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.

In the last 2 months GCNI held the 9th Subir Raha Memorial Lecture on “How Corporate organisations help achieve Sustainable Development Goals” addressed by PADMA BHUSHAN DR. KIRIT S PARIKH, Former Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, Chairman- Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), New Delhi. The Lecture was attended by over 400 delegates from Corporates, PSUs, Academia and CSOs.

At the Global level, GCNI represented at the Annual Local Network Forum in New York which held for two days from 15-16th July 2019 at New York. 97 participants represented 57 Networks and countries from across the globe. Along with this, ALNF 2019 coincided with High Level Political Forum at UN Headquarters. The key themes for 2019 were Growth Strategies, Government & UN Relations and Programmes which is crucial for taking the SDGs Agenda forward.

Recognising the key role that companies play in driving progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNGC will bring the world’s leading Corporate sustainability experts to UN Global Compact Leaders Week alongside the 74th session of the UN General Assembly in September at UN Headquarters, New York.

Our only future depends on all of us collectively scaling up our climate actions and ambitions — and business leaders have the opportunity to lead the way by joining the movement and taking action as part of the “Business Ambition for 1.5°C” campaign and I am glad to share that 44 companies with combined market cap of $1.3 trillion step up to new level of climate ambition. Amongst the 44 companies, 3 of them are Indian which includes Dalmia Cement, Mahindra Group, Banka Biolo. Ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit, companies commit to set 1.5°C climate targets aligned with a net-zero future, challenging Governments to match their ambition We must show the young generation that we are serious about changing course for a better, more sustainable world.

This September, these opportunities will be front and centre as the world comes together in New York for the UN Climate Action Summit. To support the multilateral process, the Summit will recognize implementable, scalable and replicable multi-stakeholder solutions that support a genuinely systemic transformation.

I 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,

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

Going forward, GCNI would be hosting a series of Women Leadership Training Programmes in Chennai and Kochi, BMW Sustainability Dialogue 4.0, 3rd edition of Sustainable Development Goals Summit along with Sustainability Quiz at New Delhi, Bhubaneshwar and Mumbai, Monthly Knowledge Sharing and Networking sessions and other partnership events.

It is equally heartening to share about rejuvenation of the Asia Pacific Resource Centre (APRC) for Responsible Business, a centre dedicated to pursue the SDGs Agenda through Advocacy, Research, Capacity Building and Knowledge Management. A team to spearhead and drive the APRC has been put in place and is fully functional.

I strongly urge each one of you to take a pledge today to align with SDGs as part of our day to day life and at least implement one solution – be it ecological, technological, financial, vocational and become a Changemaker. Let us collectively create a sustainable, equitable and happy future for our nation and the world at large.

We hope that we shall acquire greater heights in our commitment towards scaling up the partnerships for achieving SDGs together. “Together we can, Together we will”

Kamal Singh
Executive Director – GCNI

Some of the significant milestones were:

- Successfully hosted GCNI 9th Subir Raha Memorial Lecture on 5th July, 2019 at New Delhi. The Lecture was delivered by PADMA BHUSHAN DR. KIRIT S PARIKH, Former Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, Chairman-Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe). Over 400 delegates representing reputed Industries, Corporates, CSOs and Academia attended the event.

- Represented India at United Nations Global Compact Annual Local Network Forum (ALNF) on 15-16 July, 2019 at New York. 97 participants representing 57 Networks and countries from across the globe participated in the event. ALNF 2019 coincided with High Level Political Forum at UN Headquarters. The Key themes for 2019 were Growth Strategies, Government & UN Relations and Programmes.

- Held Partnership events including Sandvik Asia Diversity Awards with Sandvik Asia Pvt Ltd., 2nd Global Inclusive Disaster Management Conference (GIDMC) with ICONEX, Asia Pacific Housing Forum 7 with Habitat for Humanity India and 9th National Conference on CSR with CSR Vision.

