

REPORT ON TRAINING PROGRAMME ON BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY REPORTING

The Centre for Institutional Partnerships and Corporate Communication, IICA in partnership with NSE Academy organised two training programmes on Business Responsibility Reporting on November 18 and 19, 2016 at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Manesar, Gurgaon and on January 19 and 20, 2017 at NSE Headquarters, Mumbai.

The compliance officers from listed corporates, Banks and PSUs attended the programme in order to have a better understanding of National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental & Economic Responsibilities of Business (NVGs) and the Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR) mandated by SEBI.

Mr. Viraf Mehta, who is the lead trainer for the programme, is a social anthropologist by training and has nearly three decades of experience with corporate responsibility issues in India, with special focus on the social and community interface. Mr. Mehta has worked closely as an independent consultant with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs as well as with the Bureau of Indian Standards to develop National Sustainability Standards and Guidelines for Business.

Mr. Dinesh Agrawal, the other trainer, is having 39 years of experience in power sector and has carved his niche working majorly in the area of Environment, R&R, CSR, Business Excellence and Corporate Sustainability. He has spearheaded the formulation of standard on "Social Accountability at Work Place" & "Guidance on Good Governance" for Bureau of Indian Standard and "National Voluntary Guidelines on Economic, Social and Environmental Responsibilities of Business" for Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs under aegis of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. He continues his contribution to this field through affiliation with CII, UN Global Compact, Bureau of Indian Standard, IICA, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and AIMA to name a few. He is Fellow of LEAD International and Senior Assessor for CII-CESD Sustainability Award.

The sessions spread over 2-days covered the discussion and practical aspects of NVGs in respect to Stakeholders Engagement, Human Rights, supply chain, MSMEs, etc. The participants were enlightened about the requirement of policies and it's coherent for adhering to NVGs and to file an effective BRR through an interactive session. The participants got the opportunity to clarify and discuss about the practical problems faced by them while preparing the BRR.

In addition to NVGs and BRR, brief introduction of Global Reporting Initiative and the standardized reporting guidelines there under concerning environment, human rights and corruption had been provided. An insight view of the impact of sustainability reporting and disclosure by Financial Sector and ABRR has been deliberated upon. Experienced guest faculties have been engaged to deliver sessions on specific topics.

A role play based on actual BRR filed with SEBI have been organised by the trainers. The participants were divided into two groups, one group presented the BRR and the other group

raised their queries as stakeholders of the company. This gave a practical insight of the nitty-gritties on both the compliance and stakeholders point of view and explored possible solutions to mitigate such situations.

The programme was concluded with the distribution of certificates.



Training Programme on Business Responsibility Reporting at IICA, Manesar



Mr. Dinesh Aggarwal taking session in Mumbai on National Voluntary Guidelines