

Global textile production and „decent work“

Exposure and Dialogue Programme with focus on working conditions and development potentials in the textile industry of Ethiopia

Ethiopia, October 20th – October 27th, 2018

You are interested in how, on a difficult procurement market, social standards in the textile and clothing industry can be met. You would like to familiarize yourself with the example of an African production site. You wish for new discussions and impulses. Exposure and Dialogue Programmes (EDP) invites you to enrich your experiences concerning the living, working and production conditions in the Ethiopian textile sector first hand. You get a personal insight into the everyday life of the workers at home and at work in a textile factory. You will then be able to work with your experiences in the following specialist exchange with experts in Ethiopia. You will also be able to make use of your experiences in your professional and personal life.



Topic and context of the Exposure and Dialogue Programme

Africa is regarded as a growing alternative site for global textile production. New production sites for the international market are being set up there. This leads us to the question of how principles of sustainability and meeting of ecological and social standards can be integrated into the production from the very beginning. Our partner company for this programme, DBL Group, is willing to take up the challenges concerning the realization of social standards in an Ethiopian context. The demand for human and future-compliant working fields in the globalized delivery and value chains are on the agenda of international organizations and the share of responsibility of the companies plays an important role here. In Germany, the political

discussion on “decent work” is located between voluntary realization of working standards and legally defined orders. In the EDP, you and other persons from politics, economy and civil society will visit hosts at their homes and at work for three days (Exposure). They are people who work in a textile factory of the DBL Group for a short while. This textile factory is very new. It is planned that up to 1200 employees will be working at the production site in Mekele in the first stage of construction. You will be able to integrate the experiences and information you will gather on-site into the following specialist dialogue with Ethiopian experts. It will be organized together with our partners in Addis Abeba (Dialogue).



Organizer

With the method of “Exposure and Dialogue”, EDP e.V. enables decision-makers to gain a personal insight into the everyday lives of disadvantaged people. The programme organizes specialist discussions on-site that include several sectors. It addresses decision-makers and managerial staff

who want to help improving the life situations of disadvantaged people. EDP e.V. is a member of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles. Cooperation partner: DBL Group (www.dbl-group.com).

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Programme overview

- Oct. 20th, 4pm: Beginning and introduction in Mekele, Ethiopia
- Oct. 21st: Visit of the factory and meeting of the hosts (Beginning of the Exposure)
- Oct. 24th: Return from the hosts (End of the Exposure), Transfer to Gheralta, Beginning of the reflection
- Oct. 25th: Continuation of the reflection and transfer to Mekele
- Oct. 26th: Dialogue with experts of the Ethiopian textile sector in Mekele
- Oct. 27th: Evaluation: insights and Outlook. Lunch in Mekele. End of the EDP. Transfer to the Airport.

Conditions for the participation

The costs amount to 2,700 euros. They include preparing the EDP; funding of the hosts; interpretation during the stay; expenses for meals and accommodation; transfers; participation in the Dialogue workshop. Flights are not included.

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