

# UNGCNI NEWSLETTER

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# Major Events

## 12th Subir Raha Memorial Lecture

The 12th Subir Raha Memorial Lecture, an esteemed annual event held in memory of the Late Mr. Subir Raha, celebrates his remarkable contributions and visionary leadership. Organized each year by UN GCNI to honor the legacy of Mr. Raha, former CMD of ONGC and the Founder-President of the Global Compact Network India, the lecture features insights from distinguished experts across various fields. This year's theme, "Affordable Green Energy: Navigating Capital and Infrastructural Challenges for Round-the-Clock Renewables," was presented by Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director-General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). The event was organized on July 19, 2024 at ONGC Corporate Office, New Delhi.



## The Centre for Business Leadership on Nature Restoration

The Centre for Business Leadership on Nature Restoration, initiated by UN Global Compact Network India, in Chennai, is a trailblazing project aimed at significantly elevating and transforming the private sector's role in biodiversity conservation. The launch workshop, held on July 31, 2024, at The Park Chennai, was successfully organized in collaboration with Refex Industries. The Centre is now advancing its efforts across various regions of the country, aiming to create a meaningful impact on biodiversity conservation, with a special focus on areas like the North East. By expanding its reach, the Centre is committed to assessing and addressing regional biodiversity challenges, fostering collaborative action, and driving significant progress in conservation efforts nationwide.



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## Train the Trainers' program on BRSR

UN Global Compact Network India, in collaboration with SkilloCity Business Solutions Private Limited, recently held a successful Train the Trainers program on BRSR at Le Meridien Hotel, New Delhi during August 27th - 29th 2024. Participants from renowned companies engaged in discussions on ESG and BRSR, focusing on adult learning principles, ESG frameworks, sustainability reporting, and supply chain sustainability. The program aimed to equip participants with skills to develop sustainability strategies, improve management systems, and implement effective reporting mechanisms for communicating sustainability performance.



## Moving from Minimum Wage to Living Wage in India

UN Global Compact Network India, in collaboration with the WageIndicator Foundation and FLAME University, hosted an expert meeting on "Moving from Minimum Wage to Living Wage in India" at FLAME University Campus on August 29-30, 2024. The meeting gathered experts, corporate leaders, trade unions, and international organizations to discuss the complexities of India's wage system, focusing on regional disparities and the need for labor law reforms. Key insights included strategies for raising awareness, building business cases, and fostering social dialogue among stakeholders, all aimed at promoting sustainable wage practices in line with ILO principles. UN GCNI was represented by Executive Director Mr. Ratnesh and Programme Officers Ms. Nazneen Shekh and Ms. Mahima Dubey.



## Understanding Responsible Business Conduct in Healthcare

UN Global Compact Network India and PHDCCI, in collaboration with Ethosphere, jointly organized the first webinar on "Understanding Responsible Business Conduct in Healthcare" as part of a three-part series on Responsible Business Conduct in Healthcare on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. This informative session aimed to shed light on the significance of Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) in the healthcare sector, addressing the unique challenges and opportunities that arise in this critical field.

The webinar explored various frameworks and best practices that healthcare organizations can adopt to promote integrity, transparency, and trust among stakeholders. Expert speakers shared insights on how to implement RBC effectively, fostering a culture of ethical decision-making and accountability within healthcare settings.



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**Three Part Webinar Series ON RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT AND HEALTHCARE**

**Distinguished Speakers**

- Dr. K. Madan Gopal**  
Advisor, India Health Transformation  
National Health Systems Resource Centre  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Ms. Sofia Garduno**  
Compliance Director, CAME Alcobaca  
Mexico
- Mr. APK Chettiar**  
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- Dr. Somnath Singh**  
Deputy Director  
UN Global Compact Network India
- Dr. Jatinder Singh**  
Deputy Secretary General  
PHDCCI

**WEDNESDAY 18 SEP, 2024**  
**TIME 4 PM TO 5.30 PM**

**REGISTER HERE**

**Moderator**

**Dr. Somnath Singh**



# Major International Events

## UN Global Compact: Forward Faster Now | Asia & Oceania Event

The UN Global Compact hosted “Forward Faster Now | Asia & Oceania” on August 5–6, 2024. The event gathered nearly 500 participants, aiming to accelerate sustainable business practices in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With only 17% of the SDG targets on track, urgent action is needed. Over 270 companies in the region committed to the Forward Faster initiative, focusing on gender equality, climate action, living wages, finance, and water resilience.

