This is the fourth year since the launch of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the past four years, we have critically examined and implemented various SDGs frameworks, application methodologies and growth mechanisms. Now, it’s time for us to start implementing programs that get us closer to our SDG targets.

India has proactively created schemes and policies to tackle challenges across all the 17 SDGs. But with only 11 years to go, it is crucial for us to move beyond pilots or piecemeal solutions and start implementing financially viable and scalable models.

In the last 2 months GCNI had hosted 14th National Convention on ‘SDGs: Pioneering Solutions for India’ on 31st May at Grand Hyatt, Mumbai. The Convention was chaired under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Rajeev Dubey, Group President (HR & Corporate Services) & CEO (After-Market Sector) & Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. Over 500 delegates participated this year. For the first time the Convention showcase industry leaders shared their key interventions/solutions which have been implemented within their company to address sustainable development. It had also brought together leaders from UN Agencies Government, Business, Academic and Civil Society committed to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through innovative solutions. In the Indian context, it is highly imperative for our industry leaders to identify key social and environmental challenges within and outside their organization, design innovative solutions to address them and become the ‘SDG Pioneers’. The Convention had also featured 3rd Best Practices Awards on SDGs, multiple Deep Dive sessions on Climate Change, Responsible Consumption & Production, Affordable Energy, Mainstreaming Gender, Technology and Innovation.

At GCNI, we intend to catalyse a transformation in implementing SDGs. I acknowledge the support of my colleagues in the Governing Council in taking the Global Compact movement forward in India. I am grateful to our partners & sponsors including members who helped us in organizing various initiatives along with GCNI Team for its commendable efforts.

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 & Chairman, ONGC Group of Companies
From the desk of

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

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

Going forward, GCNI would be hosting a series of Women Leadership Training Programme in Chennai and Kochi, BMW Sustainability Dialogue 4.0, Monthly Knowledge Sharing and Networking sessions other partnership events.

With almost 4,200 days left for achieving the 17 SDGs by 2030, I strongly urge each one of you to take a pledge today “Together we can, together we must align” SDGs as part of our day to day life and atleast implement one solution – be it ecological, technological, financial, vocational and become a pioneer of it. 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.

Kamal Singh
Executive Director

Some of the significant milestones were:

- Successfully hosted GCNI 14th National Convention on “SDGs: Pioneering Solutions for India” on 31st May 2019 at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai. The Convention was a huge success with over a record number of 500 delegates all over India and a galaxy of speakers from Industries, Corporates, CSOs and Academia and exhibition showcasing innovative practices of SDGs. Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) and Member, NITI Aayog was the Hon’ble Chief Guest and Ms. Renata Dessalien, UN Coordinator in India was the Guest of Honour.
- Launched White Paper with Accenture on “Role of Technology in Transforming India’s Sustainability Agenda”.
- Co-hosted Roundtable on Corporate Responsibility and Human Rights on 30th May in partnership with UNDP coinciding with our flagship Annual Convention on 30th May, 2019 in Mumbai.
- Held 3rd Best Practices Innovative Awards on SDGs wherein we received over 40 case studies all over India.
- Held Partnership event with World Business Council of Sustainable Development (WBCSD) on High Level Political Forum with Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog delivering the Keynote Address at the Conference.
- Held Two Days Workshops on “Developing Woman Leadership: A Roadmap to Success” in Mumbai and Kolkata.
Aiming to highlight issues related to solutions at Business Inc in India, Global Compact Network India (GCNI) organized its 14th edition of National Convention on 31st May at Grand Hyatt, Mumbai. The summit was organized in the backdrop of the increasing conversation around on ground actions that businesses need to take to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and create economic value for India. This year’s theme - ‘Pioneering Solutions for India’ was chosen keeping in sync with the UN Sustainable Development Goals that target creating the most conducive work practices for them. It looked at solutions on wide implementation of sustainable innovations and leadership stance taken by various organisations in India.

This summit aimed towards building a concrete roadmap towards sustainable solutions in India. It focused on driving and bringing in change for sustainable innovations. More than 500 delegates from corporate, policy makers, UN officials and researchers came together to share insights on the emerging trends of gender equality.

The Summit marked presence of eminent leaders like Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and Member, NITI Aayog who summed up the key role of government in his inaugural address by saying that, “Do not think of SDGs in isolation they exist in framework of government schemes.” thereby stating that government agencies and the corporate sector need to work far more closely.

“SDGs present a large business opportunity and if India’s progress is so crucial to achieving the SDGs, it is easy to understand that corporations like Mahindra will play a key role in the way forward,” said Rajeev Dubey Convener, GCNI 14th National Convention & Group President (HR & Corporate Services) & CEO (After-Market Sector) Member of the Group Executive Board Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. at the Summit.

Vishwesh Prabhakar, MD - Operations and Sustainability, Accenture, highlighted the role of technology in India’s Sustainability Agenda and stated that the five advantages of accessibility, affordability, rapid scalability and reliability will help the country move forward in its SDG agenda.

