Press Release

“Sixth United Nations Global Compact Local Network Exchange Program 2014, Dhaka, Bangladesh”

Venue: Mutual Trust Bank Training Institute, Tejgaon, Dhaka
Date: 7–9 December, 2014

The CSR Centre as the Global Compact Network Bangladesh Focal Point organized for the first time in Bangladesh Meeting of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Local Network Exchange Program 2014 which held on 7–9 December 2014 at the Mutual Trust Bank Training Institute, Tejgaon, Dhaka. The 3 day program was sponsored by the Mutual Trust Bank Ltd. The first day programme was chaired by the UNGC Local Network Bangladesh Steering Committee Chair Mr. Shitangshu Kumar Sur Chowdhury, Deputy Governor, Bangladesh Bank. Mr. Farooq Sobhan, Representative, GC Network Bangladesh, Mr. Walid Nagi, Head, Local Networks United Nations Global Compact, Mr. Anis A. Khan, MD & CEO, Mutual Trust Bank Limited, Ms. Samantha Morshed, Founder Hathay Bunano (GC Network Bangladesh Steering Committee Member) were also present at the meeting as Panelists. Global Compact Local Network representative from India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Turkey and UNGC Headquarters New York were also present. The second day session included Government representation. Mr. Shitangshu Kumar Sur Chowdhury, Deputy Governor, Bangladesh Bank, Ms. Yasmin Sultana, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Mr. Khandoker Mostan Hossain, Joint Secretary (IO), Ministry of Labor and Employment participated in this session.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) whether in private, public or development sector in any nation is essential to deal with the post MDG agenda to achieve sustainable development goals. The United Nations Global Compact, also known as the Global
Compact or UNGC, is a United Nations global initiative to encourage businesses worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies as CSR. With approximately 101 established and emerging networks around the world, Global Compact Local Network serves as an essential role in rooting the Global Compact within national contexts and advancing local priorities and needs.

In the opening remarks Ms. Shahmin S Zaman, CEO of CSR Centre & the Global Compact Network Bangladesh Focal Point, welcomed all the participants and distinguished guests at the program. Mr. Farooq Sobhan, Representative GC Network Bangladesh also thanked Mr. Anis A Khan, MD, Mutual Trust Bank for sponsoring the 3 day Exchange Program. The discussion from the Bangladesh Bank included financial inclusion of Bangladesh Bank, agriculture training provided by the Bangladesh Bank, Green Banking & CSR. Mr. Chowdhury also mentioned that 47 green products have also been developed by the Banking Sector of Bangladesh.