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## **UN GCNI BULLETIN – AUGUST 2020**

### ***UNGC-CEGET: Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks***

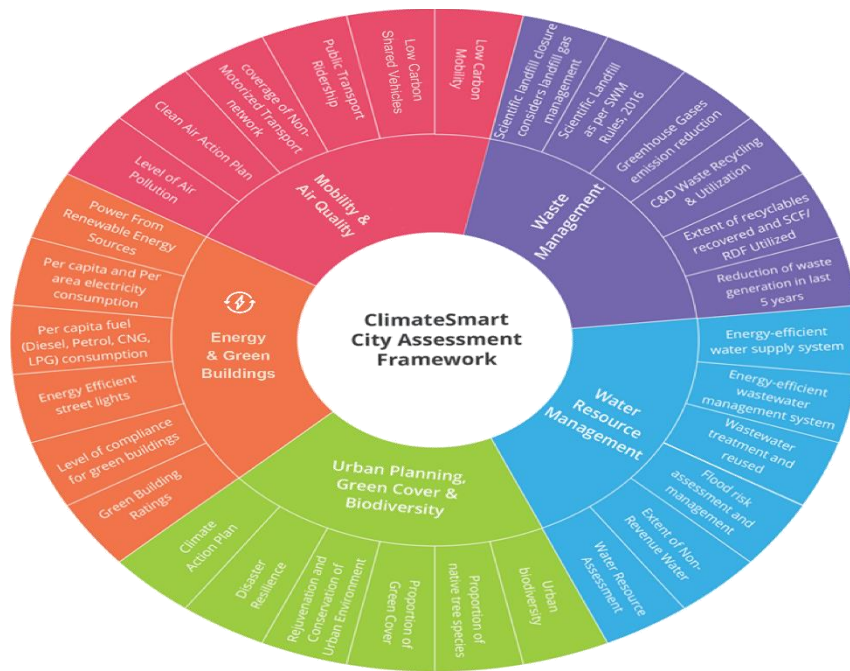
As part of the project ‘Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks’, UNGC along with its local network partners including India (GCNI), is developing an Anti-Corruption Collective Action (ACCA) Playbook. With the purpose of finalizing the ACCA Playbook, UNGC conducted 5th consultation with the Local Network partners (India, Brazil, Ukraine, and Kenya) and working group members from across the world on 25th July 2020 wherein Mr. Somnath Singh, Programme Manager and Mr. Arya Dev, Programme Analyst represented CEGET-GCNI. The ACCA Playbook will enable Local Networks and their participants to make a clear diagnosis of the corruption landscape in their respective countries, including situation analysis, the laws, policies, courts, challenges, and opportunities, identifying relevant actors and experts, and exploring appropriate Anti-Corruption Collective Action and other multi-stakeholder efforts to fight corruption.

UN Global Compact Network India, besides reviewing and providing inputs for the finalization of the AC CA Playbook, prepared and shared a matrix/ table on Anti-Corruption and a write-up on Ethical Business practices to UNGC which is going to be part of the AC CA playbook, and this contribution of UN GCNI will further help businesses and other sectors to understand Anti-Corruption Collective Action and Ethical Business Practices and move ahead toward responsible business practices.

Stakeholders who are interested in being a part of this collective action initiative do write to Mr. Somnath Singh at [somnath.ceget@globalcompact.in](mailto:somnath.ceget@globalcompact.in)

### ***UN GCNI -NIUA : Towards Climate Smart Cities Alliance Framework 2.0***





While Indian cities are preparing for present challenges and are yet to prepare for future urbanization prospects, the impacts of climate variability and environmental change manifesting in the instances of cyclones, floods, heat waves, and drought have had adverse impacts on many Indian cities. India is the sixth most vulnerable country facing extreme weather events as per the latest climate index report. Further, curbing air quality deterioration poses serious challenges for city administrators as 43 smart cities in India are already facing poor air quality. The current Covid-19 outbreak has also severely impacted cities and further emphasized the need for building urban resilience in India.

