Has Anything Changed Since Rana Plaza?
Worker Rights and Safety, Five Years After The Devastation

A Forum at the Ford Foundation
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the 21st Century ILGWU Heritage Fund, and Open Society Foundations
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 | 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
1440 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

12:30pm Light refreshments available

1:00 – 1:15pm Welcome by Laine Romero-Alston, Program Officer, Ford Foundation; Judy Gearhart, Executive Director, International Labor Rights Forum

1:15 – 2:15pm Historical Context of the Apparel Industry, Specifically in Bangladesh, and an Overview of What’s Changed in the Last Five Years
Moderator: Anjali Kamat, Belle Zeller Visiting Professor at Brooklyn College and reporter with the Investigative Fund

- Arun Devnath, Head of English News, Bangladesh News 24
- Mark Anner, Professor of Labor and Employment Relations and Political Science, and Director of the Center for Global Workers' Rights, Penn State University
- Sarah Fox, former Special Representative for International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Kerry Kennedy, President, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

2:15 – 3:15pm Constituency Perspectives; What Does the Accord Look Like in Practice?
Moderator: Scott Nova, Executive Director, Worker Rights Consortium

- Michael Bride, Deputy Director, Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh
- Shaikh Rezwan, Director, Rizvi Fashions Ltd
- Mercedes Lopez, VP Corporate Social Responsibility, Fruit of the Loom
- Christy Hoffman, Deputy General Secretary, UNI Global Union

3:15 – 3:30pm Break

3:30 – 4:30pm Next Steps for Corporate Accountability in Supply Chains
Moderator: Steven Greenhouse, former labor reporter for The New York Times and author of The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for the American Worker

- Babul Akhter, President, Bangladesh Garment & Industrial Workers’ Federation
- David Schilling, Senior Program Director, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
- Shawna Bader-Blau, Executive Director, Solidarity Center
- Angeles Solis, National Organizer, United Students Against Sweatshops

4:30 – 5:00pm Reception