Within the thematic area “Governance” and “Cooperation with the Private Sector”, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH was commissioned in 2015 by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to initiate the Alliance for Integrity, a global initiative with the goal to strengthen transparency and integrity in the economic system. It builds on and enables existing institutions and structures wherever and whenever possible to mainstream business integrity. The initiative is present across five geographies.

Alliance for Integrity and GCNI-CEGET see each other as natural partners in strengthening work around the 10th UNGC Principle in India, especially in mainstreaming the agenda of integrity and transparency in the business sector. GCNI-CEGET is a member of the Advisory group of Alliance for Integrity India (AFIN), which enables companies, their business partners and other relevant actors in the economic system to improve their compliance capacities, in order to prevent and combat corruption.

Mr. Arya Dev, Program Analyst (Legal), participated in AFIN’s workshop for Advisory Group on Design Thinking for vision 2025 in New Delhi on 6th June 2019.

Further, a meeting between Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Director, CEGET and Ms. Claudia Lorek, Regional Manager, ASIA & Deputy Director, GIZ took place at CEGET on 11th June 2019 to develop partnership between AFIN (GIZ- Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and CEGET.
To explore partnership opportunity with Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC) Mr. Somnath Singh, Program Manager and Mr. Arya Dev, Program Analyst (Legal), CEGET had a meeting with the representatives of Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC) in Delhi on 11th June 2019. A discussion was made about the focus working areas of IGCC i.e. CSR sustainability, SDGs promotion (especially SDG 5 Gender Equality; SDG 12-Responsible Consumption and Production and SDG 13 -Climate Action) and Annual Sustainability Award.

Mr. Sebastian Sonksen, Coordinator, Sustainability at IGCC and Ms. Shivani Chaturvedi, Assistant General Manager, DE International talked about the need of partnership/collaboration between IGCC and CEGET for helping IGCC in its strengthening sustainability in businesses/CSR initiative and other initiatives. Mr. Somnath Singh shared about CEGET’s initiative towards promoting collective action of Industry and Start-Ups for Co-development.
American India Foundation Trust (AIFT) hosted a closing public seminar conference on “Connecting Communities - Bridging Culture” in Delhi on 28th June 2019.

William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India is one of the signature programs of AIFT. Over the past 19 years, they have deployed over 470 Fellows from the US and India to work across 23 states of India. Throughout the program, strong person to person ties are built between US and Indian citizens, and the Alumni move on to become leaders in the global development space. This year’s class consisted of 19 Fellows: 12 Americans and 7 Indians.

Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Director CEGET was invited as guest speaker at the event. Ms. Siddiqui talked about the importance of cultivating excellence through building of trust, compassion and an active network, committed to the causes the fellows believed in. She launched the AIF Yearbook-2018-19 which is a documentation of the Fellows’ journeys and projects in partnership with local development organizations.
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To assist with performance of a risk assessment, the Toolkit:
  o Provides road maps for conducting infrastructure sector risk assessments;
  o Identifies information that must be gathered to complete an assessment;
  o Provides MS – Excel based live tools for obtaining information at the ground level from various stakeholders and compiling them into the tool to obtain risk scores based on perceptions of likelihood and impact of those risk factors.

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