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BANGLADESH DIGITAL WAGES SUMMIT

20 November 2019

#DigitalWagesSummit

8:30 – 9:30am

Coffee/Tea & Registration

9:30 – 9:40am

Welcome & Objectives

Dr. Ruth Goodwin-Groen, *Managing Director, UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance*

9:40 – 10:45am

Opening Panel – Scaling digital wages for employees and manufacturers

Moderated by Mr. Anir Chowdhury, *Policy Advisor, Access to Information (a2i)/UNDP, a project of the Government of Bangladesh*

- Mr. Tuomo Poutiainen, *ILO Country Director & UN Representative a.i.*
- Mr. Sudipto Mukerjee, *Resident Representative, UNDP*
- Ms. Shwapna Bhowmick, *Bangladesh Country Manager for Marks & Spencer*
- Dr. Rubana Huq, *President of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)*
- Mr. Ahmed Jamal, *Deputy Governor, Bangladesh Bank*
- Mr. Zunaid Ahmed Palak, *MP, Honorable State Minister, Information & Communication Technology Division*
- Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, *MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Industries*

10:45 – 11:00am

Tea break

11:00 – 12:15pm

Panel 1 – Benefits of digitizing responsibly: The business case and impact on women workers

Moderated by Ms. Smita Nimilita, *Bangladesh Representative HERproject at BSR*

- Success stories from Garment Manufacturers:
 - Mr. Ahsanuzzaman, *HR Department, Standard Group*
 - Mr. Warisul Abid, *Chief People Officer, SQ Group*
- Mrs. Nargis Akter, *Finishing Department, Jamuna Denims Ltd.*
- Mrs. Sumaiya Akter, *Senior Sewing Operator, Jamuna Denims Ltd.*
- Ms. Tina Jabeen, *ICT Ministry Adviser*
- Mr. Kiran Gokathoti, *Regional Sustainability Manager, H&M*

12:15 – 1:30pm

Lunch

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1:30 – 2:30pm

Panel 2 – The importance of an inclusive digital ecosystem for scaling up wage digitization

Moderated by Ms. Maria May, Senior Program Officer at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

- Mr. Md.Mezbaul Haque, General Manager, Payment System Department, Bangladesh Bank
- Mr. Abul Kashem Md. Shirin, Managing Director, Dutch Bangla Bank Limited
- Ms. Tamanna Sarwar, Senior Program Manager Bangladesh, Gap Inc.
- Mr. Kamal Quadir, CEO, bKash
- Mr. Arfan Ali, Managing Director, Bank Asia Limited

2:30 – 3:30pm

Discussion on the road map to scale-up digitization of wages: The role of stakeholders

- Garment Industry: Brands, Factories, BSR, Industry Organizations
- Government/Policy Makers
- Financial Service Providers
- Donors/Development Partners
- Other Ecosystem Players

Moderated by:

- Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Policy Advisor, Access to Information (a2i)/UNDP, a project of the Government of Bangladesh
- Ms. Keyzom Ngodup Massally, Asia Pacific Lead, UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance
- Ms. Marjolaine Chaintreau, Private Sector Lead, UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance

3:30 – 3:45pm

Closing Remarks

Dr. Ruth Goodwin-Groen, Managing Director, UN-based Better Than Cash Alliance

3:45 – 4:00pm

Tea/Coffee Break & Networking

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