LEVERAGING CSR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS - HOW INDIA CAN LEAD THE WAY

**Globally** 

The 2nd Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Summit was held on December 19, 2018, at Hotel Sahara Star, Mumbai. The event was organized by UN Global Compact India, with the support of several partner organizations, including Tata Trust and Dr. Subramanya Kusnur, Chairman of Foundations, (UN) Independent Director Linde, India; Prabhat Pani, Head - Axis Bank Foundation; Naghma Mulla, COO, EdelGive Foundation; Dr. Shalini Sarin, Sightful, and Independent Director, the Netherlands; Chair ISA Global Youth Summit 2018 and National champion was Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL).

**Partnerships & Technology**

The summit aimed to study the current scenario in India and provide a platform for a discussion on how Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) can be integrated with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and what is the optimum use of it.

The key topic of the summit was exclusive Case Studies presentation on "Challenging the Gender Equality Summit in India – we know there has been a better time to live in a woman's world. A lot is being done in the area of gender equality, and still a huge gap exists. It's a great country to be in to do good for the society by doing good."

**Leveraging CSR for SDGs**

Over 250 delegates from the Public & Private Sector, Academia, Industry, Government, and CSOs participated in the Summit across India. The session on SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing was chaired by Mohini Daljeet Singh, Chair, Professor, Organisational Behaviour, MDI Gurgaon; Deep Chandra Papnoi, Programme Manager, BIMTECH; Prasad Chaudhari, Assistant Professor, Organisational Behaviour, MIT Sloan School of Management; Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, President, Global Science and Technology Foundation; Dr. H Chaturvedi, Director, BIMTECH; Prabhat Pani, Head, Axis Bank Foundation; and Vaishali Sinha, Chief Sustainability, CSR and Communications Officer, ReNew Power Ltd.

**Volunteer Activities**

The summit highlighted the impact of various CSR activities in India, with several companies receiving recognition. The launch of GRI-UNGC Reporting Tool was a key highlight. The Summit was a success in bringing together various stakeholders from the private and public sectors to discuss the importance and challenges of implementing CSR activities for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Case Study**

The summit also featured a Case Study presentation on "Bridging the Gap: CSR to SDGs." The case study was presented by Dr. Shalini Sarin, Sightful, and Independent Director, the Netherlands. The study highlighted the challenges and opportunities in bridging CSR with SDGs, focusing on the importance of collaboration and strategic alignment to achieve sustainable development goals.

**Conclusion**

The summit concluded with a panel discussion on the future of CSR and SDGs in India. The panelists agreed that there is a need for greater collaboration between the public and private sectors to make significant progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India. The summit was a success in bringing together various stakeholders from the private and public sectors to discuss the importance and challenges of implementing CSR activities for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Key Takeaways**

1. The need for greater collaboration between the public and private sectors to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
2. The importance of strategic alignment and collaboration to drive sustainable development initiatives.
3. The role of CSR in bridging the gap between private and public sectors.

The summit provided a platform for discussing the role of CSR in driving sustainable development objectives and highlighted the importance of collaboration and strategic alignment in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India.