



GARMENT AND TEXTILES PRODUCTION IN BANGLADESH

POST RANA PLAZA: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Date: 3rd April 2014

Time: 1:45 pm – 7:00 pm

Place: Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads 2, DK 1448 Copenhagen K

Program:

1:45 - 2:15 **Registration & networking**

2:15 - 2:30 **Welcome and introduction**

by Mogens Jensen, Danish Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation

2:30 - 4:00 **Vision for the Future** – exploring the vision for the Bangladeshi garment and textiles sector

Key note speaker:

ILO Director General Guy Ryder

The perspective of different stakeholders - Moderator: Mette Boye, Chair DIEH

Mikail Shipar, Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Reaz Bin Mahmood, Vice-President, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGMEA)

Roy Ramesh Chandra, President, United Federation of Garments Workers, Bangladesh; Secretary General, IndustriALL Bangladesh Council

Nazma Akter, General Secretary, AWAJ Foundation; President, Somnilito Garments Sromik Federation, Bangladesh

Philip Chamberlain, Head of Sustainable Business Development, C&A

Questions & Comments

4:00 - 4:20 Coffee Break

4:20 - 5:50 **Initiatives supporting the vision** – exploring how various initiatives might contribute to the vision

Key note speaker

Peter McAllister, Executive Director, Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)

Panel discussion – Moderator Hanne Fugl Eskjær, Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh

Panel:

Dan Rees, Director, ILO Better Work

Monika Kemperle, Assistant General Secretary, IndustriALL Global Union

Mikail Shipar, Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Employment, Bangladesh

Reaz Bin Mahmood, Vice-President, BGMEA

Philip Chamberlain, Head of Sustainable Business Development, C&A

Paul Hunsinger, Chairman, French National Contact Point

Questions & Comments

5:50 - 6:00 **Sum up and conclusions** by Hanne Fugl Eskjær, Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh

6:00 - 7.00 **Networking**

Drinks and snacks will be served at the DIEH Hub

Registration before 31st March to Hanne Gürtler hg@dieh.dk or phone +45 21 62 26 66



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Introduction

On 24th April 2013 the world witnessed one of the worst industry disasters in history when the eight-story Rana Plaza building collapsed and killed more than 1.000 people and injured several thousands. The building collapse in Dhaka demonstrated the need to bring working conditions in line with international labour standards and reminded us all that ensuring that workers' rights are protected and respected within value chains involves a wide range of societal actors, including governments, employers, buyers and workers' representatives.

Almost one year has passed. What lessons have been learned and what actions have been taken in Bangladesh and internationally in the aftermath of the disaster? What is the vision for the garment and textile industry in Bangladesh and which steps and initiatives can bring us there?

At the meeting high-level speakers from Bangladesh and key international organisations will share their vision for the garment and textile industry in Bangladesh and explore how various initiatives might contribute to the vision. The focus will be on workers rights' and safety in the aftermath of the Rana Plaza Disaster and will look at lessons learned, actions taken and further steps needed to ensure a sustainable industry in the future.

The following key questions will be addressed:

- One year on from Rana Plaza what lessons have we learned for the garment and textile industry and global supply chains?
- What does Rana Plaza teach us about the responsibilities of different stakeholders in supply chains?
- What is the Bangladesh vision for its garment and textile industry, what is it doing to get there and what role does it see for others?
- If workers are the key competitive advantage for the Bangladesh garment and textile sector how can meaningful participation, representation and engagement be developed to enhance this?

List of speakers & moderators:

Mogens Jensen	Danish Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation
Guy Ryder	ILO Director General
Hanne Fugl Eskjær	Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh
Mikhail Shipar	Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Philip Chamberlain	Head of Sustainable Business Development, C&A
Paul Hunsinger	Chairman, French National Contact Point, OECD guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
Peter McAllister	Executive Director, Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)
Mette Boye	Chair, Danish Ethical Trading Initiative, DIEH