

EU sets out green, labour standards wanted in US trade deal

REUTERS, Brussels

The European Commission set out its demand on Friday that the fights against illegal logging and child labour be written into a future EU-US free trade deal, part of a broader bid to win over a sceptical public.

The text on sustainable development will be a distinct chapter in the planned Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) to ensure high standards in each partner and cooperation to address such issues.

European Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom told a news conference that the text would entail the most comprehensive commitment to labour rights and environmental protection ever contained in a trade agreement.

"It aims to make sure we reap the economic benefits of trade and the global supply chains, but we are also taking responsibility for their broader impact," she said. "It also rules out a race to the bottom."

The Commission, which negotiates trade deals on behalf of the 28 EU members, is seeking increased cooperation to fight illegal logging, fishing and trade in endangered wildlife and promoting trade in green goods and technologies. It also wants to promote protection of International Labour Organisation standards, such as the right to collective bargaining or to strike, as well as seeking to end forced or child labour.

Malmstrom pointed, as an example, to cooperation that had already taken place to promote improved labour



European Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom

standards in Bangladesh after the collapse of the Rana Plaza factory complex in 2013, which killed more than 1,000 garment workers.

Environmental group Friends of the Earth said the document was full of vaguely worded language that provided no safeguards for the environment.

"The only chapter that could bring strong language to protect essential regulations to build a sustainable future is weak and unenforceable," it said.

The TTIP text, submitted to the United States, is part of a broader revamp of trade policy launched last month and designed to connect more with environmental and consumer groups, which have been particularly sceptical or hostile towards the partnership.



Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director of Midland Bank, and AM Hamim Rahmatullah, managing director of Singer Bangladesh, pose at the signing of an agreement. Credit cardholders of the bank will enjoy zero percent EMI facility for up to 12 months at all Singer outlets.

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Boeing eyes new partnerships

REUTERS, Dubai

Boeing expects to announce new industrial partnerships with an emphasis on defence at the Dubai Airshow, expanding on tie-ups in commercial aerospace, executives said on Saturday.

The US planemaker signed a strategic agreement with Abu Dhabi state-owned investment fund Mubadala in 2009 and boosted it with a \$2.5 billion composites production deal in 2013.

It has a similar strategic deal in place with India's Tata Sons. Gulf-based sources have said they expect Boeing to expand its ties with both companies at the Nov 8-12 air show.

"There will be a couple of announcements at the show related to increased partnerships and I'll leave it at that," Bernard Dunn, president of Boeing Middle East, North Africa and Turkey told a news conference, declining to elaborate.

Ford-UAW deal includes \$9b in new investment

REUTERS, Detroit

Ford Motor Co has pledged to spend \$9 billion over four years in new investment in the United States if a tentative contract with the United Auto Workers union is ratified by UAW Ford workers, people familiar with the deal said on Friday.

Full details of the investment pledge were not provided by the sources, but they said that a plant in Wayne, Michigan, will receive new product to build and will remain open. There was some concern of the plant's future after Ford four months ago said it would pull production of two small car models from the plant.

The proposed contract also would give workers \$10,000 in bonuses once the pact is ratified, the sources said.

Social business may deepen impact of CSR spending: analysts

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Born out of Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus's experience from running the Nobel Prize-winning Grameen Bank, a social business is a non-dividend company to solve a social problem.

Like a non-government organisation, it has a social mission and like a firm it generates its own revenues to cover costs. Investors may recoup their investment or plough it back to the venture.

Saskia Bruysten, co-founder and chief executive officer of Yunus Social Business Germany, said all parties in a partnership have to believe in what they are doing.

"Willingness is a key factor here. It is not easy and exciting all the time."

She said by helping set up a huge number of successful companies Grameen has shown how the ecosystem can work. As a result, Bangladesh has become the Silicon Valley of social business. Building such ecosystems in other countries is important for successful social business in those countries, Bruysten added.

Anita Nowak, a professor at Canada's McGill University, who moderated the session, asked the 800-strong participants whether the ecosystem needed for successful social businesses exists in their countries and they responded with a rousing no by holding up small red cards.

Ashrafur Hassan, managing director of Grameen Telecom, said partnership is the key to the success of any social business.

Companies with strong financial base can tie up with individuals or companies with viable ideas but shortage of funds; the same is also true with technically sound companies. He said the mid-level management has to be inculcated with the same enthusiasm that the top management feels when they establish a social business.

Jean-Luc Perron, MD of Grameen Credit Agricole Microfinance Foundation, which has set up more than 30 social businesses in partnership with multinational companies, non-government organisations and local companies in various

countries, said more needs to be done to improve the ecosystem to help grow social businesses.

"Being a partner in collaboration does not mean you will have to accept everything -- you must fight for your ideas."

Jean Bernou, CEO of food company McCain Continental's Europe & Middle East and Africa region, said if the individual is put at the heart of the process instead of money then positive transformations will take place. Values are also important: without the right values social businesses cannot be successful, he said.

The world is changing very fast and the change has to be in the right direction.

"If you are in the social business you will have to co-create," said Bernou, while calling for social business initiatives to help the hundreds of Middle Eastern refugees arriving in Europe to integrate into their new societies.

In another panel discussion, Thomas Gass, assistant secretary-general for policy coordination and inter-agency affairs of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), said social businesses will have a role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

On the last day of the event themed "creating a world without poverty and unemployment", Yunus Social Business Global Initiatives signed an agreement with Nobuyuki Miyazawa, CEO of Tomoni Corporation, to set up Yunus Social Business in Japan.

The summit was organised by the Grameen Creative Lab in Germany and the Yunus Centre in Bangladesh in partnership with German tourism agency visitBerlin, the YY Foundation of Germany and Yunus Social Business, on the grounds of Berlin Templehof Airport.

