

## **IILM\_International Conference**

IILM Institute for Higher Education, in collaboration with UN Global Compact's PRME (Principles for Responsible Management Education) Initiative organized its Third International Conference on "Responsible Management Education Training and Practice" on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at IILM Lodhi Road Campus New Delhi.

The Opening Plenary session of the Conference was addressed by Dr. BhaskarChatterjee, Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and EU Ambassador to India, His Excellency Mr. Tomasz Kozlowski.

In his welcome address, Prof. RakeshChaudhry, Senior Director IILM highlighted the active role IILM plays in executive education. He also shared the various Global Study Programs IILM provides to its students. He referred to a great quote by Nelson Mandela in his speech - "*Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world*". The key focus of this Conference was to create awareness of United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among companies, policy makers, NGOs, and business schools.

His Excellency Mr. Tomasz Kozlowski, highlighted Why the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs are important for the international community, a new paradigm for a development blueprint that is sustainable, integration of poverty. He also discussed SDGs implementation and interlinkages with other global commitments in complex world. He also discussed - What evolving role the EU sees for civil society and in particular for the private sector ("governments cannot do this alone"), The Global Partnership and the business case for SDGs (increasing obligations for European businesses on Corporate Social Responsibility).

Dr. BhaskarChatterjee, Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs enthralled the audience with his memorable address. He highlighted that implementing UN Sustainable Development Goals with its numerous targets was not an easy

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job, but in interest of coming generations, all countries should work towards these. Dr. BhaskarChatterjee stressed the need to adopt a very different approach to achieve the 17 SDG's and encouraged the students that a lot rests on their shoulders for bringing the change. He added a few points about the role of business can play using the new mandate of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in India.

Ms. FlorenciaLibrizzi of UN Global Compact PRME New York emphasized the importance of B-Schools to partner with organizations for the development to take place keeping environment in mind.

The three days conference Agenda covers sessions on Equitable Education and Lifelong Learning, Gender equality, empowering women and girls, Skills Development for Employment & Sustainable Economic Growth, Sustainable consumption and production patterns , Actions to combat climate change and its impacts, and Building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.

Ms. Geetanjali Gaur, Programme Executive, NFCSR also represented Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) in the International Conference with DG&CEO.