- Held Two Days Workshop on “Developing Woman Leadership: A Roadmap to Success” at Kolkata. Over 45 women delegates from Academia, CSOs, PSUs and Corporates participated.

- Represented GCNI at various other Fora including The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) by Government of India, IILM Young Citizen Award 2019, 3rd Thought Leadership Summit on Sustainability & CSR by PHD Chambers, Green Business Challenge by ICCo.
GCNI held its 9th Subir Raha Memorial Lecture on the theme “How Corporate Organisations Help Achieve Sustainable Development Goals”. The lecture was delivered by PADMA BHUSHAN DR. KIRIT S. PARIKH, Former Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, Chairman- IRADe, New Delhi. More than 400 delegates from PSUs, Academia, CSOs represented at the Lecture. The Subir Raha Memorial Lecture is an annual event organised to honour the late Mr. SubirRaha, Founder President, Global Compact Network India and Former CMD, ONGC. His vision and foresight have been instrumental in leading GCNI to become the first local network to be established as a legal entity in 2003.

Dr. Parikh in his address mentioned that Corporates can contribute to SDGs through their corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities and to the larger goal of sustainable development through energy efficiency, using renewables and improving processes. Corporates have unique advantages of resources of finance and skilled manpower, which can not only help plan the interventions better but also implement them effectively.

Mr. Shashi Shanker mentioned that CSR helps drive the larger firmament and ethos of contributing to the community in the vicinity, and it is also invested in the ecosystem. It helps sustain the spirit and productive efficiencies of the workforce of the organization. Understanding its importance for growth & development of the nation, Govt. has also been pushing for reforms to encourage the corporate world to appreciate the mutual benefits of holistic growth for the society.
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.

Key Objectives:
- Identify their leadership preference through NBI Profile test.
- 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:
- Prof. R R Sharma, ED, WOW Factors
- Dr. Shankar Goenka, Author, Coach, TEDx Speaker & MD, WOW Factors
- Mr. Arvind Raikar, Senior Facilitator, Tata Management Development Center
- Ms. Agnimitra Paul, Fashion Designer, TEDx Speaker & Entrepreneur
- Dr. Ananya Chakraborti, Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- Dr. Malavika Desai, Professor of Organizational Behaviour, Inclusion & Diversity, King’s College
GLOBAL REPRESENTATION

United Nations Global Compact Annual Local Network Forum (ALNF)
15th-16th July, New York

ALNF was held for two days from 15-16th July 2019 at New York. 97 participants represented 57 Networks and countries from across the globe. 33 GO staff members also participated throughout the two days. After the ALNF, meetings were held at GCO Headquarters.

ALNF 2019 coincided with High Level Political Forum at UN Headquarters. The Key themes for 2019 were Growth Strategies, Government & UN Relations and Programmes. Kamal Singh ED, GCNI presented Global Compact Network - India Water Stewardship initiative at United Nations Global Compact Annual Local Network Forum ALNF.

The overarching ambition remains to further strengthen global-local alignment and collaboration within a strong One Global Compact culture with these more specific goals.
PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Sandvik India Gender Awards (SIDA 2019)
27th July, 2019, Pune

GCNI in collaboration with Sandvik Asia Pvt. Ltd. The SIDA were created to support gender initiatives and recognize excellence and commitment to gender equality, diversity and inclusion in areas such as education and social change. The awards seek to identify individuals or representatives of organizations committed to supporting gender equality and contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 5. These include, for example, community-based, academic, corporate, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

2nd Global Inclusive Disaster Management Conference (GIDMC) 2019, 1st–2nd July, 2019, New Delhi

Global Inclusive Disaster Management Conference (GIDMC) as planned on 1st and 2nd July 2019, Le Méridien Hotel, New Delhi is a global event organised by UN Global Compact Network India, hosted by Oil India, partnered by GAIL and Indian Red Cross Society and managed by iCONEX Exhibitions. Revolving around
the theme of “Towards Resilient Future - Preparedness, Response, Recovery, Mitigation”, GIDMC 2019 works with the agenda to achieve sustainable development, total disaster management and building a resilient future. It is planned to bring forth the discussions highlighting the “present and post disasters preparedness”. Preparedness to natural and industrial disasters with respect to technologies, policies, frameworks and partnerships. The aim is to prioritize disaster risk reduction and achieve 2030 agenda for SDG to build a world towards a sustainable and resilient path. It would envisage co-learning through sharing of knowledge and best practices, promoting interactions between different stakeholders and forging new partnerships and networks.

