



# Network India

## ESG and Sustainability Leadership Summit -Chapter 2

Theme: Embedding ESG for Sustainable and Resilient Business and Supply Chains

Format: In-Person

Venue: PHD House, Delhi

Timing: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Tentative)

Organized by: UN Global Compact Network India

## About the Event:

This summit aims to bring together key stakeholders from government, corporates, think tanks, and sustainability leaders to discuss how ESG can be embedded into the DNA of businesses. The event will address regulatory frameworks, tech innovations, health impacts, and leadership actions shaping ESG-led transformation of supply chains and corporate strategies.

## Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Topic	Sectors Involved
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Inaugural Session:</b> Setting the Vision for ESG Excellence	<b>Welcome Address:</b> ED, UN GCNI  <b>Opening remarks and summit context:</b> – UN GCNI  <b>Theme Address:</b> CEO/Chairperson from Summit Partners – Strategic theme from industry lens.  <b>Special Address by the Chief Guest/Guest of Honour:</b>  National ESG policy vision.  ESG-Driven Leadership: Unlocking Growth and Resilience in Business and MSMEs  <b>Regulatory Leadership Address:</b>  Policy shifts in disclosures and expectations.  <b>Institutional Address:</b>  ESG governance culture.  <b>Global Sustainability Vision:</b>	Cross-sectoral (Government, UN organizations, Regulator organization, Corporate Leaders)

		ESG and SDGs in the global economy.  <b>Closing &amp; Felicitation:</b>	
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>Plenary Session 1:</b>  Driving ESG Compliance through Digital Innovation (AI) and Evolving Regulations	This session will delve into how the fusion of evolving ESG regulations and emerging digital innovations—especially AI—are redefining the compliance landscape. With mandates like SEBI's BRSR Core and global frameworks (e.g., CSRD, SEC climate disclosures), organizations must move beyond manual reporting to adopt intelligent, automated, and traceable ESG systems.  <b>Discussion Points:</b> Leveraging AI and digital platforms to streamline ESG reporting and assurance. Role of technology in interpreting and adapting to BRSR Core, CSRD, and SEC disclosures. Enhancing ESG traceability across supply chains through blockchain and IoT. Addressing sector-specific challenges in digital ESG adoption and Improving reporting quality.	Government, ESG Think Tanks, Business Leaders, UN Organizations
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>Plenary Session 2:</b>  Smart ESG – Sustainable Water Management: A Key to Resilient Business and Supply Chains	This session will focus on how water sustainability is emerging as a critical ESG priority for businesses.  <b>Discussion Points:</b> From water risk mapping to smart metering and circular water use, companies are increasingly leveraging digital solutions and nature-based strategies to ensure water security across operations and supply	Technology Firms, Supply Chain Leaders, ESG Startups, Climate Risk Experts

		chains. The discussion will highlight innovative practices in industrial water stewardship, the role of water governance in ESG disclosures, and how businesses can mitigate climate-related water risks to build resilience and long-term value.	
12:30 PM - 13:30 PM	Lunch Break	Networking and informal discussions.	
13:30 PM - 14:15 PM	<b>Fireside Chat:</b> C-Suite in Action – Leading ESG Across Value Chains	This fireside discussion brings together top corporate leaders and sustainability visionaries to explore how the C-Suite is redefining business value through environmental stewardship and ESG-led supply chain transformation. Key themes include integrating environment and water targets into core strategy, building supplier ESG-readiness, incentivizing sustainability leadership, and innovating to align profitability with planetary responsibility.	Cement, FMCG, Textiles, Pharma, Automotive, Heavy Industries
14:15 PM - 15:00 PM	<b>Plenary Session 3:</b> Sustainability & Public Health – Strengthening Corporate Accountability	A thought-provoking discussion with public health experts, sustainability leaders, and industry representatives from pharmaceuticals, food & beverage, manufacturing, and chemicals sectors. The panel will explore how companies are expanding ESG strategies to include occupational health, community well-being, and climate-related health risks.  <b>Topics:</b> Environmental pollution & health, health	Pharmaceuticals, Food & Beverage, Chemicals, Manufacturing

		equity & access, safer workplaces, climate change & disease burden, and ESG disclosure on health metrics.	
15:00 PM - 15:15 PM	Tea/Coffee Break	Refreshments and informal networking	
15:15 PM - 16:00 PM	<b>Plenary Session 4:</b>  Embedding ESG in Business DNA – The Road to Sustainable Excellence	Discuss long-term ESG embedding within strategy, KPIs, operations, and culture—making ESG part of organizational DNA and a driver for competitive advantage.  <b>Themes:</b> Cultural integration and change management, linking ESG to long-term profitability, ESG capacity-building and upskilling, ESG as a boardroom metric, and how companies can lead systemic industry change.	Business Association Corporates, UN Organization, ESG and Sustainability Advisory Groups
16:00 PM - 16:45 PM	Valedictory Session & Launch of Theme Paper	Launch of “Theme Paper on ESG Leadership.” Concluding remarks by GCNI, special address by government and business leaders. Final call for sustainable collaboration and collective industry action.	Government Ministries, Corporate Leaders, UN GCNI, Knowledge Partners
16:45 PM – 17:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Vote of Thanks and Way Forward	UN GCNI
17:00 PM	<b>Cultural Program</b>		