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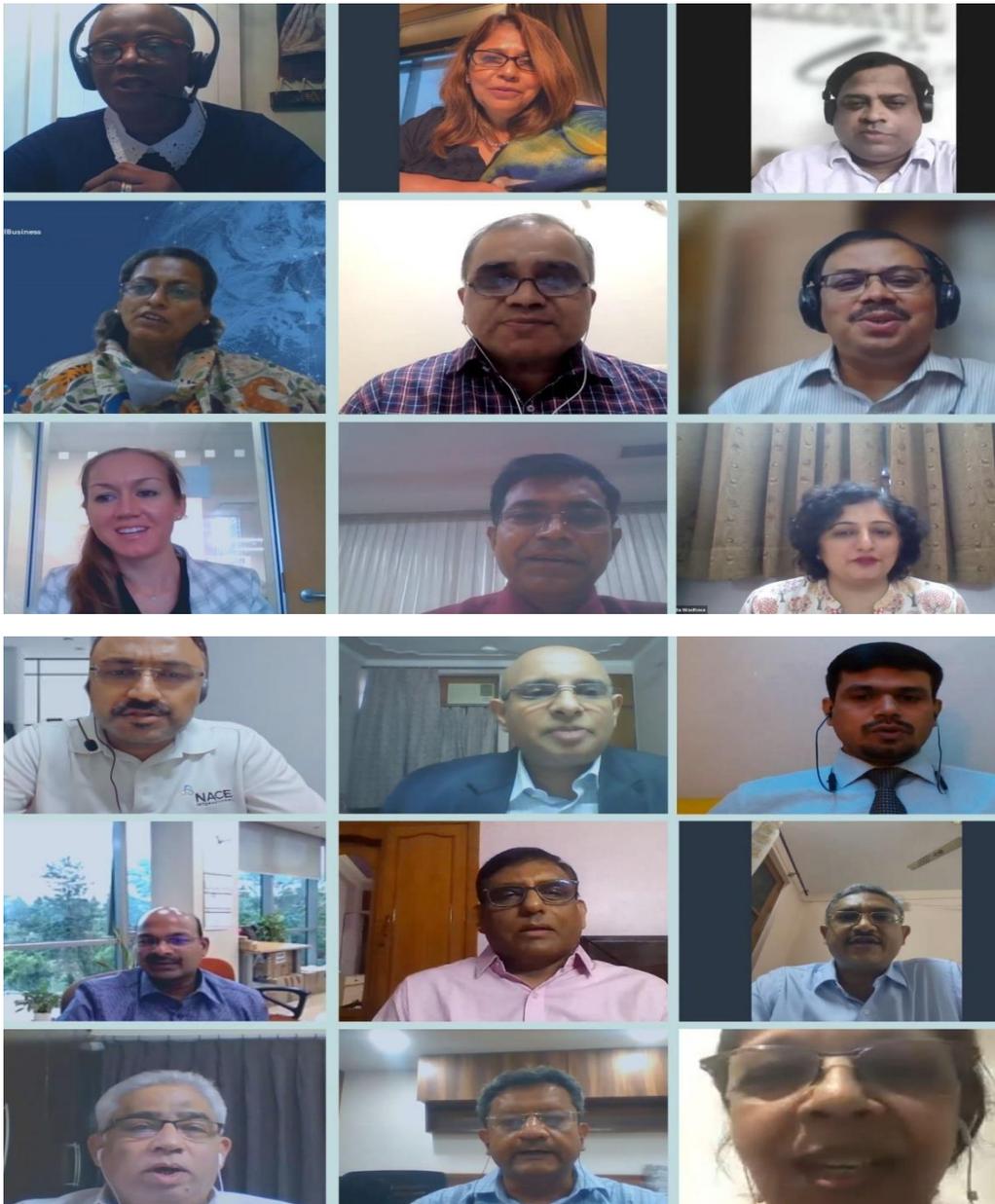## Network India

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Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks
2nd Consultation Meeting of ACCA Working Group

Healthcare in India has emerged as one of the largest sectors - both in terms of employment and revenue. India, being one of the most populous countries of the world, needs a very robust infrastructure, universal health coverage and monitored service delivery mechanisms to have access to quality health care services. However, healthcare is the most corrupt service sector in India where almost everybody in the country has been a victim of some form of graft or malpractice.

Transparency & accountability is a critical tool that can help transform the way a nation's health system operates. Making information available publicly can improve competition among health providers, which in turn can indirectly improve quality of care. A good governance and collective action approach will not only help in assessing healthcare challenges but also it will help to improve the quality of life of people by preventing corruption through healthcare system strengthening.

Global Compact Network India (GCNI) under UNGC's supported 'Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks' project formed an ACCA Working Group to strengthen Healthcare Sector in India by promoting transparency and accountability in healthcare value chain through collective action. Taking ACCA initiative /project to the next level, GCNI hosted the 1st consultation meeting with ACCA working group on July 15, 2021wherein all the members were oriented on ACCA project/initiative and their active engagement in taking ACCA agenda forward.