**Asia Pacific Housing Forum 7**
18th-19th July 2019, New Delhi

GCNI in partnership with Habitat for Humanity India held The Asia-Pacific Housing Forum 7 on 18-19th July 2019 at New Delhi which is a sector conference that gathers major stakeholders engaged in seeking solutions to poverty housing issues and promoting affordable housing as a driver of economic growth under one roof. Every two years, the Asia Pacific Housing Forum welcomes practitioners and stakeholders who come together to tackle issues, discuss solutions and promote low-cost, affordable housing as a driver of economic growth.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Build collaboration between organizations with the capacity to impact the low-cost housing sector in India.
- Recognize and act on the importance of shelter as a driver of inclusion, resilience and sustainability in human settlements.
- Promote leaders and sector players with innovative and high impact housing initiatives through the sharing of best practices.
9th National Conference on CSR Impact through Budget (2%) v/s Knowledge (98%)
1st August, 2019, New Delhi

GCNI in collaboration with Vision Foundation & CSR Vision organised 9th National Conference on CSR Impact through Budget (2%) v/s Knowledge (98%)? 1st August 2019 at IIC Annexe, New Delhi

One-day National Conference on “CSR IMPACT Through 2 % Budget vs 98 % KNOWLEDGE at IIC, NEW DELHI” was held here today with prominent Speakers from Public and Private Sector Undertakings, led by Prof. Ranjan Mohapatra underlining the Importance of Knowledge in generating optimum CSR impact in India. Participating in the Conference, organized by the Delhi-based CSR VISION, India’s pioneering CSR Media publication Which called for the integration of the CSR domain players to work for Domain with economic, social and environmental bottom lines.

Inaugurating the workshop at India International Centre (IIC), Dr. Madhukar Gupta, Additional Secretary, and Deptt. Of Public Enterprises, IAS, said CSR has become a buzz word in the day-to-day life. It has become a most important aspect of the life in Corporate India. He said this is because the expectations of the people have gone high due to globalization and the spread of Internet. Dr Gupta said the Companies act 2013 (Amended) have mandated the select companies to spend 2 per cent of the net profits. He said there is a need for social audit of the funds allocated under CSR to know whether the same is reaching the target or not. Only Budget for CSR is not expected to make the desired impact, if not backed by relevant CSR Knowledge

Team Representations
IILM Young Citizen Award 2019 in collaboration with UN Global Compact Network India

The Preliminary Round of IILM Young Citizen Award 2019 supported by GCNI was conducted successfully on 9th August 2019. Mr. Aseem Kumar represented GCNI as Guest of Honour and delivered the Opening Remarks highlighting the importance of engaging young talent of India from schools to understand Sustainability and come out with innovative ideas/action plans to achieve SDGs.

This year the contest received 84 entries from 28 schools across Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Pune, Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata and Jaipur, 34 entries more than last year. This was followed by the team presentations. A 10 member jury consisting of - Col. Prakash Tewari (Consultant - Development Sector, former Executive Director - CSR at DLF), Ms. Sangeeta Robinson, Head - Sustainability & Inclusivity, PVR Cinemas Ltd), Dr. Anubhooti Bhatnagar, Founder director - NeoFusion Creative Foundation), Dr Rupal Tyagi (Chairperson-CSR-NCR Chapter, ALL Ladies League), Ms Mansi Kathpalia (Co-founder Prima Consultants), Mr. Amrendra Pandey, Lead - CSR Prog, Bennett & Coleman), Prof. Kirti Raj, Prof Raiswa Saha, Prof Farida Rasiwala, Prof Bhavna Pandey.