### Key Sessions

- Investing for SDG Impact: Financial decisions driving sustainability transformation.
- Celebrating Innovation and Ambition: Young executives shaping the future of sustainability.
- Food Systems Sustainability: Strategies to future-proof food security in Asia-Pacific.
- Beyond Borders: Regulatory shifts influencing sustainability in the region.
- AI and Sustainability: Exploring AI’s potential in promoting sustainable development.

The event emphasized collaboration, innovation, and the need for bold commitments to drive positive change in Asia and Oceania.

The Asia & Oceania Participant Engagement Staff Retreat 2024 was also organized that brought together key leaders from the region to strengthen engagement strategies and address recruitment challenges. This retreat focused on fostering collaboration and developing innovative approaches to enhance participant engagement across Asia and Oceania.



## UNGA Week 2024

The 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly represents a significant milestone in the global endeavor to advance the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The much-anticipated Summit of the Future, which took place during UNGA, highlights the urgent need for enhanced international cooperation to tackle pressing challenges such as climate change, poverty, and inequality, as well as the impacts of ongoing conflicts and global health crises. From September 23 to 27, the UN Department of Global Communications hosted its flagship SDG Media Zone, featuring impactful interviews and dialogues on critical global issues that resonate with people everywhere. Mr. Ratnesh, Executive Director of UN Global Compact Network India, represented the India Network at various sessions, including the Summit of the Future, Climate Week deliberations, the Ocean Coalition, the CMO Forum, the anniversary celebrations of the adoption of the Tenth Principle, and discussions on Business and Human Rights and Global South dialogues.

Read more: <https://globalcompact.in/unga-week-2024/>

# Trainings & Webinar

## Special Value Proposition Open House Session

TA Special session led by Simiao You, Participant Engagement Senior Manager for Asia and Oceania, United Nations Global Compact co-hosted by India Network was held on July 23, 2024. This session was an excellent opportunity to dive deep into the unique value propositions offered by UN GCNI and how they can benefit your organization.

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## SDG Innovation Accelerator for Young Professionals



The Final Innovation Camp for the SDG Innovation Program, held on July 25th and 26th, 2024, via Zoom, was a pivotal event where participating teams showcased their SDG-focused pitches and received valuable expert feedback. The camp featured two sessions led by Dr. Sreerupa Sengupta and Dr. Prakash Singh from The Goa Institute of Management. The first session emphasized Solutions Testing and Validation, covering prototyping methods, impact management, and data collection strategies. In the second session, teams presented 7-8 minute pitches detailing the challenges they aimed to solve, the relevant SDGs, and their progress. Expert mentors, including Ms. Sunila Sahasrabudhe, Mr. Kumar Chandan, and Mr. Himanshu Arora, provided insightful feedback to refine the teams' ideas and presentation skills.

This camp was a vital platform for participants to enhance their innovations and align them with SDG objectives. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that a team from **JSW Cement Limited** has been selected to present their innovative solution on '**Biomass Utilization in the Indian Cement Industry**' at the prestigious 'Innovate for Impact' session during the UN Global Compact Leaders' Summit in New York on September 24, 2024, providing them with a significant opportunity to showcase their work to global leaders and industry experts.

## Climate Ambition Accelerator



In July 2024, the UN Global Compact Network India organized two sessions on GHG Accounting, focusing on Scopes 1, 2, and 3 emissions, led by experts from WSP. These sessions emphasized the significance of GHG emissions measurement and reporting using the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, facilitating participant engagement through Q&A segments. A GHG Practical Exercise followed, where teams calculated emissions for Java House Coffee Co. based on operational data. On September 6, the SBTi Expert Session highlighted the urgent need for corporate climate commitments, introducing new SBTi standards to aid businesses in setting targets. Additionally, on September 10 and 11, WSP Australia experts conducted a session on managing GHG emissions, discussing actionable strategies to reduce emissions across all scopes. These initiatives underscore the importance of science-based targets in advancing sustainability and achieving a net-zero future.

## Announcements

## UN Global Compact Network India Expands: New Office, Team, and Year-Round Learning Center in Noida

The UN Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI) is pleased to announce its significant growth, not only in terms of membership but also in its team. The organization has recently established a new office in World Trade Centre Noida, Sector 16, and is now equipped with a full-fledged, tech-savvy training infrastructure inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With this expansion, UN GCNI aims to become a year-round learning center, offering a range of training and capacity-building programs to support businesses and stakeholders in advancing sustainability efforts.

## Fostering Integrity: Strengthening Ethical Practices in the Pharma Industry

UN Global Compact Network India is organizing the first in a series of Innovation Meetings with Pharmaceuticals, starting in Mumbai, for understanding and deep-diving into compliances, regulations, industry best practices, and integrity. This event will be conjoined with the Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration, a voluntary and principles-based agreement by various parties across an economy's health system. These meetings aim to convene regularly and facilitate discussions that promote ethical business conduct across the industry.

