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REGIONAL MEETINGS

30 June – 2 July, 2020



UNGC Regional Meeting Session on Anti-Corruption

The business has a critical role to play in fully embedding and deepening the Ten Principles and taking ambitious action to deliver on the SDGs as an essential part of building back better. Over the last decade, UNGC Local Networks have been mobilizing business on the 10th Principle through Collective Action to advance the fight against corruption and the achievement of the SDGs, particularly Goal 16 (target 16.5).

At the UNGC Regional meeting of the Asia Pacific, a session on Anti-Corruption has been organised on June 30, 2020 (11:00 am to 12:00 pm EST) as a lead-up to the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) against Corruption 2021. This Regional Meeting Session will be imperative for businesses to join forces with governments, community-based organizations, NGOs, and other stakeholders to act collectively against corruption. In this session, current Anti-Corruption Collective Action activities both at HQ and within the Local Networks level, along with opportunities for Local Networks to start engaging in the preparatory process for UNGASS 2021 are going to be discussed.

UN Global Compact Network India, being the partner of UNGC for implementing Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action, will present its work on Anti-Corruption Collective Action and the relevant challenges in India.

Agenda of the Session:

Time	Session
5 Min	Introduction to Anti-Corruption Collective Action
5 Min	Overview of Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks, including Playbook and Anti-Corruption Collective Action Working Group
25 Min	Spotlight on the Anti-Corruption Collective Action activities in Brazil, Colombia, India, and Portugal
10 Min	Preparations for UNGASS 2021
10 Min	Q & A

UN GCNI - AfIN International Panel Series



INTERNATIONAL PANEL SERIES: SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS POST COVID

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| 1. Business Resilience | 8 th July 2020 |
| 2. Supply Chain Disruption | 14 th July 2020 |
| 3. Reskilling and Digitalization | 23 rd July 2020 |
| 4. Sustaining SMEs | 30 th July 2020 |

#DecadeOfAction



UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) and AfIN India (Alliance for Integrity Network) have planned an International Panel series on the theme of **Shaping a Sustainable Business Post Covid** in the month July 2020. The Panel series will have four exclusive panels, comprising domain experts from India, as well as representatives from Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia.

Kindly register for individual panels. Complete details can be accessed at:

1. Business Resilience “ 8th July 2020 (<https://www.globalcompact.in/event/international-panel-series-business-resilience-8th-july-2020>)
2. Supply Chain Disruption “14th July 2020” (<https://www.globalcompact.in/event/international-panel-series-supply-chain-disruption-14th-july-2020>)
3. Reskilling and Digitalization “ 23rd July 2020: (<https://www.globalcompact.in/event/international-panel-series-reskilling-and-digitalisation-23rd-july-2020>)
4. Sustaining SMEs “ 30th July 2020”(<https://www.globalcompact.in/event/international-panel-series-sustaining-smes-30th-july-2020>)

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

Under the aegis of the recently launched UNGC project 'Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks' UNGC is working on the development of an Anti-corruption Collective Action Playbook, in consultation with multiple local networks. The detailing of the playbook is complete and we hope to launch the playbook in Fall 2020.

Additionally, the 1st kick-off Call was held between UNGC and the Partner Local Networks (India, Brazil, Ukraine, and Kenya) wherein the UNGC senior management team comprising Lila Karbassi, Chief of Programmes; Olajobi Makinwa, Chief of Intergovernmental Relations & Africa; Ole Lund Hansen, Chief of Global Operations and Ms. Ashley, Project Manager presented an overview of the project and detailed out the process and expectations. Mr. Somnath Singh, Programme Manager, and Mr. Aryadev, Programme Analyst represented Global Compact Network, India in this call.

MANTHAN 2020:

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

The banner for MANTHAN 2020 features a blue background with a circular graphic on the left containing icons for a lightbulb, a magnifying glass, a document, and a hand holding a pencil. The text 'MANTHAN 2020' is prominently displayed in white, with the subtitle 'A unique Innovation Challenge Competition for B-Schools/Academic Institutions' below it. On the right, the title of the competition is written in blue: 'RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION IN A POST COVID WORLD: EMERGING INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN MANAGEMENT SCHOOLS'. Below this, the registration deadline is stated: 'Last Date to register: 7th August 2020'. Logos for INCEP, PRME, and the Global Compact Network India are visible in the top right corner.

