for economic, social and even environmental.

The Consultation was attended by the Industry professionals, civil society organizations and multi-lateral organizations. This august group of changemakers, who fundamentally agreed that the Tea Sector needs to address the many challenges it faces through Sustainable solutions, discussed, debated and suggested a road map to for the holistic development of the sector.

Some of the stakeholders who attended the consultation are:-

Mr. Jagjeet S Kandal, Managing Director, Amalgamated Plantations Private Limited; Mr. Vivek Goenka, Chairman, President, ITA, Warren Tea Ltd.; Mr. Prabhat Bezboruah, Chairman, Tea Board India; Mr. Mrigendra Jalan, Jalannagar Development Pvt.Limited; Mr. Tsuyoshi Kawakami, Sr. Specialist, ILO India; Mr. Ananth Rajagopalan, CSO, Tata Global Beverages; Mr. Suneel Singh Sikand, Chief Executive Officer, Rossell Tea; Mr. Bijoy Gopal Chakraborty, President, CISTA - Confederation of Indian Small Tea Growers Association, Mr. Dhruv Guha Sircar, Mcleod Russell Limited, Mr. Gaurav Ghosh, Board Member, J Thomas India Ltd. Etc

The discussions were focused on:-

1. Issues and Challenges faced by Tea Sector
2. Efforts by the tea sector to align SDGs
3. Suggestions to address the challenges
   a. Policy Interventions
   b. Suggestions for Economic Sustainability
   c. Suggestions for Social and Environmental Sustainability
   d. Suggestions by ILO India
CAMPAIGNING FOR CLIMATE ACTION: BUSINESS AMBITION FOR 1.5°C — OUR ONLY FUTURE

Climate change is undoubtedly the defining issue of our time — and 2019 was a pivotal year, with UN Secretary-General António Guterres calling for more ambitious action across the board.

That is why the UN Global Compact — backed by more than 30 global leaders from the UN, business and climate organizations — launched a campaign calling on CEOs to step up and commit to set science-based targets aligned with limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C. By the end of 2019, more than 180 companies have committed to take action for our only future, and the movement continues to grow.
DRIVING THE SDGS THROUGH YOUNG PEOPLE AND INNOVATION

SDG PIONEERS

Each year we recognize SDG Pioneers — business leaders, who are using business as a force for good to advance the Global Goals. The SDG Pioneers play an important role in drawing attention to the SDGs and how responsible businesses can contribute to their achievement. In 2019, we recognized ten young professionals (35 and under) who are advancing the SDGs.

YOUNG SDG INNOVATORS

The Young SDG Innovators Programme (YSIP) is an accelerator programme designed to engage young professionals and equip them with skills to advance sustainability efforts, drive innovation and deliver tangible sustainability solutions for your company. This ten-month accelerator programme is currently hosted in 11 countries.

TARGET GENDER EQUALITY

A new Global Compact Initiative — Target Gender Equality — will support companies to set and meet ambitious, time-bound corporate targets for women’s representation and leadership across business and at all levels.
Heartiest Congratulations to Mr. Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Group confer the Padma Bhushan Award by Government of India. We at United Nations Global Compact Network, India feel privileged, you have been contributing beyond business making not only India proud but Making India Globally Proud!

Heartiest Congratulations to Dr. Jagdish Sheth, Emory University Goizueta Business School on receiving Padma Bhushan Award by Government of India. We are truly honoured and privileged to have you at our various forums and look forward to your continued laurels.

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The sustainable development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. The Goals interconnect and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve each Goal and target by 2030. The 17 sustainable development Goals, with 169 associated targets, build on the achievements of the Millennium development Goals and seek to address their unfinished business and end all forms of poverty by committing to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental.
10 Principles of United Nations Global Compact

**Human rights**
01 Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
02 Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

**Labour**
03 Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
04 The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
05 The effective abolition of child labour; and
06 The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

**Environment**
07 Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
08 Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
09 Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

**Anti-Corruption**
10 Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

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**ABOUT Global Compact Network India**

As a United Nations Global Compact local arm, Global Compact Network India has been acting as a country level country-level platform for businesses, civil society organisations, public and private sectors, and aids in aligning stakeholders’ responsible practices towards the Ten Universally Accepted Principles of UNGC in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti–corruption and 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other key sister initiatives of the United Nations and its systems.

GCNI is working hand in hand with the Government of India to balance the three dimensions of sustainable development, the economic, social and environmental, to take the UN Agenda of SDGs agenda forward. At Present, the Indian Network has the Pan India membership of 400 Leading Business and Non-Business Partners and 341 Signatories.