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UN Global Compact Network India (GCNI) is hosting its annual flagship event **15th National Convention** virtually on the theme of **‘Raising the SDG ambition- Pathways for Sustainable Recovery and Growth’** on **4-5 February 2021**. The convention will include Decision Makers from the Govt, Leaders from the business world and experts from health, education and civil society sectors from across the globe.

The theme of the convention puts emphasis on the real, on-ground actions that businesses need to take to make a real impact on achieving the SDGs while also creating economic value for the nation.

The prime focus of the National Convention is to showcase the respective ideologies, methodologies and most importantly, case studies depicting the wide implementation of sustainable innovations and leadership that is taken up by diverse sectors and organizations in India.

Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Govt of India has been invited to grace the convention and deliver the inaugural address and **Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact (New York)** has been invited to deliver the keynote address at the convention.

Apart from them, a galaxy of eminent speakers comprising CMD, CEOs, CXOs and Heads from the PSUs, Corporates, Academia, Civil Society Organizations, UN Agencies and experts from diverse sectors have also been invited to share their insights and best practices to raise the SDG ambition.

The convention will include panel discussions and concurrent sessions which will involve speakers from a plethora of backgrounds right from the Public and Private sectors and experts from different relevant domains.

Some of the eminent speakers include **Dr. Uddesh Kohli** Senior Advisor, UNGC , **Mr. Shashi Shanker CMD, ONGC** Group of Companies and President, GCNI, **Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra**, Director-HR, IOCL, **Mr. Vishvesh Prabhakar**, MD – Operations & Sustainability, Accenture Strategy, **Mr. Suresh Narayanan**, CMD, Nestle India, **Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee**, Former DG & CEO, IICA, Govt of India, **Mr. Siraj Chaudhary**, MD & CEO, NCML, **Dr. H Chaturvedi**, Director, BIMTECH, **Dr. Sunita Dube**, Chairperson, The MedscapeIndia, Chairperson & Managing Trustee of Aryan Medical & Educational Trust, **Prof. Raj Nehru**, Vice-Chancellor, Vishwakarma Skill Development University, **Ms. Anuradha Razdan**, Executive Director, HR, HUL, **Mr. Deepak Dwivedi**, Chairman of the Board & Chief Editor, Dainik Bhaskar Group (Media), **Mr. Pablo Varela**, Programme Advisor, Global Operations, Young SDG Innovators, UNGC , **Ms. Achieng Ojwang**, Executive Director, Global Compact Network South Africa, **Mr. Anirban Ghosh**, CSO, Mahindra Group, **Mr. Sandeep Roy Choudhury**, Co-founder & Director, VNV Advisory Services, **Mr. Vinod Pandey**, Director – Government and External Affairs, CSR, BMW Group India, **Mr. Srikrishna Sridhar Murthy**, Co-founder and CEO, Sattva Consulting, **Mr. Shankar Venkateswaran**, Chairperson, Oxfam India and **Dr. Alka Mittal**, Director, HR, ONGC.

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Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks

Moving ahead towards the successful implementation of the Scaling Up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks Project with support from the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the Global Compact Network India had one to one meeting with UNGC on 15th January 2021 and a group meeting with the project Local Networks of Brazil, Ukraine and Kenya on 26th January 2021. Both, one to one and one group meetings, were led by Ms. Ashley Ann Demming, Manager (Anti-Corruption), UNGC and the major discussion were held on Project achievements, Launch and roll out of Anti-Corruption Collective Action Playbook, Discussion and guidance for the development of the project roadmap and Planning and strategy for the major activities of the project (Academy Session, Policy Dialogue, Stakeholders Meeting etc.).

Besides this, Global Compact Network India as well as other Local Networks got clarity on...

- Role of Local Networks in planning and organizing major activities of the project (Academy Session, Policy Dialogue, Stakeholders Meeting etc.).
- Contents to be included in the Project roadmap like concretizing and finalizing specific work-plan and activities including M&E, budgeting, Baseline indicators and project outputs & impacts.

UNGC has appreciated the committed efforts of Global Compact Network India for developing and submitting a draft Project Roadmap Report and also providing the required guidance.

Dr. Somnath Singh, Programme Manager and Mr. Arya Dev, Programme Analyst represented Global Compact Network India in both the meetings and shared the achievements and future plan of the project.



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UN GLOBAL COMPACT STRATEGY

2021–2023

United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, Chair of the Board of the United Nations Global Compact, recently announced a new three-year strategic plan to increase and accelerate corporate sustainability and principled business. The 2021-23 strategy spells out the ambition to accelerate and scale the global collective impact of business by upholding the Ten Principles and delivering Agenda 2030 through accountable companies and ecosystems that enable change.

The strategy explains how we will contribute, catalyze impact, and how we, as One Global Compact will move forward together to realize five strategic shifts to enable meaningful new strides in the current global, environmental, and social context:

1. Accountable companies demonstrating progress through specific, measurable targets,
2. Balanced growth of local and regional networks with extended coverage and a focus on the global south,
3. Measurable impact in prioritized areas and material progress of SDGs impact in them,
4. Harnessing the collective action of the SME sector and
5. Strong and active engagement with the UN and its partners at global and national levels.