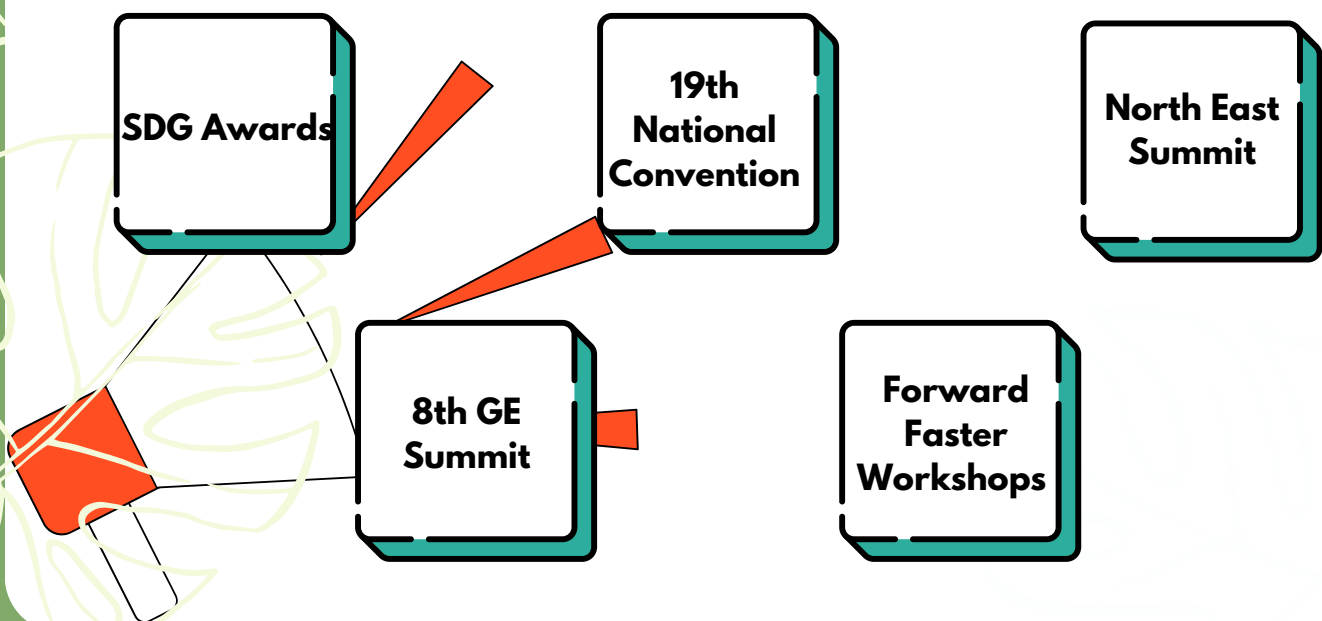
Theme: Fostering Integrity: Strengthening Ethical Practices in the Pharma Industry

Date: October 8, 2024

Time: Registration with tea begins at 9:00 AM. The event will run from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM, followed by lunch.

Venue: Hotel Meluha, Central Ave, Hiranandani Gardens, Powai, Mumbai

**COMING SOON!**



# Welcoming New Members

Pooma Educational Trust  
Schedio Scientific Private Limited  
Hardcastle Petrofer Private Limited  
CDE Asia Limited  
Fair Climate Fund India Private Limited  
Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.  
Global Pathfields (Global Collaboration Towards Human Development)  
Nexteng Enviro Private Limited  
Dalal Plastics Private Limited  
Styrax Pharma Private Limited  
V.K.A. Polymers Private Limited  
United Way of Hyderabad  
NOCIL Limited  
Godrej Consumer Products Limited  
Consortium for Dewats Dissemination  
Sonata Software Limited  
Oberoi Realty Limited  
Building Zero Consultants  
US Technology International Private Limited  
Techno Waxchem Private Limited  
Ecom Express Limited  
Synthimed Labs Private Limited  
IOL Chemicals And Pharmaceuticals Ltd  
JSW Energy Limited  
Eurocert Inspection Services Pvt Ltd  
Uflex Limited  
Muon India Private Limited  
Ballyfabs International Limited  
Paprsky Services Private Limited  
Ognibene India Pvt Ltd  
Vikram Solar Limited  
Ambuja Cements Limited  
Samvardhana Motherson International Limited  
Grasim Industries Limited (CFI) Unit - Century Rayon  
CA Parivaar Educational and Welfare Society  
Apex CoVantage India Private Limited  
Elios Management Consulting  
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