The 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic has affected educational systems worldwide, leading to the near-total closures of schools, universities, and colleges. Like many countries in the world, India followed the path of Lockdown leading to the closure of primary, secondary, and tertiary schooling which leads to 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 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.

The objective is to understand the impact of COVID and bring out the best and most innovative ideas and solutions to the ground by future entrepreneurs and budding managers. It will also provide an opportunity to showcase one's leadership skills among the students and faculty along with a creative Professional Prowess. Besides, the competition will enable the students to represent their expectations for the situation post-COVID-19.

Recognizing this imperative, under Principles for Responsible Management Education ([PRME](#)), GCNI is organizing Manthan 2020 on the theme 'Responsible Management Education in a Post COVID World: Emerging Innovative Practices in Management Schools'. Do contact Ms. Ankita Kumari (Email:-

ankita.kumari@globalcompact.in ; Mob:- +91-8210981700) for further details. The brochure is available at <https://www.globalcompact.in/event/manthan-2020>

Kindly participate/nominate Case Study or Theme Paper for this Competition

UN GCNI's Special session
Towards Resurgent India: Aligning Business with Sustainable Development Goals



Special Session

“Towards Resurgent India:
Aligning Business with Sustainable Development Goals”



This year's **UN Global Compact Leaders' Summit** marked 20 years of uniting business for a better world. The event was curated virtually on 15–16 June 2020, and was bigger, better, and more inclusive than any physical event held so far. The high-level programme literally ‘chased the sun’ as it went on for 26 hours so that Global Compact Local Networks members and supporters from every time zone could participate. The event witnessed the launch of a special report that explores 20 years of corporate sustainability data and provides key findings on business integration of the Ten Principles and action to deliver SDGs. The report can be downloaded from <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/library/5747>

The conclusion of the Summit heralded new beginnings at UNGC with Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, a Kenyan business leader, taking over the mantle of leadership on June 17, 2020. Ms. Ojiambo, served as Head of Sustainable Business and Social Impact at Safaricom PLC, in Kenya, since 2010, and as Senior Manager of the Safaricom and MPESA Foundations from 2008 until 2010, during which time she led the implementation of several public-private partnership initiatives between Safaricom and United Nations entities. In her welcome address Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, ED & CEO, of UNGC, highlighted the following points:

- ✚ Companies participating in UNGC have been able to provide innovation, technology, scale, and impact that are accelerating progress toward the 2030 agenda and its 17 SDGs.
- ✚ While COVID-19 has created unprecedented crises, Climate-change and growing inequality continue to shake the very foundation of business and humanity, and this is where the 10 principles of UNGC continue to provide a strong pathway for business.
- ✚ Now more than ever business should provide a central role in societal transformation. “The business of Business can no longer be Business.

- ✚ There are significant challenges that define our world today—from declining trust to growing inequalities fragile trade networks and broken supply chains to weakening international corporations and weakened social cohesion. Each of these challenges presents an immense opportunity for businesses to reinvent, therein also lies the opportunity for stronger partnerships.
- ✚ As the UNGC enters the next phase, it will be essential to keep strengthening the local networks as key pillars of the initiative and continue to build mutually reinforcing partnerships with the government, the UN, and other key stakeholders.
- ✚ Local Networks are an integral building block and cornerstone of UNGC work. They help local businesses understand what responsible business means within different national, cultural, and language contexts by facilitating outreach, learning, policy dialogue, collective action, and partnerships. The networks are regional, multi-stakeholder, inclusive, action-oriented, and strong action platforms for networking with sustainability leaders and influences.

Ms. Ojiambo concluded her address by reiterating that since its inception, the Global Compact has advanced the vision that when businesses unite, they can be a powerful force for good. In this unprecedented time of global uncertainty and crises, that vision has never been more important.

16th Meeting of Project Advisory Committee

The Project Advisory Committee is committed to reviewing 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 16th meeting of the Project Advisory Committee was held virtually on June 26, 2020, under the leadership of a new Chairperson Mr. Vinod Pandey, Director, Govt & External Affairs, Sustainability and CSR at BMW and Regional Vice President (North) of UN-Global Compact Network India.