

Workshop on Asia Floor Wage Campaign, Bangalore, 18th-20th, Feb 2010

Dear Colleagues,

Activists involved in organizing/ supporting workers rights in the garment sector in India are cordially invited to a 3-day Training Workshop on Asia Floor Wage Campaign in Bangalore from Thursday the 18th of February to Saturday the 20th of February, 2010.

The workshop is aimed to familiarize activists with the conceptual basis of the Asia Floor Wage campaign, to share the campaigning experiences in India and elsewhere and to evolve a common understanding of the road ahead in the campaign.

As you are aware, most of the world's garments are made in Asia. Yet Asian workers are paid the least. All garment workers in Asia need a wage increase. But often, when workers struggle to improve their wages and conditions in one country, companies relocate to another country, where wages and conditions are lower. Workers are therefore afraid to fight for better wages, because they might lose their jobs.

The Asia Floor Wage Campaign is a response to this problem. We propose a floor wage for garment workers in Asia. The Asia Floor Wage, is different in each country's national currency, but has the power to buy the same set of goods and services in all countries. An Asia Floor Wage for the garment industry will help us fight poverty, develop economically with decent labour standards, and improve the lives of workers who are mostly women.

Expenses of accommodation in Bangalore during the workshop and travel by train (II Class Sleeper) would be met by the organizers. In view of the short notice, participants may book tatkal tickets for the same class by train.

Kindly write to Radhika at [radhika@cividep.org](mailto:radhika@cividep.org) and/or Usha at [fedinabl@gmail.com](mailto:fedinabl@gmail.com) for confirmation of your participation.

On behalf of the Asia Floor Wage Alliance (India)

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