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ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT CHAPTER -2

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



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**PHD HOUSE, NEW DELHI
AUGUST 20TH, 2025
9:30 AM to 5 PM**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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.

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.



OBJECTIVE

- **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.



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 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.

In this transformation is the ESG (The 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.

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.

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.



Agenda

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

Plenary 1

ESG as a Strategic Business Lever for Resilience

Plenary 2

Digital ESG Transformation

Ideas in Motion: Ignite Talks on ESG & Innovation

TED-Style Talks & Best Practices Presentations

Plenary Session 3

*ESG in Healthcare – Building Resilient, Equitable, and
ustainable Health Systems*

Masterclass

Next-Gen ESG Leaders

Valedictory:

Closing Reflections & Way Forward

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