“Our aim in hosting summits like these is to ensure that stakeholders from across the spectrum - corporates, NGOs and individuals are able to take concerted actions on SDGs through collaborations,” said Kamal Singh, ED-GCNI.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Over 500 Delegates from Corporates, Government, Public & Private, Civil Society, UN Agencies & Academia
- Carbon Neutral Convention with efficient use of Technology
- Integration of GCNI Application with Slido for interactive sessions
- Launch of Accenture – GCNI White Paper on ‘Role of Technology in Transforming India Sustainability Agenda’
- Exclusive Deep Dive Sessions focusing on Climate Action, Responsible Consumption & Production, Clean & Affordable Energy and Mainstreaming Gender for Corporate Responsibility
- Announced 3rd Innovative Practices Awards - Corporate Winners were J K Tyres, Winners in Public sector were Indian Oil, NGO Winners were RO Foundation, B School Winners were TERI. HUL bagged the Special Jury Award for Innovative Practices. The Young Sustainability Champions award was bagged by Empower.
- First time exhibition showcased aligning SDGs as part of Business Agenda
- GCNI and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) co-hosted Round table on ‘Corporate Responsibility and Human Rights’ on 30th May 2019 as a curtain raiser to the Convention.
- Exclusive Media Coverage of the event by Dainik Bhaskar, CNBC TV18 and MINT.
DEEP DIVE SESSIONS

SDG 6 – Affordable and Clean Energy
(L-R) Satyajit Ganguly, MD, OTPC; Shaji John, Head of Solar Business, L&T; Santosh Kumar Singh, Sr. Vice President- Environment, Adani Power Ltd; Dr. Shalini Sarin, Chair - Signify Foundation, Netherlands; Lalit Sankrani, Regional General Manager – Clean Combustion, Steam Power, GE South Asia; Aalok A. Deshmukh, Director, Energy Efficiency, India, Schneider Electric and Dr. Balvir Talwar, Secretary, GCNI

SDG 12 - Responsible Consumption & Production – (L-R)
Vinod Pandey, Director – Government and External Affairs, CSR, BMW Group India; Sandeep Roy Choudhury, Director, VNV Advisory Services; Sameer Unhale, CEO, Thane Smart City; Edwin Koekkoek, Counsellor, Environment, Energy & Climate Action, BASF

“Mainstreaming Gender as Corporate Responsibility”
L-R: Meenakshi Batra, CEO, CAF India; Archana Bhatnagar, President, [MAWE]; Gulshan Sharma, Director General, ICSI; Harsha Alam, MD, Accenture Consulting; Subroto Gaid, Executive Vice President & COO (West), DIAGEO India and Paula Mariwala, MD, Seedfund Advisors
Roundtable on Corporate Responsibility and Human Rights was organized by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Global Compact Network in India (GCNI) in Mumbai, India on May 30, 2019. The purpose of the Roundtable was to bring high level business representatives from across the country to discuss and explore ways to effectively synchronize business with National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct, UN Guiding Principles and Sustainable Development Goals in the Indian context. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs recently released the zero draft of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights. Subsequently, the idea was to engage the businesses on human rights as a part of corporate responsibility and move the discourse from the 2% CSR mandate to how 100% of business operations are impacting human rights.

**Dr. Rakesh Kumar**, Additional Country Director, UNDP India mentioned that in Asia, Thailand and Malaysia have taken a lead in business and human rights. India recently released the zero draft on National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights. Subsequently, the idea was to engage the businesses on human rights as a part of corporate responsibility and move the discourse from the 2% CSR mandate to how 100% of business operations are impacting human rights.

**Bhaskar Chatterjee**, who was an integral force behind the CSR legislation was of the view that the expectation of businesses to follow principles of human rights is not geographically limited. For instance, all companies (irrespective of nationality) doing business in the United Kingdom have to follow the Modern Slavery Act. He also opined that reporting under NAP and human rights policies could be merged into one to avoid duplication of reporting.

It was also suggested that National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) should play an active role in effectively implementing the National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights. They can be instrumental in building capacity of relevant stakeholders on providing speedy remedy in violations of human rights. To emphasize and illustrate this, the NAP should build case studies of businesses which have increased profit margins by incorporating responsible and those conversely affected by not doing so.

**Rajeev Dubey**, Group President & CEO, Mahindra & Mahindra in his Special Remarks apprised the audience that by endorsing human rights, businesses create opportunities for themselves. Failing to act responsibly in business may result in cost delays due to potential protest, loss of efficiency, reputational harm, and thereby loss of markets. To enhance competitiveness of markets, businesses should be fair, responsible and inclusive.
Two Days Training Program
Developing Women Leadership - A Roadmap to Success
13th – 14th June, Mumbai, 2019

The “Developing Women Leadership” program is aimed at experienced, mid-career women executives in upper middle to senior level positions who are being groomed for higher responsibilities or who are new to senior management. It is aimed at those women executives who are moving from functional or operational roles into leadership roles that are more strategic. Acceptance on the program implies a full commitment to be present and engaged throughout the module.

