



ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

CHAPTER 2

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**THEME: EMBEDDING ESG FOR SUSTAINABLE AND
RESILIENT BUSINESS AND SUPPLY CHAINS**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



In today's rapidly evolving socio-economic landscape, the role of business in shaping India's sustainable growth trajectory is more critical than ever. With mounting pressures from climate risks, public health vulnerabilities, and dynamic global regulations, companies across sectors are being called upon not only to deliver profits, but to lead with purpose. Business performance is now deeply intertwined with responsible governance, transparency, ethical conduct, and social accountability—all of which form the core of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) frameworks.

Despite a robust regulatory environment and increased awareness, challenges such as fragmented ESG implementation, lack of supply chain traceability, and limited public health accountability continue to impact business resilience and national development indicators. Good governance, therefore, must transcend compliance and evolve into transformational governance—an approach grounded in inclusive leadership, systemic investment, and ethical innovation. This transformation empowers businesses to move beyond legal formalities and embed integrity, fairness, and sustainability across their operations and ecosystems.



The ESG and Sustainability Leadership Summit – Chapter 2, convened by UN Global Compact Network India aims to catalyze strategic conversations on embedding ESG into business DNA—from boardrooms to supply chains—and highlight its critical links to occupational and public health. The summit acknowledges the increasing relevance of the BRSR Core framework, digital ESG tools, and cross-sector collaboration in driving measurable impact.

India's commitment to sustainable development, inclusive growth, and resilient supply systems cannot be achieved without reimagining ESG as a strategic business and public health imperative. As organizations explore the interconnectedness of people, planet, and profit, ESG offers a framework that not only drives competitiveness but ensures long-term societal value.



This summit serves as a platform to engage stakeholders from corporates, government, technology, health, and civil society to co-develop the next frontier of responsible business. With discussions spanning from ESG laws and digital traceability to corporate health accountability and cultural transformation, the event is designed to elevate collective action and thought leadership. The outcomes are expected to align India's business community with global ESG benchmarks and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 (Health & Well-being), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption), SDG 13 (Climate Action) as well as SDG 16 and SDG 17.

Through this initiative, UN GCNI reaffirms its commitment to nurturing a business ecosystem that is resilient, transparent, inclusive, and future-ready.

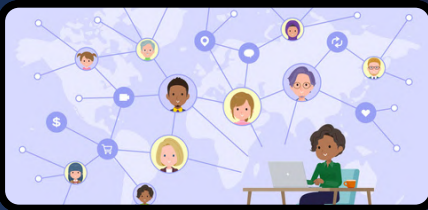


RATIONALE



In an era of interconnected global crises—ranging from climate instability and public health challenges to rising stakeholder expectations—businesses can no longer focus solely on financial returns. The conversation has decisively shifted toward responsibility, resilience, and long-term value creation. Investors, consumers, and regulators alike are demanding greater transparency into how businesses operate, treat people, impact the planet and govern themselves.

At the heart of this transformation is the ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) paradigm, which now serves as a critical benchmark for assessing corporate integrity, sustainability, and preparedness for the future. ESG is no longer viewed as a peripheral or compliance-driven tool but as a strategic framework to unlock innovation, reduce systemic risks, and align businesses with societal goals. As global ESG regulations continue to evolve—be it the EU's CSDDD or India's BRSR Core—corporates must deepen their understanding of how these frameworks interact with value chains, investments, and operational models.



Moreover, ESG's relevance is growing beyond finance into critical areas such as occupational safety, climate risk mitigation, ethical business conduct and public health. For business leaders, this requires a shift from fragmented or reactive ESG efforts to integrated, forward-looking strategies that build organisational resilience and stakeholder trust.

The ESG and Sustainability Leadership Summit – Chapter 2 offers a timely platform for cross-sectoral dialogue, learning, and collaboration. By bringing together voices from business, government, civil society, healthcare, and technology experts, the summit aims to facilitate a deeper understanding of how ESG principles—when embedded across business structures and supply chains—can serve as a force multiplier for sustainable growth.



Understanding the dynamic linkages between environmental, social, and economic systems, and leveraging data and digital tools for traceability and impact, will be key to building a just, inclusive, and climate-resilient economy. This summit empowers leaders to recognize these intersections and translate ESG commitments into action-oriented, measurable outcomes.



OBJECTIVES

This Summit sets out specific objectives to help organizations effectively operationalize ESG principles within business and supply chains and collaboratively address the challenges ahead.

Understand Regulatory Landscape

Provide clarity on global and Indian ESG regulations impacting both core operations and extended supply chains.

Demonstrate Business Value of ESG

Showcase ROI, cost savings, and risk mitigation achieved through ESG integration.

Promote Ethical Sourcing & Circular Economy

Highlight frameworks for responsible procurement and environmental stewardship.

Enable Digital ESG Transformation

Explore technologies like AI, blockchain, and IoT for ESG data, traceability, and reporting.

Build Industry Collaboration

Facilitate partnerships across sectors to scale collective action and systemic change.

Promote ESG as a Strategic Business and Health Imperative

Position ESG as a driver of not only business excellence but also health equity, climate resilience, and responsible sourcing

Advance Occupational and Public Health through ESG

Explore how ESG can support safer workplaces, climate-sensitive supply chains, pollution mitigation, and community health engagement

OUTCOMES

DELEGATES

Deepened integration of ESG, sustainability & health frameworks across business operations and supply chains, enhancing resilience and community well-being.

Global and National ESG Thought Leaders and Sustainability Strategists

Improved organizational preparedness for aligning with global ESG standards and sector-specific disclosure mandates, including BRSR Core and international benchmarks.

Chief Procurement and Supply Chain Officers (CPOs)

Expanded adoption of ESG-enabling digital platforms, including tools for traceability, impact measurement, and real-time monitoring of health and sustainability metrics.

Regulatory Experts (SEBI, EU ESG Authorities, MoEFCC, BRSR Core Experts)

Enhanced multi-stakeholder collaboration to foster sector-wide commitments and coordinated actions aligned with sustainability goals.

Leaders from Multilateral Organizations (UNGC, OECD, ILO)

Strengthened business capacity for ethical governance, transparency, and accountability, with a focus on public health, climate, and responsible sourcing.

Innovators in ESG Technology, Blockchain, and AI

Accelerated progress toward key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially:

**SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being
SDG 6 – Clean water and Sanitation
SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth
SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production
SDG 13 – Climate Action
SDG 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
SDG 17 – Partnership for the Goals**

Sustainability Professors from Premier Institutions, Corporate Executives showcasing ESG transformation success stories, Public Health & Sustainability Experts

AGENDA

TIME : 10 AM TO 5 PM

Inaugural Session (Inauguration by **Hon'ble Minister** accompanied by business Leaders)

Plenary 1

Driving ESG Compliance through Digital Innovation (AI) and Evolving Regulations

Plenary 2

Smart ESG – Sustainable Water Management: A Key to Resilient Business and Supply Chains

Fireside Chat

C-Suite in Action – Leading ESG Across Value Chains
Corporate leaders on supplier readiness and ESG ROI

Plenary 3

Sustainability & Public Health – Strengthening Corporate Accountability
Linking ESG with pollution, health equity, and climate impacts

Plenary 4

Embedding ESG in Business DNA – Road to Sustainable Excellence
Culture, KPIs, board-level ESG, industry transformation.

Theme based Cultural Program

Cultural Performance by ICCR & Ministry of External Affairs

MORE DETAILS

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