Special Talk and Training on Protecting Human Rights and supporting businesses

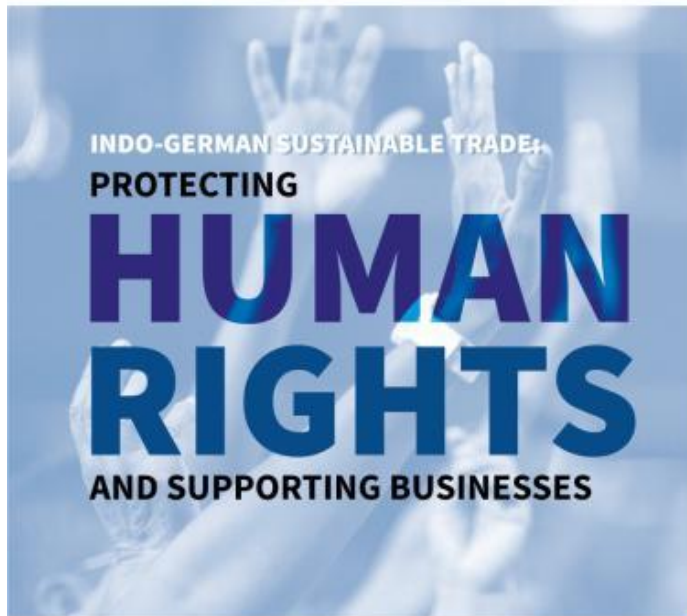
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MONDAY	JAN 11	15:30 – 17:30 IST	11:00 – 13:00 CET
 NATHALIE GMINDER Industry Attaché at German Embassy in New Delhi	 MARKUS LÖNING German Federal Human Rights Commissioner (2010 - 2013) Managing Director & Senior Strategy Adviser, Löning - Human Rights and Responsible Business	 SHABNAM SIDDIQUI Officiating Executive Director, UN- GCNI	
 STEFAN HALUSA Director-General Designate, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce	 CHANDRIMA CHATTERJEE Advisor, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPIC)	 CHRISTIAN EWERT President, amfori	

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Recognition and application of sustainable development and human rights protection have expanded rapidly in recent years. Countries globally are moving toward mandatory compliance for responsible business conduct. These developments require companies of all sizes to have a mechanism through which they can assess how and when their activities could impact human rights, mitigate these risks, and take remedial steps to address human rights abuse.

To support German and Indian SMEs and MNCs in India, the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Amfori, is implementing training on the topic of business and human rights, including the German and Indian National Action Plans (NAP). The training will provide companies with workable knowledge and the means to create a good monitoring system geared toward business continuity.

This event will bring together the Indo-German business community and partnerships in sustainable trade and make available a platform for businesses to navigate the implementation of business and human rights. Speakers will highlight:

- The unveiling of IGCC's flagship training programme to be delivered in partnership with amfori on Business and Human Rights,
- Understanding the linkages between sustainability, responsible business conduct, and human rights protection in business and trade.
- Realising National Strategy on Human Rights through training based on National Action Plans (NAPs) organised by IGCC and Amfori.
- How can businesses in India move forward amidst the rising influence of Business and Human Rights?

Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Officiating Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) was invited as a Special guest and she represented GCNI and its tremendous work on Human Rights. Also, she launched the

IGCC's publication on Business and Human Rights and shared her insights on the need and importance of an E-Learning programme on Human Rights.

FACTSHALA Workshop cum training session on Fighting Against Misinformation, Through News and Information Literacy



UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) is dedicated to promoting transparency and ethical business practices, implementation of United Nations 10th Principles (Anti-Corruption) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as promoting Corporate, Urban and Environmental Governance in India. For over a decade, UN GCNI has not only been taking diverse initiatives for promoting transparency and integrity in businesses to eradicate corruption but also encouraging and guiding different stakeholders towards promoting responsible and transparent practices which lead to a strengthened collective action against corruption in India.

Standing committed to the fight against corruption through promoting transparency and accountability among the citizens as well as the key stakeholders from across the sectors, UN GCNI, in collaboration with AGAM, has organised a FactShala Literacy Programme (<https://factshala.com/about-us/#>) on 29th January 2021.

The aim of this programme was to educate professionals and others about media literacy and empower them to consume information critically. This FactShala Literacy Programme helped in spreading the all-important message of recognizing and shifting through misinformation and fake news from the daily dose of information that we consume online, offline and through our friends, family, and contacts.

Mr. Jatin Gandhi, Trainer, FactShala facilitated the sessions and covered the following topics/issues:

1. Information, news and opinion: The information ecosystem, Facts versus opinion
2. Critical Thinking and understanding bias
3. Fact checking: Verifying fake photos and videos.

Dr. Somnath Singh started the session with a welcome address and an overview of this workshop cum training programme. Further, Mr. Jatin Gandhi facilitated the training and shared how this workshop will help them to protect them from misinformation and fake news.

Over 40 professionals from different sectors participated in the workshop and learnt about media literacy. The programme was appreciated by each one and they also admired UN GCNI for taking such initiatives around its mandate of good governance.