The eighth edition of the summit, which is scheduled for next year, will take place in Beijing.

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Shareq Fahim Haque, managing director of Millennium Companies, hands over a police patrol van on Thursday to Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, officer in-charge of Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station in Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Barisal PWD Division
Barisal

Invitation for Tenders

IFT No. 10/2015-2016

Memo No:- 5944

Dated: ২১-০৭-১৪২২/বঙ্গাব্দ
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01.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.			
02.	Agency	Public Works Department.			
03.	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, Barisal PWD Division, Barisal.			
04.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
05.	Source of funds	GOB.			
06.	Project name	Construction of 7 (seven) RAB Complex Project.			
07.	Lot No.	Name of work	Tender security	Type of tender security	Time for completion of the works
	1	2	3	4	5
	1	Construction of 4 storied officers residence for 06 persons (1250sqft, 2 units in each floor, ground floor open) with 6 storied foundation in/c internal sanitary & electrification works under "Construction of 7 (seven) RAB Complexes" project, one at Barisal	Tk 10.00 (ten) lac only	BD/PO Bank Guarantee from any Bangladesh Schedule Bank	12 (twelve) months
	2	Construction of 3 storied 2nd class officers residence for 12 persons (1000sqft, 4 units in each floor) with 6 storied foundation in/c internal sanitary & electrification works under "Construction of 7 (seven) RAB Complexes" project, one at Barisal	Tk 11.50 (eleven point five zero lac) only	BD/PO Bank Guarantee from any Bangladesh Schedule Bank	12 (twelve) months
08.	Eligibility of tenderers	This invitation for tenders is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below:			
(a)	Reputed contractors/construction firms who have minimum 05 (five) years of general experience in construction works. Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.				
(b)	Having experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of building construction work with pre-cast pile in foundation for Lot No-1 (one) Tk 200.00 (two hundred) lac & Lot No-2 (two) Tk 270.00 (two hundred seventy) lac, respectively in a single tender in government/semi-government/autonomous organization of Bangladesh during last 5 (five) years. Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. In case of the work done under PWD, the certifying and authenticating authority shall be the concerned Executive Engineer. In case the work done under any government/semi-government/autonomous organization other than PWD the certifying authority shall be an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and the same duly verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD of that district under whose jurisdiction the work has been done. Prescribed form for work certificate for this purpose will be available in tender document and in section tender and contract form. In the case of JVCA, the lead partner must satisfy 100% for single work experience (submitted completed single work certificate for lead partner must satisfy 100% of wanted amount in case the work is done JVCA) and it is optional for other partner.				
(c)	The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last 5 (five) years for Lot No-1 (one) Tk 514.00 (five hundred fourteen) lac & Lot No-2 (two) Tk 680.00 (six hundred eighty) lac, respectively years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.				
(d)	The minimum amount of liquid asset or works capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be for Lot No-1 (one) Tk 85.00 (eight-five) lac & Lot No-2 (two) Tk 114.00 (one hundred fourteen) lac, respectively. Document submitted along with the tender must be issued in between publication date and submission date of the tender.				
(e)	The tenderer must possess				
	i)	Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate.			
	ii)	Valid VAT registration certificate.			
	iii)	Up-to-date trade license.			
	iv)	Up-to-date ABC category contractory and supervisory license from Electricity Licensing Board, Government of Bangladesh.			
	v)	Attested copy of documents mentioned in Sl No. i, ii, iii & iv are to be submitted.			
(f)	Other required eligibility and conditions of the tenderer are shown in tender data sheet of tender documents.				
9.	Price of tender document	Tk. 1,500/- (one thousand five hundred) for each lot.			
10.	Name and address of the offices selling tender documents	Office of the Executive Engineer, Barisal PWD Division, Barisal/Madaripur PWD Division, Madaripur/Gopalganj/PWD Division, Gopalganj/Patuakhali PWD Division, Patuakhali/Pirojpur PWD Division, Pirojpur/Jhalokati PWD Division, Jhalokati/Shariatpur PWD Division, Shariatpur/Bhola PWD Division, Bhola/Barguna PWD Division, Barguna/Dhaka PWD Division-1, Dhaka/Khulna PWD Division-1, Khulna/Chittagong PWD Division-1, Chittagong/Rajshahi PWD Division-1, Rajshahi/Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet, Divisional Commissioner's Office, Barisal & Commandant, RAB-8, Rupatali, Barisal.			
11.	Last date and time for selling tender documents	During office hours up to 08-12-2015.			
12.	Last date and time for submission of tender documents	Up to 12:00 noon of 09-12-2015.			
13.	Name and address of the offices receiving tenders	Office of the Executive Engineer, Barisal PWD Division, Barisal. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal. Office of the DIG, Barisal Range, Barisal Office of Superintending Engineer, Barisal PWD Circle, Barisal. Office of the Commandant, RAB-8, Rupatali, Barisal.			
14.	Name and address of the office opening tenders	Office of the Executive Engineer, Barisal PWD Division, Barisal.			
15.	Date and time for opening of tenders	Tender will be opened on 09-12-2015 at 3-00pm in the office of the Executive Engineer, Barisal PWD Division, Barisal.			
16.	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Osman Gani.			
17.	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer.			
18.	Address of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Barisal PWD Division, Barisal.			
19.	Contact detail of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 0431-64801	Fax No: 0431-2173232	Email: ee_bari@pwd.gov.bd	
20.	Brief description of works	RCC frame structure with Pre-Cast Pile including Brick Works, Wood Work in Door, Sanitary & Water Supply and Internal Electrification.			

Md. Osman Gani
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Barisal PWD Division, Barisal

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