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**TURNING THE TIDE AGAINST CORRUPTION - INDUSTRIES
AND YOUTH ACTION IN AGENDA 2030**



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3:00-5:00
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OVERVIEW

Corruption is a major impediment to development, peace and security. From health to employment, education to the environment, business to sports, gender equality to access to justice, and more – corruption undermines all areas of society's development.

Though Public and Private sectors (Companies) including others have started taking a pro-active and conscious role in dealing with corruption within and outside their organizations, yet, it (bribery/corruption) has

become a key concern for them locally and globally.



ED, UNGCNI giving keynote address

Preventing corruption is crucial if the targets foreseen in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are to be met. These 17 Goals – a “shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future” – offer a way to help protect our environment, create jobs, achieve gender equality, and secure wider access to essential services such as health care, education and employment etc.



The 2022 International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) seeks to highlight the crucial link between anti-corruption and peace, security and development. At its core is the notion that tackling this crime is the right and responsibility of everyone and that only through cooperation and the involvement of people from all walks of life and institutions can together help in overcoming the negative impact of corruption. Therefore, the government, PSU, Corporate, Civil society organizations, Law enforcement agencies, Media, Academia sectors, and youth alike all have a role to play in the Anti-Corruption drive.

CEGET-UNGCNI, in line with “**UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption**”, organized a panel discussion titled “**Turning the Tide Against Corruption – Industries and Youth Action in Agenda 2030**” and signature campaign themed “**Taking pledge -- Say No to Corruption**” on 9th December 2022 at UNESCO House, Delhi.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Several studies have indicated that the “**Turning the Tide Against Corruption**” is critical for effectively mitigating the risks of corruption and unethical behaviour in organizations. It indicates that the business leaders and the youth continue to name corruption as the biggest challenge they face -- , corruption has a high cost for society and for the overall economy. On the other hand, corruption undermines public funds that are accommodated /paid for various social development works like healthcare, education, employment and other basic services. The studies reveal that businesses and individuals pay a huge amount of money in bribes every year, which undermines trust, exacerbates inequalities and severs the social contracts. Therefore, the active engagement of youth and the business leaders are the key elements of business integrity and collective action as it encourages the involvement of senior management in developing and maintaining the ethical integrity of a business and assures sufficient resources to make the business more sustainable; therefore, there is a need for good and proper understanding of corruption and a strong commitment of leaders to ensuring such obligations are transformed into tangible action. The active engagement of people from all the sectors and youth as well demonstrates their ownership and commitment to Anti-Corruption.



Continuing with its Anti-Corruption journey, CEGET-UNGCNI organized a panel discussion titled **“Turning the Tide Against Corruption – Industries and Youth Action in Agenda 2030”** on 9th December 2022 to create awareness and bring ownership among the industry’s leaders and youth for curbing corruption.



Besides this, CEGET-UNGCNI initiated a signature campaign themed **“Taking pledge -- Say No to Corruption”** wherein around 100 business leaders from corporate sector, healthcare organizations, academia, law agencies, UN organizations and over 140 youth from the renowned universities/colleges of India had participated.

The CEGET-UNGCNI’s observance of IACD 2022 marked the start of the efforts to mark the twentieth anniversary of UNCAC (United Nations Convention Against Corruption) which is reflected by the theme of 2022 international anti-corruption day, **“UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption”**.



STRIKING FEATURES

This IACD 2022 event featured Anti-corruption experts and practitioners who discussed the following...

- Why collective action is important to eradicate corruption.
- How can leadership influence organizational culture and policies on zero-tolerance corruption.
- How can different stakeholders/sectors encourage and engage to strengthen industries and youth action in Agenda 2030.

OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- Provided a space and platform for interaction, dialogue, and knowledge-

sharing by the business leaders, Anti-corruption experts and youth.

- Brought together experts and practitioners from different sectors and stakeholder groups to share good practices, discuss current challenges, inspire collaborative action, advance public-private cooperation, and upscale effective approaches to fight corruption.
- Created ownership among the business leaders and youth to play an active role in curbing corruption.
- Understanding the role of leadership in business integrity.

