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## **UN GCNI BULLETIN – JUNE 2021**

### **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.

In order to review the objective-wise performance of the project, UNGC organized a Local Network Coordinators Meeting on June 22, 2021 wherein LN Partners from GCN India, Kenya, Ukraine and Brazil, and representatives from UNGC (Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Chief, Intergovernmental Relations & Africa; Ms. Ashley Ann Demming, Manager, Anti-Corruption) discussed about progress & performance and upcoming initiatives of the project. Dr. Somnath Singh, Programme Manager and Mr. Arya Dev, Programme Analyst represented Global Compact Network India (GCNI) and shared project achievements including the newly drafted Governance Structure and concept note of Anti-Corruption Collective Action (ACCA) Working Group and the process and preparation for holding a Consultation Meet of ACCA Working Group in July 2021.

The major points discussed in the meeting were---Translations of the Playbook in UN languages, Regional Webinars to Promote the ACCA Playbook, Training "ToT" on the ACCA Playbook, Planning and organizing Academy Sessions, Finalization and submission of Roadmap Report to GCO, Updates from LN Coordinators on AC CA Initiatives, Status of Public Policy Dialogue, Electronic Time-Keeping System and Status of Annual and Interim Reports.

As preparation for Public Policy Dialogue, Dr. Somnath Singh shared that GCNI will come out with clear objectives post the formation of the ACCA Working Group. GCNI will seek commitment on a set of goals from the founding members of the ACCA Working Group for Public Policy Dialogue. Preliminarily, GCNI will organize a roundtable to advance PPP in the ACCA initiative in Q3 or Q4 of year 2021.

At last, UNGC expressed their gratitude to the Local Network Partners from India, Kenya, Ukraine and Brazil for their support in helping to carry out recent panels at UNGASS 2021 held on 2-4 June 2021 and Leaders' Summit held on 15-16 June 2021."

*UN Global Compact Leaders' Summit: 2021  
Launch of Anti-Corruption Collective Action Playbook and high-level panel*



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# UNITING AGAINST CORRUPTION

A PLAYBOOK ON  
ANTI-CORRUPTION  
COLLECTIVE ACTION

[DOWNLOAD THE PLAYBOOK](#)

#COLLECTIVEACTION



The UN Global Compact 2021 Leaders' Summit took place on 15-16 June 2021, elevated ambition for strategic collective action, with focused objectives and clear paths to recovery from the continued climate crisis, global pandemic, economic disparities and social inequalities. The annual Summit once again virtually convened more than 25,000 leaders from business, Government, the UN, and Civil Society, to take stock of the state of progress, highlighted the areas for greater influence, and drive collective action on focused issues to make lasting change.

Recognizing the importance of collective action, the UN Global Compact (UNGC), in collaboration with Global Compact Local Networks and partner organizations including India (GCNI), has been implementing Collective Action initiatives for over a decade. Most recently in December 2019, the UN Global Compact launched a multi-year project, "Scaling Up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks" to support initiatives from the Global Compact Local Networks / Partners (LN India, Ukraine, Brazil and Kenya) and promote public-private cooperation in fighting corruption. As one of the major project activities, an Anti-Corruption Collective Action Playbook has been developed to mainstream the understanding and uptake of Collective Action among Global Compact Local Networks, business and other relevant stakeholders.

The United Nations Global Compact launched a playbook on Anti-corruption Collective Action at a high-level session titled "Uniting Against Corruption: Launch of the UN Global Compact Anti-Corruption Collective Action Playbook" on June 16, 2021 at the UNGC Leaders' Summit. Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, ED, GCNI moderated a panel of eminent speakers. The publication/playbook followed the "Special Session of the UN General Assembly Against Corruption" (UNGASS 2021) concluded on June 2, 2021.

Through a six-step approach, the playbook enables companies to clearly diagnose their local corruption landscape, identify and engage stakeholders, apply the Collective Action methodology to address identified corruption challenges and mitigate potential business risks.

