Lise Kingo, CEO and Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact, demitted office on 1st June 2020, after successfully completing 5 years with UNGC. Around 200 people from UNGC’s local networks and business partners from across the world attended the farewell ceremony and thanked Lise Kingo for her commitment, passion, determination, and leadership that she has demonstrated to achieve UNGC’s goals. Everyone also wished her for her bright and successful future ahead. People showed their love and respect for Ms. Lise Kingo by sharing the pictures of various events and programmes that Ms. Kingo had witnessed.
The baton of leadership has been passed on to another remarkable woman, Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, a Kenyan business leader who will take charge on June 17, 2020. Ms. Ojiambo brings 20 years of experience to lead the Global Compact in its next phase, mobilize a global movement of sustainable companies and stakeholders, and bring the full weight of the private sector to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ms. Ojiambo, served as Head of Sustainable Business and Social Impact at Safaricom PLC, in Kenya, since 2010, and as Senior Manager of the Safaricom and MPESA Foundations from 2008 until 2010, during which time she led the implementation of several public-private partnership initiatives between Safaricom and United Nations entities.
The Leaders’ Summit is a unique opportunity for UNGC to reach a global audience of sustainability influencers and showcase their commitment to UNGC’s shared vision. Through this platform, UNGC lets the world know that business leaders are acting for a more sustainable future and inspiring many others to act.

This year’s UN Global Compact Leaders’ Summit marks 20 years of uniting business for a better world. Taking place virtually on 15–16 June 2020, the Leaders’ Summit promises to be bigger, better, and more inclusive than any physical event. The high-level programme will ‘chase the sun’ to allow our participants and Global Compact Local Networks to participate in their own time zones. An unlimited number of representatives from over 10,000 companies and 3,000+ non-business participants will join this virtual Summit. By uniting in the business of a better world, we can recover better, recover stronger and recover together.

Global Compact Network India (GCNI) recognizes the power of uniting business as a critical means to not only respond but also recover, rebuild, and resurge stronger from the impact of Corona. The India Session will showcase Indian Best Practices and inspiring case studies on how India Inc plans to use the current learning from COVID 19 to sustain to the New Normal in the near future.

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In the News

Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Director, CEGET was elected as Vice Chair Advisory Group of Alliance for Integrity, India (AfIn).

The Alliance for Integrity is a business-driven, multi-stakeholder initiative seeking to promote transparency and integrity in the economic system. To achieve this goal, it fosters collective action of all relevant actors from the private sector, the public sector and civil society.

The Alliance for Integrity is a platform that offers practical solutions to strengthen the compliance capacities of companies and their supply chains. In addition, the Alliance for Integrity contributes to the improvement of framework conditions by fostering dialogue between the public and private sectors.

It is the only business-driven, global multi-stakeholder initiative initiated by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Federation of German Industries (BDI) and the German Global Compact Network and is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

Currently AfIN operates out of Germany, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, and Ghana.

Global Compact and AfIN Networks have strong connections and crossovers in all countries of operation.

Anti-Corruption Collective Action Playbook

To enhance the knowledge, understanding and capacity of Local Networks on Anti-Corruption Collective Action, the United Nations Global Compact, is developing an Anticorruption Collective Action Playbook, to mainstream the understanding and uptake of Collective Action. The definition of Collective Action that the playbook will focus on is “Collective action is a collaborative and sustained process of cooperation between stakeholders.”
It increases the impact and credibility of individual action, brings vulnerable individual players into an alliance of like-minded organizations and levels the playing field between competitors. Collective action can complement or temporarily substitute for and strengthen weak local laws and anti-corruption practices.”

The Playbook will include Collective Action Initiatives sought through multi-stakeholder dialogues, and have guidelines on formation of advisory group, reporting, training tools and extensive strategies for private sector involvement in aligning mutual interests, challenges & collective vision of the Networks.

CEGET has participated in two of the Consultations on the Playbook and looks forward to sharing it with their stakeholders towards the end of 2020.

This initiative is part of the Siemens Integrity Initiative Third Funding Round Project, being implemented by UNGC.

The Integri-TEA Series with Women Entrepreneurs: Promoting Prevention of Corruption and Improving Business Integrity
Alliance for Integrity (AfIN) has organized **Integri-Tea** sessions with women entrepreneurs of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, and Mizoram in May-June 2020.

In this session Afin facilitates informal conversations with women entrepreneurs and tries to provide them a comfort and trust zone to discuss issues related to compliances.

Depending on need, a follow up specific session on contract management, IPR, GST, would be conducted. The overall outcome of these sessions will focus on networking and capacity building.

Similar sessions have been planned in Argentina, Brazil, Ghana and Indonesia, the idea being that the women entrepreneurs of the world unite.