To facilitate cities in understanding these challenges of where cities stand and may improve, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched ClimateSMART Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) in 2019 with 30 diverse indicators across five categories namely; (i) Energy and Green Buildings, (ii) Urban Planning, Green Cover & Biodiversity, (iii) Mobility and Air Quality, (iv) Waste Management, and (v) Water Resource Management. The CSCAF is a step to adopt, implement and disseminate the best practices adopted by our cities and further set standards in comparison to the international efforts towards green, sustainable, and urban resilient habitats.

UN GCNI has entered into a knowledge-sharing partnership with NIUA (National Institute of Urban Affairs) and will be a part of an alliance with C-Cube under the ambit of the Climate Smart Cities Alliance to support mainstreaming of Climate Actions in Indian Cities.

Through this partnership, UN GCNI will contribute to the following areas:

1. Development and sharing of knowledge products, tools, toolkits, and modules for the capacity building of urban local bodies (ULBs), Smart City SPVs, city managers of line departments, and urban practitioners in India for mainstreaming climate resilience.
2. Handholding cities for formulating, implementing, and performing monitoring of local climate strategies and action plans under the umbrella of the Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework.
3. Development and implementation of innovative practices, data, and technology frameworks for addressing climate impacts in cities, including mitigation and adaptation aspects.

4. Advocacy, communication, and outreach on mutually agreed themes around urban climate resilience.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is planning to launch CSCAF 2.0 (Climate Smart Cities Alliance Framework) on 11th September 2020.

### **UN GCNI Governance: 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Project Advisory Committee**

The Project Advisory Committee is committed to reviewing UN GCNI' Anti-Corruption projects performance on a regular basis and providing a roadmap to grow toward achieving its goals within the mandate of Corporate, Urban, and Environmental Governance.

The 17th meeting of the Project Advisory Committee was held virtually on August 21, 2020, under the leadership of Mr. Vinod Pandey, Chairman UN GCNI Committee and Director, Govt & External Affairs, Sustainability, and CSR.

At the meeting, the Committee appreciated the efforts and committed work of the Anti-Corruption Projects team for bringing new projects to UN GCNI and exploring new opportunities for the sustainability of the organization.

### **MANTHAN 2020:**

### **A Unique Innovation Challenge Competition for B-Schools and Academic Institutions**

The banner for MANTHAN 2020 features a central graphic of a globe with icons representing innovation and education. The text on the banner includes:

- MANTHAN 2020**  
A unique Innovation Challenge Competition for B-Schools/Academic Institutions
- 'RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION IN A POST COVID WORLD: EMERGING INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN MANAGEMENT SCHOOLS'**
- Last Date to register: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Partners and logos listed on the banner:

- Strategic Partners:** NITI Aayog, AIM (Atal Innovation Mission), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, PRME (an initiative of the United Nations Global Compact Network India).
- Academic Partner:** BIMTECH BIRLA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY.
- B-School Partners:** IFIM (International Federation of Management Schools), VIJAYBHOOMI UNIVERSITY.
- Knowledge Partner:** KPMG.
- Portal Partner:** MBA UNIVERSE.
- Outreach Partners:** EPSI (Education Policy Studies Institute), AIMS (Association of Indian Management Schools), Inspiring Futures, and another partner logo.

The outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic has affected the educational system worldwide leading to the closures of schools, universities, and colleges. India, like many other countries, followed the path of Lockdown leading to the closure of primary, secondary, and tertiary schooling which will further lead to the cancellation of exams, deferring admission entrance, etc. to stem the spread of COVID-19 through non-pharmaceutical interventions and preventive measures such as social-distancing and self-isolation. As the days pass by with no immediate solution to stop the

the outbreak of Covid-19, school and university closures will not only have a short-term impact on the continuity of learning for more than 285 million young learners in India but also engender far-reaching economic and societal consequences.

Under the principles for Responsible Management Education (**PRME**), Global Compact Network India (GCNI) is organizing MANTHAN 2020 on the theme of 'Responsible Management Education in a Post COVID World: Emerging Innovative Practices in Management Schools'.

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### ***Upcoming Initiatives of CEGET***

- Webinar on Transparency, Ethics, and Integrity in the Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals Sector in collaboration with the International Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR)
- Ideation Meetings with Healthcare Sector and Professionals (Transparency, Accountability, and Ethics in Health)
- Waste management initiatives in Thane and Navi Mumbai
- Environmental projects under Business Biodiversity Alliance India