Mr. Aseem Kumar represented GCNI as Guest of Honour along with the eminent jury.
Green Business Challenge
19th August, 2019, New Delhi

Mr. Kamal Singh, ED-GCNI graced Enterprising Awards Evening and closing ceremony of “Green Business Challenge 2019” organised by ICCo as Guest of Honour on 19th August at India International Centre, New Delhi.

This event enabled stakeholders from other parts of India to know more about Eastern & North-eastern region, its enormous potential in terms of the emerging ecosystem, partnering and engaging opportunities for economic prosperity and development of the region.

3rd Thought Leadership Summit on Sustainability & CSR held on 23rd August, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi

Kamal Singh, ED-GCNI talked about importance of integration of CSR with #SDGs at 3rd Thought Leadership Summit organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on #Sustainability & #CSR, 23rd August 2019, PHD House, New Delhi.

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) responds to paragraph 66 of the Rio+20 outcome document “The Future We Want”, which calls upon the United Nations system to support countries interested in pursuing green economy policies. The Government of India has become a member of PAGE in 2018. PAGE is a multi-agency initiative of the UN comprising UN Environment Programme (UNEP), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The workshop has set priorities for UN agencies for knowledge partnership at the national level to promote inclusive green economies in India and undertake a stocktaking study as a beginning of the PAGE partnership in India for establishing a baseline which will seek to inform future initiatives under PAGE.

GCNI represented at the Workshop and provided brief inputs pertaining to UN Global Compact initiative for Science Based Targets (SBTs) for Circular Economy taken by its member signatories to implement SDG 12.

Mr. Kamal Singh, ED-GCNI presented at the PAGE Workshop.

Ms. Tamanna Girdhar, GCNI participated at the Resource Efficiency expert Roundtable discussion.
LATEST NEWS

Time for World to Say Goodbye to Single-use Plastic:
At Climate Meet, PM Narendra Modi Calls for Global Action

Concerns are growing worldwide about plastic pollution, with a particular focus on the oceans, where nearly 50 per cent of single-use plastic products end up, killing marine life and entering the human food chain.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on global leaders to follow India’s decision to ban single-use plastic, declaring “time has come for even the world to say goodbye (to it)” He highlighted efforts taken by the government to combat climate change and land desertification, stating “it is widely accepted the world is facing the negative impact of climate change.”

Save the Date

3rd Sustainable Development Goals Summit 2019, 20th December, Mumbai

Upcoming Events

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KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

Madhulika Sharma, GCNI Vice President (East) and Tata Steel's Chief of Corporate Sustainability, selected as one of Asia's Top Sustainability Superwomen by Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Tata Steel’s Chief of Corporate Sustainability, Ms. Madhulika Sharma, has been selected as one of Asia’s Top Sustainability Superwomen 2019, an annual listing of exceptional female sustainability leaders in the region by Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Ms. Sharma received the award at a special event organised in Singapore on September 4, 2019.

Ms. Sharma is among the 27 outstanding women leaders from 11 countries recognised for their pioneering and impactful work done in corporate sustainability. In the third edition of Asia’s Top Sustainability Superwomen Award, the Superwomen have been chosen out of 126 nominations from 20 countries across Asia.
KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

UN Grants Special Consultative Status to Synergie

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has formally recognized and granted a “Special Consultative Status” to Synergie for addressing societal challenges and working towards realising the Global Goals. This is the highest level of status UN accords to an NGO.5000 plus such organisations worldwide and around 6 in India.

It is a huge recognition of our efforts towards helping everyone have a net positive impact on the planet.

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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.
Global Compact Network India

Global Compact Network India (GCNI) is the local arm to function as the Indian Local Network of the UN Global Compact, New York. It is the first Local Network in the world to be established with full legal recognition. It also serves as a 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, broad UN goals including 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 350 Leading Business and Non-Business Partners and 341 Signatories.