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## UN GCNI BULLETIN – MAY 2021

### LN Knowledge Sharing Meet towards ACCA Working Group Formation and Engagement



Dr. Somnath Singh, Programme Manager and Mr. Arya Dev, Program Analyst (Legal) at Global Compact Network India (GCNI) had a virtual Knowledge Sharing Meeting with Ms. Ana Aranha, Advisor and Focal point for Anti-Corruption at LN Brazil on 21st May, 2021 to discuss the constitution and governance of an issue-specific Working Group, as CEGET at GCNI is planning to take steps in that direction to drive its collective action initiative through an active and engaged ACCA Working Group.

It was learnt that LN Brazil has many Working Groups which are called Action Platforms, including one on Anti-corruption. It mainly includes participants from private sector but also has participants from the public sector and CSOs, who are carrying forward the ACCA mandate through various activities and commitments. The platform is supported and guided by an advisory committee of 20 members that oversees all of their Collective Action initiatives. GCNI plans to have more meetings and engagements with other LNs to gather thoughts and best practices in future.

### Environment Governance: India's Road to COP 26 Summit

# India's road to COP26 Summit



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Business action to support climate will remain key to enable India to step up its ambition on its NDCs and align with a trajectory of 1.5°C. Engagement with Indian companies is critical to setting India on this ambitious decarbonisation path. “India will not only meet its climate commitments but is set to overachieve it”, said Prime Minister Modi Nov 2020 at the G20 Summit. Earlier that month, Prakash Javadekar, the Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate said that India is on the way to achieve its commitment under the Paris Agreement. The same month, MOEFCC rallied 24 companies to make a signed declaration, recognizing the industry’s commitment and urging them for more action on climate change.

The India’s road to COP26 Summit is a key moment for Indian businesses to demonstrate their commitment and ambition to drive climate action on clean energy, industry, and transport systems in the lead-up to COP26.

At the opening ceremony of the 1st event of **India’s Road to COP26 Summit: Business and climate action**, Welcome address was given by Dr. Divya Sharma, India Executive Director, Climate Group and Dr. Rahul Walawalkar, President and Managing Director, Customized Energy Solutions India Pvt. Ltd; Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon’ble Minister, MOEFCC, Government of India delivered the keynote address. Special note was given by Mr. Mahendra Singhi, Chairman & Managing Director, Dalmia Cement Parth Jindal, Chairman & managing Director, JSW Cement.

Further the panel discussion took place which was chaired by Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Executive Director, GCNI and the panelists were Ms. Helen Clarkson, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Group, Mr. Sumant Sinha, Managing Director, Renew Power, Mr. Prabodha Acharya, Chief Sustainability Officer, JSW Group, Mr. Ameya Prabhu, Mr. Naveen Unni and Mr. Mr. Natalie’s Toms.

**2021 Annual Local Network Forum: 25-27 May 2021**



## **UN GLOBAL COMPACT ANNUAL LOCAL NETWORK FORUM May 2021**



The Annual Local Network Forum (ALNF) is an initiative of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) to explore how Local Networks can play a leading role in facilitating private sector engagement on the SDGs and Ten principles. Bringing together 100 Local Networks and Representatives from around the globe, participants discuss subjects related to networks governance and activities and other initiatives

ALNF 2021 took place virtually on 25-27 May 2021 and it has served as the culmination of the Strategy Working Group process. All the Local Network staff, across geographies and timelines shared their insights to achieve the objectives/goals of ALNF 2021. The entire team of GCNI attended sessions throughout the event (25-27 May 2021) and shared its work and achievements on different accelerators of SDGs and Ten Principles of United Nations. ALNF 2021 was full of learning on strategic planning, implementation and growth of local networks including UNGC and associated sectors/members.

# Journal Alliance for Integrity 2021

Alliance for Integrity, a primary ally of GCNI in Anti-corruption, released a Journal that sums up their work over the past three years. It showcases the success stories of SMEs who have participated in the corruption prevention trainings, includes insights of compliance experts from around the world and demonstrates their efforts and associations in their fight against corruption. It illustrates how commitment translates into tangible figures.

