

2015 Issue

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2014 a great year for WFTO-Asia !
16% growth in membership

[Successful Seoul WFTO-Asia Fair Trade Conference -
focus on Asia consumer awareness.](#)

GS training sessions in Bangladesh, Nepal, Philippines,
India, Indonesia, and Vietnam.

Upcoming

WFTO-Asia will be in

**India and Bangladesh
February and March**

Training sessions in Fair Trade and the GS, for those
interested in joining WFTO and existing members
updating their SAR.

Contact sustainability@wfto-asia.com
for dates and program

The Guarantee System (GS)

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You are Invited to Milan!

World Fair Trade Week from
23 to 31 May 2015.
Register now for the
conference "early bird" rate.
Deadline for registration is
April 30th, 2015.

The WFTO Guarantee System is rolling.

Read more on Guarantee System at:
www.wfto.com/standard-and-guarantee-system

Nine organizations now WFTO guaranteed in Asia::

1. Association for Craft Producers (Nepal)
2. Asha Handicrafts Association (India)
3. Baladarshan (India) Creative Handicrafts (India)
4. CRC Exports Private Limited (India)
5. Kumbeshwar Technical School (Nepal)
6. Thanapara Swallows Development Society (Bangladesh)
7. Threads of Yunnan/Yunnan Danyun F T Development Co Ltd. (China)
8. Sasha Association for Craft Producers (India)
9. Selyn Exporters Ltd (Sri Lanka)

WFTO-Asia started 2014 with 105 members, We ended the year with 125, up 16% on last year. Welcome to all our new members !

Strengthening Country Networks in 2015

Currently, WFTO-Asia has four member Fair Trade Networks:

- ECOTA (Bangladesh)
- Fair Trade Forum India
- Fair Trade Group Nepal
- Artisan Association Cambodia

The Country Network is important for the further growth of Fair Trade and promoting dedicated Fair Trade Organizations at national level. This has been acknowledged by resolutions at both Global and Asian Conferences. The working committee is led by Mallikarjuna lytha from Fair Trade Forum India, Please contact the WFTO-Asia Secretariat to join this group.

Guarantee System Session in Cambodia January 22, 2014



Fair Trade International
Symposium
29th 31st May



**WFTO-Asia Executive
Director Christine Gent**

New Executive Director,
Christine Gent joined WFTO-Asia in May 2014.

The new WFTO-Asia Board has been joined by Mitos Urgel who is the Executive Director of WFTO FTSO WEAVE foundation, supporting refugees and indigenous communities on the Thai-Burma border.

For more full information on the WFTO-Asia board
<http://wfto-asia.com/about-us/wfto-asia-board/>

**October 18 2014 WFTO-Asia AGM
Draft minutes**
<http://iburl.co/LGmxi>

**New 2015
WFTO-Asia Membership
Fee**

It was agreed by 83% of the vote to increase the WFTO-Asia membership fee. Thanks to all the members to took part in this debate and vote. The invoices being paid now include both the global and WFTO-Asia fee

**World Fair Trade Day
9th May 2015**

Book the date
Plan your activities
<http://www.wfto.com/events/world-fair-trade-day-2015>

**Volunteer
Internship**

Volunteer Internship Program

This program aims to place qualified students with WFTO-Asia members. Priority is given to those members whose SAR is complete, unless the student is to help with the GS system.

More info vip@wfto-asia.com

Gender

You are invited to join the WFTO-Asia working group:

- 1) One representative from either Nepal or Bangladesh
- 2) One from Phillipines/Vietnam/Indonesia
- 3) One from Korea/China/Taiwan/Hongkong

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Program
WFTO-Asia

Support Panay Farmers,



NON COMPLIANCE

The Fair Trade Accountability Watch allows you to report non-compliance issues of our members.

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Welcome New Members!

Welcome to all our new members, many of whom have graduated from WFTO-Asia regional membership. Note that alignment was completed in 2014 and all members of WFTO-Asia are now members of WFTO at a global level (or no longer members). And welcome back to returning member, *International Resources for Fair Trade*.

WFTO-Asia is planning to expand in countries where there are no members or not enough for a network. In short, WFTO Asia is working towards a broader and more stable network for Fair Trade Organizations, by closely working together with existing members and encouraging new members to join WFTO.

Lofty Bamboo
Bangkok, Thailand

Artisan Hut
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Daughters Interior
Bangalore, India

Hatale Udhog
Kathmandu, Nepal

Hong Kong Fair Trade Power
Hong Kong

Asia Fairtrade Network Trading Co.
Seoul, South Korea

Korea Fair Trade Association
Seoul, S. Korea

Shishu Polli Plus
Gazipur, Bangladesh

Top of the World Coffee
Kathmandu, Nepal

Upsana
Auroville, India

Sabala
Bijapur, India

BeautifulCoffee
Seoul, South Korea

SEIU
Jaipur, India

Yayasan
East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Integrated Development Trust
Bangalore, India

Crossroads
HongKong

Saidpur Enterprises
Saidpur, Bangladesh

New Saddle
Kathmandu, Nepal

Prokritee
Dhaka, Bangladesh



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WFTO Members, let's stay in touch! If you have any events coming up, produced a great blog post or have photos of a recent producer visit, let us know! We will be happy to share your activities via social media.

If you are a WFTO Guaranteed Member use the hashtag, #WFTOGuarantee

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