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Centre of Excellence for Governance, Ethics and Transparency (CEGET) at Global Compact Network India (GCNI) stands committed to the fight against corruption and enhance transparency and accountability among the key stakeholders from across sectors.

The UNGASS 2021 (UN General Assembly Special Session) will deliberate on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation. The special session shall adopt a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed upon in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, under the auspices of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The special accreditation process to attend UNGASS 2021 for the interested representatives of private sector, civil society organizations and academic institutions will close on April 4, 2021. CEGET encourages its members and supporters to register for this international platform against corruption at the earliest.

For further information and registration please contact Dr. Somnath Singh at Somnath.ceget@globalcompact.in

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

Global Compact Network India (GCNI) continued to effectively serve as a Project Local Network (LN) under the UN Global Compact (UNGC) project 'Scaling-up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks.'

During March 2021, GCNI had a one-to-one meeting with the UNGC Project Manager, Ashley Demming, wherein GCNI shared its ongoing efforts to achieve its project goal. Dr. Somnath Singh, Programme Manager, and Mr. Arya Dev, Programme Analyst, shared that GCNI is planning to form an ACCA working group for their initiative and GCNI has started coordination and virtual interactions with the potential stakeholders from different sectors. Ms. Demming appreciated the initiative and supported the formation of ACCA working group.

With the purpose of sharing project achievements, initiatives and innovations in different project countries, Ms. Demming organized a Project LN group meeting among Project LN Coordinators from India, Brazil, Kenya and Ukraine on 2nd March 2021. During the meeting, upcoming activities and events were discussed and Project LN Coordinators shared their achievements.

In addition, the UNGC Anti-Corruption Collective Action Working Group met on 23rd March 2021. The meeting focused on the status of the ACCA playbook and its launch, along with receiving feedback on the revised Playbook. The Playbook is tentatively scheduled to be launched at the UNGC Leaders Summit in June 2021. During the meeting, Dr. Somnath Singh and Ms. Ana Luiza Aranha from Global Compact Network Brazil shared that they were both selected as Knowledge Partners for the 2021 OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum. Their sessions both took place on 25th March 2021.

2021 OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum: Collective action to fight healthcare corruption post-COVID

2021 OECD GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION & INTEGRITY FORUM

UN GLOBAL COMPACT Network India

Collective action to fight healthcare corruption post-COVID

Moderator

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Knowledge Partner: Global Compact Network India

25th March, 2021 | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (IST)

Global Compact Network India (GCNI) as knowledge partner with 2021 OECD Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum conducted a session on “Collective Action to fight healthcare corruption post Covid” on 25th March 2021. This forum discussed the challenges and the opportunities for strengthening and restoring integrity, responsible business conduct, and anti-corruption efforts in the ongoing context of COVID-19.

The session began with a welcome address to the speakers and audiences by Dr. Somnath Singh, Programme Manager, GCNI. Further he outlined the achievements of GCNI in last decade on Anti-Corruption Collective Action Initiative. He shared about the major initiatives of GCNI that it had taken during different projects like Collective Action Project (CAP) with the UN Global Compact (UNGC); the Anti-Corruption Project with UK Prosperity Fund and Centre of Excellence for Strengthening Transparency and Ethics in Business: Scaling up the Collective Action Agenda in India (Siemens Integrity Initiative) . He shared that with these projects GCNI could...

- provide a platform for anti-corruption dialogue to public and private sector businesses and incentivizes their ethical behavior, develop business case for transparency and take up pressing corruption issues in Indian context; viz. public procurement, bribery and fraud in the private sector and supply chain transparency.
- promote the relevance of Integrity Pact among public and private sector in India.
- promote Governance and Ethics in Businesses by establishing a robust framework of governance and transparency in smart city development in India and also provide an advisory service to Pune Smart City (PSCDCL) on its compliance, accountability and public- private partnership framework etc.

Moving ahead, Dr. Somnath Singh shared that GCNI is a Project Local Network under the UNGC Project "Scaling Up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks." Under this project, GCNI is developing a local AC collective action initiative in the healthcare sector.

Ms. Ashley Demming, Manager (Anti-Corruption) at UNGC spoke about the UNGC Project and briefly shared information on the upcoming launch of the UNGC ACCA Playbook.

Further the panel discussion took place and the eminent speakers from different sectors shared their knowledge and insights on the need of ACCA to strengthen healthcare sector post covid.

The panel focused on:

1. Reviewing and examining the existing corruption challenges in healthcare and pharmaceuticals sector; as experienced during COVID-19
2. Discussing the role of collective action in minimizing corruption risks in healthcare value-chains.
3. Sharing the importance of technology related innovations for fighting emergency response corruption in healthcare. And
4. Emphasizing on regional issues in dealing with healthcare sector corruption.

The panel was moderated by **Mr. Suhas Tuljapurkar**, Managing Partner, Legasis Partners & Founder Director, Legasis Services and the panelists were...

Ms. Sarah Steingruber, Independent Global Health Consultant, Steingruber Consulting.

Mr. Neville Gandhi, Vice President-Compliance, Siemens India.

Prof. Dr. Christian Hauser, Professor, SIFE, University of Applied Sciences HTW Chur.

Dr. Narendra Malhotra, Managing Director, Global Rainbow Healthcare.

Dr. Shiv Tripathi, Professor and Dean (Training), IIHMR University, Jaipur.

The session can be accessed at - <https://youtu.be/rqmYzlla7zk>



OECD virtual 2021 Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum

Webinar Anticorruption collective actions: A game changer

March 25th 3pm (Paris time)

Session organizer



Global Compact Network Brazil



In another session above on “**Anti-Corruption Collective Action: A Game Changer**” at 2021 OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum virtually conducted by Global Compact Network, Brazil (GCNB) on 25th March 2021, Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Executive Director, GCNI shared GCNI’s initiatives on Anti-Corruption Collective Action in India.

Ms. Siddiqui shared the anticorruption initiatives of GCNI around developing a business case for anticorruption, their work of public and private sector engagement for promoting transparency in procurement, emphasis on value chain transparency and the need for Collective Action on all fronts. She appreciated UNGC Brazil for bringing together Executive Directors of other UNGC Networks to explore common ground, especially in the post Covid scenario.

The recording of the session can be accessed at - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1d0GW5h6yzi>

**4th Gender Equality Summit:
COVID and New Gender Equation-Adversity to Opportunity**



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Standing committed towards Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, United Nations Global Compact Network India (UN-GCNI) hosted the 4th edition of Gender Equality Summit (GES), virtually, on March 9-10, 2021. The Theme of the Gender Equality Summit was 'Covid and New Gender

Equations: Adversity to Opportunity' aligned with the theme of International Women Day-2021
'Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID 19 world'.

Key highlights of the Summit were:

- Over 1400 participants from all over India and across the world
- First ever virtual Gender Equality Summit of GCNI with efficient use of technology
- Inaugural Address by Hon'ble Minister Ms. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Women & Child Development, GoI & Ministry of Textiles
- Showcasing of virtual booths on best Gender Diversity Practices by Businesses
- 40 distinguished speakers from across the world spoke at the Summit with a gender ratio of 13 (Men) : 27 (Women). The Summit brought together 15 CEOs.
- For the first time GCNI hosted the Special Session on "Advancing diversity and gender inclusion", wherein the Summit moved away from binary conversations of gender to a more inclusive one.