The Journal features insightful articles on various aspects of Anti-corruption endeavors, from Erika Díaz Ulloa (Gender), Beatriz Elena Londoño Patiño (Digitalization) and Dr Rajesh Chitre (Covid-19) as well as interviews with Jorge Bermúdez Soto (Public-Private Dialogue), Mariam Estigarribia (Peer-to-Peer Learning), Shabnam Siddiqui (Collective Action) and Solomon TETTEY-AKPENG (Capacity Building and Compliance Trainings).

The Journal is now available in English language here: <https://journal-alliance-for-integrity.de/#0>

## *UNGASS 2021: United Against Corruption*



On 17 December 2018, the General Assembly adopted resolution 73/191( <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/73/191> ) entitled “Special Session of the General Assembly against Corruption”, in which it decided to convene in the first half of 2021 a special session on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation.

In that resolution, the Assembly also decided that, at that special session, it 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 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.

We are sure that CEGET-GCNI's stakeholders and members must have registered (<https://ungass2021.unodc.org/ungass2021/index.html>) themselves to attend this global event and we expect their active participation at the event.

For further information and registration please contact Dr. Somnath Singh at [somnath.ceget@globalcompact.in](mailto:somnath.ceget@globalcompact.in)

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

The UN Global Compact 2021 Leaders Summit will elevate 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 will once again virtually convene more than 25,000 leaders from business, Government, the UN, and Civil Society, to take stock of the state of progress, highlight the areas for greater influence, and drive collective action on focused issues to make lasting change. Only through multi-



stakeholder collaboration, innovative thought leadership, transparent reporting on progress and focused data driven initiatives can we get back on track. Now, more than ever before, adherence to the Ten Principles and advancement of responsible business practices is essential for recovery and rebuilding a just, equitable and resilient society.

Recognizing the importance of collective action, the UN Global Compact, 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.

UN Global Compact Leaders Summit plenary will feature the launch of the Anti-Corruption Collective Action Playbook and a high-level panel to discuss the impact of Collective Action in the fight against corruption, success factors in public-private engagement and emerging trends in Collective Action on June 2021.

**The panellist of high-level panel discussion (6:00 pm - 6:45 pm IST on 16 June 2021) will include:**

1. Sabine Zindera, Vice President, Siemens Legal and Compliance
2. André Oliveira, Head of Legal and Compliance, BASF (Former ED of LN Brazil).
3. Oleksandr Novikov, Head of the National Agency on Corruption Prevention of Ukraine (LN Ukraine is working closely with this agency for their Collective Action .
4. Shabnam Siddiqui, Executive Director, Global Compact Network India will be the moderator for the high-level panel discussion.

Additionally, other session of the India Network are as follows:

- LN India Breakout Session - Raising the Ambition for Gender Equality in the post Covid World (8:15 am - 9:00 am IST) - 16 June
- LN India Breakout Session - Living in Harmony with Nature: Advancing Private Sector Engagement in the post 2020 Biodiversity Framework (2:00 pm - 2:45 pm IST) - 16 June
- CEO's Panel Discussion: Accelerating Progress Towards Setting Science-Based Targets (10:00 pm - 10:45 pm IST) - 15 June

Registration for Leaders Summit is complimentary for UN Global Compact members and signatories. Please visit the link [https://hopin.com/events/ungc\\_leaderssummit2021?code=96AZyQ3Rfeps9wn67oOJYQqaH](https://hopin.com/events/ungc_leaderssummit2021?code=96AZyQ3Rfeps9wn67oOJYQqaH) and feel free to extend the invitation to all your colleagues within the organization/company as we look forward to your participation at the Virtual Leaders Summit.

For more information and detail, please contact or write in to Dr. Somnath Singh at [somnath.ceget@globalcompact.in](mailto:somnath.ceget@globalcompact.in)

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