



## **Workshop on Social Compliance Audits in Bangladesh**

**On 9 December, 2020 at 2.30 - 4.00 PM**

You are cordially invited to participate in the workshop as technical expert to provide inputs and comments to improve the quality and impact of social compliance audits in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh University of Health Sciences (BUHS) and University of Southern Denmark (SDU) are starting a new research project on the possibilities to improve the quality and impact for social compliance audits in Bangladesh. The aim of the workshop is to

- Introduce the new research project
- Discussion of role of audits in improving occupational safety and health and working conditions
- Understanding about audits in research and audit market study in Bangladesh
- Opinion from technical expert to way forward research on Social Compliance in Bangladesh

### **Programme:**

- Welcome: Vice-chancellor of Bangladesh University of Health and Sciences( BUHS)
- The role of audits in improving occupational safety and health and working conditions. Professor Peter Hasle, University of Southern Denmark ( SDU)
- What is known about audits in research? Phd-fellow Julie Bundgaard ( SDU)
- A study of the audit market in Bangladesh. Research fellow AKM Masum UI Alam (BUHS)
- Opinion from technical expert to improve studies
- Coming activities – field study of audit practices. Associate Professor, MH Faruquee (BUHS)
- Closing by Danish Embassy/DANIDA/SDU



## Background for the new research project

Audits of working conditions and occupational safety and health (OSH) constitute an integrated part of global supply chains. International buyers and international organisations require the suppliers to follow standards and code of conducts on working conditions, and they initiate audits either by themselves or a third party to secure compliance. The consequence of the many different standards and audit clients is that large resources are used for audits, at the same time as suppliers experience many parallel audits with uncoordinated consequences. Furthermore, the effect on working conditions is uncertain.

With the important role of third party audits and the stretched resources of OSH regulatory authorities in Bangladesh and other developing countries, there is a need to achieve research-based knowledge about how third party compliance audits of OSH can be carried out in an efficient manner.

The **Safety and health and audit practices in Bangladesh research project** shows how audit market study could contribute to improvement of OSH by influencing the OSH management practices in the companies and thereby pave the way for better business and safety workplace. The project is implemented by Bangladesh University of Health Sciences and University of Southern Denmark and funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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