Moving ahead, GCNI virtually hosted the 2nd Consultation of ACCA Working Group on August 31, 2021 wherein 26 ACCA Working Group members from potential sectors (Corporates, SMEs, CSOs, Academia & Research Institutes) had participated and shared their views and suggestions with regard to their ownership and engagement in ACCA project and development of Project Roadmap.

The consultation meeting started with a welcome address to the senior representatives from UNGC, ACCA working group members and GCNI team by Ms. Sunita Sule, Corporate Affairs Director South Asia, BASF and Chair, CEGET/Project Advisory Committee, GCNI.

Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Chief, Intergovernmental Relations & Africa, UNGC shared an overview of Anti-Corruption Collective Action (Origin and importance) and its history at UNGC. Besides this, she had shared UNGC's ACCA journey during the last ten years.

Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Executive Director, GCNI spoke on the Need and Importance of ACCA in India. She had also shared her experience and learnings from various Anti-Corruption Collective Action projects/initiatives of Global Compact Network India.

Ms. Ashley Ann Demming, Manager, Anti-Corruption, UNGC talked about the Current UNGC-ACCA Project (Objectives and Major Deliverables) and Role of ACCA Working

Group in the Project. She encouraged the working group members and provided them guidance for the development of the project roadmap.

Ms. Sunanda Wadhwa, Lead, Business Compliance at Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd and nominated ACCA working group member shared the summary of discussion and highlighted the major decisions taken in the meeting.

Dr. Somnath Singh, Project Lead, GCNI moderated this 2nd consultation meeting of ACCA working group. To set the tone of the consultation meeting he recapped the key learnings and way forward from the 1st consultation of ACCA working group which took place on July 15 2021 and then he facilitated the discussion between the speakers and the participants throughout the meeting. The participants (WG Members) came forward and shared the corruption challenges and possible solutions to strengthen the Healthcare sector in India.

Discussion was focused on …

- Understanding the need and importance of ACCA to scale up collective action.
- Strengthening ACCA Working Group ownership and engagement.
- Outlining the role of the ACCA Working Group in ACCA project/initiative.
- Involvement of ACCA WG members in developing project roadmap.
- Identification and engagement of diverse stakeholders in ACCA initiative/activities.

The second consultation of ACCA Working Group not only enhanced the knowledge of the ACCA working group on ACCA initiative but also it has provided them clarity and guidance for the development of project roadmap.
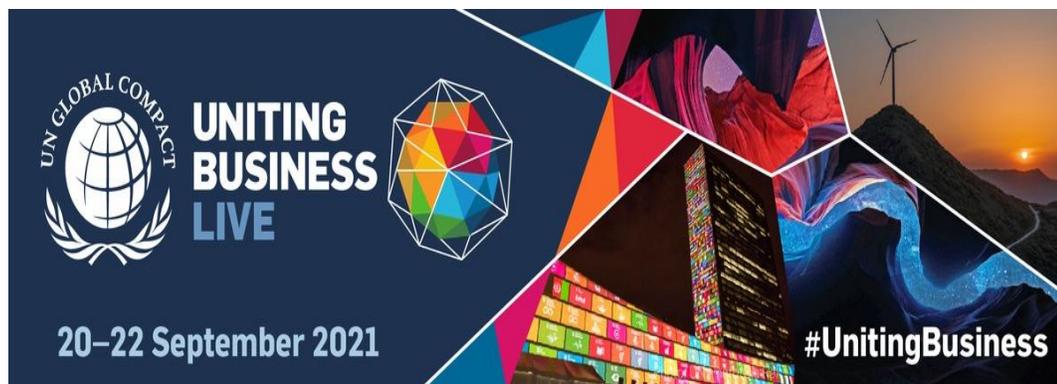
In the conclusion remark, Ms. Sunita Sule, Chair, CEGET (Project) Advisory Committee, GCNI delivered the vote of thanks to the distinguished speakers from UNGC for their insights and constant support and ACCA Working Group members for their active committed engagement in the project. Also, she appreciated Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui for her wonderful leadership and GCNI's project team comprising Dr. Somnath Singh and Mr. Arya Dev for implementing the project successfully and achieving project's deliverables.

The Plug-In meetings are intended to provide a bi-weekly opportunity for reflections and discussions on key projects and events relevant to all colleagues of Global Compact across the world. Local Networks of United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) share updates on an activity, initiative or event for brief discussion. At UNGC's Plug-In-Meeting on August 31, 2021 Mr. Arya Dev, Programme Analyst, Global Compact Network, India (GCNI) shared local perspectives, activities carried out in the wake of the covid pandemic and the future plans of GCNI under its Anti-corruption Collective Action initiative.

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