Conference on Digitalization in Compliance Management: The Way Forward

GCNI CEGET signed a Knowledge Partnership Memorandum of Understanding with Alliance for Integrity (AFIN) to promote prevention of corruption in the private sector and improve the framework conditions for compliant and clean business by mainstreaming business integrity. The MoU outlines collaborative knowledge sharing and capacity building of both public and private sector companies to have robust compliance programmes and to have mechanisms for prevention of corruption. A conference on Digitalization in Compliance Management: The way forward, was organized on 1st November 2019 in Delhi wherein chief executives of government, senior representatives from private sector and legal experts shared their knowledge and ideas to strengthen compliance management through digitalization.

During the panel discussion following points came into the notice…

- Digital Compliance Management is good if we have tools, resources, guidelines and framework in place.
- Digital compliance tools should help in bridging the gaps in compliance management.
- People keen to implement digital compliance management system should be passionate and available.
• Business integrity has two pillars i.e. Ethics and Compliance which needs to be maintained.
• There major elements of compliance management are – Capacity building, adequate Business Case, Governance, Accountability and Transparency.

**3rd Business Biodiversity Alliance for India (BBAI):**
**A Roundtable on Strategic Planning and Way Forward**

CEGET and VNV Advisory Services organized the 3rd Roundtable of Business Biodiversity Alliance for India (BBAI) on 13th November 2019 in Mumbai. The purpose of establishing alliance is to work towards leveraging greater collective investments and partnerships to scale up and replicate good practices of conservation across the country. Learning from the past 2 BBAI roundtables held in Delhi and Bangalore in September and October 2019 respectively, were shared and the strategies to move ahead were discussed.

Mr. Anirban Ghosh, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group; Mr. Pratyush Kumar Panda, Vice President & Head-Corporate Citizenship, ACC Limited ; Ms. Shipra Sharma, Head-CSR & Sustainability, Larsen & Tourbo Infotech Ltd.; Mr. Sujoy Banerjee, Chief Conservator of Forests & Wildlife (East), Gonda, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan from Flemingo Travels were present at the program and shared their ideas and suggestions to take the BBAI initiative forward through collective action.

**Prioritizing SDG/s for Thane Smart City: A Design Workshop**
CEGET-GCNI got into a partnership with Thane Smart City (TSCL) and signed an MoU on 31st May 2019 to provide TSCL with its assessment on SDG parameters and advisory to develop TSCL as a world class Sustainable City in India, in a transparent and accountable manner.

As per the project deliverables, CEGET-GCNI organized a Design Workshop on 13th November 2019 at the office of Municipal corporation, Thane/Maharashtra wherein 30 stakeholders/representatives from Thane municipal administration & subject experts participated.

Mr. Shankar Jadhav and Mr. Bhimrao Tupe from The Institute of Cultural Affairs: India (ICAI) facilitated the workshop and helped participants to prioritize the SDG/s for TSCL.

The City Leader and the participants acknowledged that for the successful implementation of the projects/initiatives, there is a need for structured evaluation model and SDGs assessment for the city and therefore they appreciated the contents shared by CEGET-GCNI in the workshop.

Design workshop provided an opportunity to the participants/ stakeholders to understand the objectives, targets and complexities of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the need of Thane Smart City for SDGs. Also, it has provided a roadmap to develop a robust and sustainable collective action for city development.

**Exploring Partnership with Alliance for End of Plastic Waste (AEPW)**

CEGET facilitated site visits of global representatives of AEPW, along with a team of industry experts from BASF, Reliance Industries, Gemini Corporation and Geocycle, as well as subject experts from National Chemical Laboratory and Steps consulting, to the municipalities of Thane and Navi Mumbai.

The site visit included exploratory meetings with the senior officials of Thane and Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporations to understand their pain points vis-à-vis end to end waste management and potential for businesses to provide solutions, as well as visits to collection and composting site and landfills.

**Interaction between UNGC and GCNI teams**

Ms. Neha Das, Senior Manager, Global Operations, UN Global Compact Asia & Oceania interacted with GCNI team on 26th November 2019 at our UNESCO office in
Delhi. Ms. Das updated GCNI team of the various UNGC initiatives and programmes and apprised the local network team about the Young SDG Innovators Programme, which is an opportunity for participating companies of the UN Global Compact to identify young talent within their organizations to collaborate and accelerate business innovation towards the SDGs.

Ms. Neha also gave a presentation and answered the questions on the UN Global Compact Knowledge Sharing System (KSS), Local Network Hub and Igloo community platforms.

**Contributing to GCNI’s Membership and Visibility**

Pravin Masalewale is known as the Tastemakers of India since 1962 and has been serving millions of food lovers worldwide through its brand “SUHANA”.

Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Director, CEGET had a meeting with Mr. Vishal Chordia, Director, Praveen Masalewale on 29th November 2019 to explore partnership with the brand and invited them to become GCNI member. Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui shared an overview of CEGET and GCNI and briefed Mr. Chordia about the benefits that GCNI provides to its members in terms of branding, visibility, networking and capacity building.