### The panellists of high-level panel discussion

1. Sabine Zindera, Vice President, Legal and Compliance, Siemens AG.
2. André Gustavo Oliveira, Head of Legal and Compliance, BASF (Former ED of LN Brazil).
3. Serhiy Derkach, Head of Corruption Prevention and Detection Department, National Agency on Corruption Prevention, Ukraine.
4. Shabnam Siddiqui, Executive Director, Global Compact Network India (Moderator)

The playbook can be downloaded here: <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/library/5896>

To watch the plenary session, please go to: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9EBtYpTw5w&t=3s>

## UNGASS 2021: United Against Corruption In the Margins of UNGASS: High-level Forum for the Private Sector

**Wednesday  
2 June, 2021  
2-3 P.M. EDT**

**In the Margins of UNGASS:  
High-level Forum for the  
Private Sector**

**UNITED AGAINST CORRUPTION UNGASS 2021**

**Moderator**

**Soji Apampa**  
Executive Director,  
Convention on  
Business Integrity

**Speakers**

**Ghada Waly**  
Executive Director,  
United Nations  
Office on Drugs  
and Crime

**Sanda Ojiambo**  
CEO & Executive  
Director, United  
Nations Global  
Compact

**Benedicte Schilbred Fasmer**  
Group Executive  
Officer, SpareBank1  
SR-Bank, Member of  
the FACTI Panel

**Bernardo Vargas Gibsone**  
CEO,  
Interconexión  
Eléctrica S.A. E.S.P.

**Ashishkumar Chauhan**  
MD & CEO, BSE

**UNODC**  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

**United Nations**  
Global Compact

Standing committed to the fight against corruption and to enhance transparency and accountability among the key stakeholders from across the sectors, Centre of Excellence for Governance, Ethics and Transparency (CEGET) at Global Compact Network India (GCNI) as a local network of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) made an active participation in UNGASS 2021 along with its business members from 2-4 June 2021.

The UNGASS 2021 (UN General Assembly Special Session) deliberated on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation. The special session adopted 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.

UNGC and UNODC co-organized a side-event titled 'In the Margins of UNGASS: High-level Forum for the Private Sector' on June 2, 2020, which had business leaders addressing the issues of corruption in the private sector and future of collective action initiatives.

India was represented by the MD & CEO of BSE, Mr. Ashish Kumar Chauhan. He shared that Companies and business associations are fundamentally affected by corruption, and they can be influential allies for change. By strategically joining forces with government, civil society organizations, academia and other relevant stakeholders, businesses can bolster their anti-corruption collective action efforts.

The side-event can be watched here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih6Xy1jMCB8&t=2323s>

**MoHUA & NIUA's  
Celebration of 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AMRUT, Smart City Mission and PMAY**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) organized an online event to commemorate 6 years of the three transformative Urban Missions vis. Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Atal Mission for Urban Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), which were launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on 25th June, 2015. The Anniversary event highlighted some of the important initiatives being implemented under Smart Cities Mission. The event was presided by Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Housing and Urban Affairs and was attended by key urban stakeholders from Central and State Governments including Principal Secretaries of States/UTs, Municipal Commissioners of Cities, and MDs/CEOs of Smart Cities.

The date also marked the 45 years of establishment of National Institute of Urban Affairs, an autonomous body of MoHUA, tasked to bridge the gap between research and practice on issues related to urbanization.

As invited by NIUA, CEGET-GCNI, being the knowledge partner with NIUA for implementing Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) attended this virtual celebration of 6th Anniversary of AMRUT, Smart Cities Mission and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY) organized by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) ; this event provided a progress report on three major initiatives of Govt of India that transformed the lives of urban people. CEGET-GCNI, as having good experience of working with Smart Cities will explore possibilities of partnership/collaboration with smart cities to work together for strengthening good governance and transparency in system to achieve the goals of Smart Cities Mission.