

FK Norway Project

FTF-I, in partnership with Development Wheels (DEW) Bangladesh, applied for FK Norway South-South Exchange program with an objective of exchanging skills and knowledge on crafts processes between the two countries

The proposal was split in two phases- Feasibility Agreement and Overall Agreement. FTF-I & DEW cleared the feasibility phase and were invited to attend the F K Introductory seminar in Mumbai from 13th -15th February. It was a good opportunity to understand the FK Framework and develop the main proposal within the framework. Mr Ranvir Sisodia and Ms. Meenu Chopra attended the seminar, along with Mr. Shah Abdus Salam and Tania from DEW.

Partnership and Workshop with NEDFi

In March 2017, FTF-I entered the partnership with NEDFi (North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd) for accreditation and capacity building of NE producer groups. NEDFi is a Public Limited Company whose mission is to promote the economic development of the North Eastern Region of



India by identifying, financing and nurturing commercially and financially viable projects in the region. The MOU was signed on the 2nd March at the Inaugural session of the North East Craft Conclave organized by NEDFi. The entire event lasted from the 2nd to 5th March 2017 and took place at NEDFi Convention Centre, Guwahati, Assam.

Furthermore, FTF-I was invited to become a knowledge partner for the North East Crafts Conclave. The event was attended by Mr Samuel Masih, Mr Ranvir Sisodia, Ms. Meenu Chopra and Ms. Moon Sharma. Mr Sisodia was a panel member for the discussion on "Preparing Crafts Sector with Quality Standards and Fair Trade Practices. The other panellists were AIACA, India Handloom Brand and Silk Mark Orgn. FTF-I organized a workshop during the Crafts Conclave, to orientate the participants towards Fair Trade. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Samuel Masih, Ms. Moon Sharma and Ms. Meenu Chopra. It was attended by around 40 representatives from 35 producer groups.

