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International Growth Centre (IGC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University, are pleased to invite you to a seminar on

**Gender Equality and Productivity in the Bangladeshi Garment Industry  
Evidence for Action**  
By

Professor Chris Woodruff and Professor Rocco Macchiavello, Warwick University,  
on 19 November 2014 at 09.30 am at the Ikebana Hall, Lakeshore Hotel,  
Road # 41, House # 46, Gulshan 2, Dhaka.

Mr. Hedayetullah Al Mamoon, ndc, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce  
has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest, Mr. Tariq-ul-Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Women  
and Children Affairs will be the Special Guest, and Ms. Roswitha Amels, First Secretary, Embassy  
of the Federal Republic of Germany will be the Guest of Honour.

We cordially request your presence at the seminar and look forward to your contribution.

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*The ready-made garment sector has experienced rapid growth in Bangladesh. While overall, most of these new jobs have gone to women, few of them have been in management. The seminar will focus on how vocational training programs can successfully help women advance into management.*

*Programme of the event*

<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>Welcome tea and registration</i>
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Opening remarks: Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Ms. Roswitha Amels and Mr. Magnus Schmid</i>
<i>10.30 am The Role of Garments in the Development Process</i>	<i>Prof. Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue</i>
<i>10.50 am Productivity Issues in Garment Factories in Bangladesh</i>	<i>Warwick Research Team</i>
<i>11.15 am A Practitioner's Perspective on Gender and RMG</i>	<i>Ms. Rupali Biswas, Chief Coordinator, Lean &amp; Garmenting Consultant and Trainer, BKMEA</i>
<i>11.30 am Female Operator Training Project</i>	<i>Warwick Research Team</i>
<i>11.50 am Experience from the Factories</i>	<i>Factory managers</i>
<i>12.15 am Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Mr. Tariq-ul-Islam and Mr. Hedayetullah Al Mamoon, ndc</i>

*Lunch*