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Interaction meeting with the Delegation from Ghana – 10th October 2023



WOMEN LEADERSHIP
Coffee Connect Session
31st October 2023, 4-5:30 pm





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Country President
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GUEST SPEAKER



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SUSTAINABILITY
PEAKS
TALK #8

**GREEN HYDROGEN:
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**



Wednesday, 18th October 2023 **4.30 pm - 5.45 pm**



Speaker
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10th October 2023

Interaction Meeting with the Delegation from Ghana

The Ghana Jobs and Economic Transformation (JET) programme delegation along with representatives of the Ghana Investment Centre, and industry members from Ghana from the automotive, pharmaceuticals and textile sectors met with members of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry on October 10, 2023 at the MCCI Conference room.

The main agenda was to discuss the potentials for bilateral trade and Investment between Ghana and Tamil Nadu in particular and India in general. The focus sectors were manufacturing, automobile, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals and textiles.

Mr. J.Krishnan, Chairman, International Cooperation Committee welcomed the delegation.



Mr Eugene Tettey Sangmorte, the Team Leader of the UK Ghana JET programme said, “We are here to forge deeper relationships with companies in Tamil Nadu, to take advantage of the burgeoning opportunities in Ghana and the AfCTA (African Continental Free Trade Agreement) through investments, partnerships and bilateral trade agreements.”

Mr Edmund Ofoli Onyame, Senior Investment Promotion Officer, Ghana Investment Centre, assured the Tamil Nadu industry representatives, “Ghana is ready to facilitate investment into all key sectors with incentives of tax holidays, import duty waivers and specific policy designed to promote investment and integration with focus sectors.” They also took questions on current trade regulations, export regulations and other concerns that were expressed by the Tamil Nadu industry representatives.

The delegation provided information on how AFCFTA (African continental free trade area agreement) works and how Indian manufacturers can take advantage of growing business throughout African continent by working through Ghana. The forthcoming trade mission from India to Ghana was elaborated during the meeting.



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11th October 2023

Interaction Meeting with the Registrar of Companies



As part of the expert committee on Company Law, an interaction meeting with Mr. B.Srikumar Registrar of Companies was organised at the MCCI Conference room. Dr.B.Ravi, Past Chairman, MCCI Company Law Committee & Managing Partner, B Ravi & Associates made a formal introduction of the Guest. Mr. Srikumar addressed the members and explained the rationale behind the V3 portal establishment and made a few observations. The members clarified the issues in the interaction meeting. Ms B Chandra, Past Co-Chair, MCCI Company Law Committee & Partner, B Chandra and Associates made the closing remarks and proposed a formal vote of thanks. About 30 members from the committee attended the meeting.



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The Chamber under the auspices of the Sustainable Chennai Forum, organises a monthly Talk Series on Sustainability covering a gamut of subjects under the four pillars of sustainability, namely, human, social, economic and environment.

The Sustainability Speaks Series Talk #8 was scheduled virtually on 18th October 2023.

Ms. K.Saraswathi, Secretary General of the Chamber welcomed the speaker and the participants. Mr. S. Venkatachalam introduced the speaker. Mr.S.Sunderajan, Former Managing Director, Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd. addressed on the topic "Green Hydrogen – Opportunities & Challenges". He made a detailed presentation and answered the queries of the participants. Around 100 participants attended the session. Mr. T. Shivaraman, Past Coffee President of the Chamber proposed the formal vote of thanks.



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31st October 2023
Women Leadership Coffee Connect Session

The Chamber, under the auspices of the Women Business Council, organised the Virtual Women Leadership Coffee Connect Session on 31st October 2023.

The primary aim of this session is to connect with women leaders across different fields, learn from their stories, ideas and insights as to how they broke the glass ceiling and climbed the ladder of success.

Ms. Madhri Guruswamy, Co-Chair, Women Business Council welcomed and introduced the speakers.

Ms. Meenakshi Nevatia, Country President, Pfizer India was the Guest Speaker and Mr T R Kesavan, President, MCCI, led the conversation with her.

Ms. Meenakshi shared her experiences working in Mckinsey, Novartis, Pfizer india, working overseas in different countries, working in her father's business, her leadership roles, work life balance, prioritising in life to be successful, gender equity among other things. It was an interesting session which received positive feedback from 80+ participants.

Ms. Bhavani Balasubramanian, Chairperson, Women Business Council proposed the formal vote of thanks.



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Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council Meeting was held on 14th October 2023.



Expert Committee Meetings

Expert Committee on Company Law / Corporate Matters - 11th October 2023.



Expert Committee on CSR - 17th October 2023.



Expert Committee on Legal Affairs - 27th October 2023. (Virtual)**Other Meetings**

Ms. K. Saraswathi, Secretary General of the Chamber attended the Chennai International Centre's book launch on "Champions of Tamil Nadu Industry" on 27th October 2023 at the Madras School of Economics.

Ms. K. Saraswathi was the Guest of Honor for the Virtual Valedictory Session of the Digital Transformation – Reshaping Commerce and Corporate to meet the Digital Era held by the Guru Shree Shanti Vijay Jain College for Women held on 27th October 2023.