The Developing Women Leadership module combines the latest leadership models with recent thinking on how adults learn and change. Topics covered in this unique blend of frameworks, experiential exercises, self-assessment and group work include the following:

- Building Self Awareness – Barriers and Strengths
- Understanding and Assessing Leadership Traits
- Have the Mindset of a Leader or think like a Leader
- Communicating Powerfully
- Negotiating Win Wins
- Leadership Presence - Creating your own “Brand”
- Collaborating and Team Work
- Network to Increase your Net Worth
- Managing Work-Life Balance

**KEY SPEAKERS**

- Ms. Nasreen Khan, Program Director Coach, Facilitator and NLP Trainer, Catalysts Advisory Coaching and Training
- Dr. Swatee Sarangi, Head Capability Development Corporate HR, L&T
- Dr. Sujata Sriram, Professor, School of Human Ecology (SHE), TISS Mumbai
- Ms. Anjali Byce, CHRO, Sterlite Tech
- Dr. Saagarika Ghoshal - Managing Director, Match Board
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- Marcel R. Parker, Chief Mentor – Quess Corp Ltd.
- Ms. Priti Kataria, VP & HR Head - BFSI SBU, Wipro
- Ms. Sanjay Muthal, Executive Director, Insist Consulting
PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Corporate briefing on the Sustainable Development Goals and 2019 High-Level Political Forum
25th June 2019, New Delhi

The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) India and GCNI held a briefing on the latest developments related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda in India and at a global level.

India is the world’s fastest growing major economy and while swift development is creating opportunities, the country faces social and environmental challenges. India’s cement sector, the second largest in the world, has an active role to play in providing solutions and helps support national SDG implementation. What’s more, aligning sectoral priorities with India’s sustainability priorities is important for the success of the sector and for the country.

Major companies from the cement sector and the WBCSD launched the Indian Cement Sector SDG Roadmap during which NITI Aayog’s CEO Amitabh Kant made a keynote speech.

This initiative represents the first country-level roadmap and has been convened by nine leading cement companies: ACC, Ambuja Cement, CRH, Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited, Heidelberg Cement Shree Cement, Orient Cement, UltraTech Cement as well as Votorantim Cimentos and partially funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog delivered Keynote Address

Launch of Indian Cement Sector SDG Roadmap
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LATEST NEWS

30 companies with a combined market cap of over $1.3 trillion step up to a new level of climate ambition

Ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit this September, 30 companies with a combined market capitalization of over $1.3 trillion have committed to set ambitious emissions targets that address the escalating climate crisis. Recognizing the essential role of business in tackling climate change, 30 companies have committed to set independently-verified climate targets aligned with limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. The commitments — which also include a projection for net-zero emissions by no later than 2050 — came in response to a call-to-action campaign launched by the UN Global Compact and partners as activists, climate scientists and leaders around the world sound the alarm on climate change. With this new commitment, the companies — which span 17 industry sectors and represent more than a million employees — are also inspiring Governments to match their ambition and develop policies and regulations that support a 1.5 °C transition.

YOUNG SDG INNOVATORS

The Young SDG Innovators Programme is an opportunity for participating companies of the UN Global Compact to identify young talent within their organizations to collaborate and accelerate business innovation towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This ten-month accelerator programme activates future business leaders and changemakers to develop and drive innovative solutions through new technologies, initiatives, and business models and deliver on their company’s sustainability objectives.

The Young SDG Innovators Programme is designed to engage your company’s brightest and best talent in not only advancing your sustainability efforts but driving innovation and delivering tangible solutions with potential market value for your company.

Save the Date

UN GLOBAL COMPACT LEADERS WEEK 2019

23-26 September, 2019, New York

The UN Global Compact Leaders Week from 23 to 26 September is this year’s highest-level opportunity for business to engage with world leaders on the SDGs at the United Nations. Key opportunities include:

- Private Sector Forum
- SDG Business Forum
- Health is Everyone’s Business Workshop
- High-Level CEO Roundtable on Corporate SDG Finance and Investment
## Upcoming Events

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## CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019

21st–23rd September 2019, UN Headquarters, New York, USA

## KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

Shashi Shanker, President GCNI and CMD, ONGC makes to the 100 Most Influential Chief Executives in CEOWORLD Magazine

Shashi Shanker was ranked 77th in the list of 121, according to the list published by the magazine. Among the 10 Indian CEOs named in the CEOWORLD magazine’s global ranking of the world’s most-influential chief executives in 2019.

CEOWORLD magazine’s global ranking of the best chief executives for 2019 measured more than 1,200 CEOs across 96 countries. Taking a long view of business performance, the methodology is primarily based on the financial returns for the CEO’s entire tenure, which makes up 60 per cent of the final ranking.

## New Members

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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.