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IGS organized a three days Strategic Planning workshop from January 9 to 11, 2010 at the BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM), Rajendrapur. The



workshop was facilitated by Dr. Suresh Raghavan, Director, Public Affair Centre, India. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss IGS's current and future programs and to come up with a common understanding to set agenda for the next four years. During the three days workshop IGS team examined its previous activities, revised mission, visions and successfully identified numbers of issues to be covered in the next four years. The

workshop ended with a cultural show played by IGS team.

The Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI) of IGS organized a lecture session on January 14, 2010. Dr. Gurprit S. Kindra, Professor, University of Ottawa gave a lecture on "Good Governance through marketing communication and media" in the session. He briefed about the challenges of marketing and the ways to face those challenges. He emphasized on Social media like Facebook, Twitter, Wikipedia, Skype etc for branding. Media professionals and different NGOs like Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) participated in the session.

JATRI organized a training of media trainers program from January 21 to 24, 2010 at the Hotel Shaibal, Cox's Bazar. The purpose of the program was to develop a Resource Pool for JATRI and to enhance the capacity of the JATRI training team to perform more efficiently in training facilitation. The participants of the program were Mohammad Sanaullah, Head of News and Program ABC Radio, Pranab Shaha, Chief News Editor, Ekushey TV, Nurul Amin Probhash, Joint Chief News Editor, NTV, Rawshan Shimu, News Editor, Daily Amader Shomoy, Shanaz Munni, Special Correspondent, ATN Bangla, Mir Masrur Zaman, Joint News Editor, Channel-i, Faroha Suhrawardy, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Betar and SM Shameem Reza, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University. The training program was facilitated by Barbara Dury, former CBS 60 Minutes Producer, Farid Hossain, Bureau Chief, Associated Press and M. Abdur Rahman, Sr. Faculty Member of BRAC University. Professor Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro-Vice Chancellor of BRAC University shared few ideas about training and facilitated an ice breaking session of the program. At the inauguration session, Mr. Manzoor Hasan, Director, IGS delivered the welcome speech and shared the objectives of the program with the participants. Barbara Dury distributed Certificates among the participants after completion of the training program.

The three months Certificate Programme on Environmental Governance ended with a Certificate awarding ceremony at IGS on January 23, 2010. Mr. Manzoor Hasan was present at the occasion and distributed certificates among the students. The course was attended by professionals from both the NGOs and corporate sector. The successful participants in the first batch were Dr. Shyamal Chandra Ghosh, Ms. Farhat Jahan, Mumtaz Hasan, Debasish Bhattacharjee, Md. Obaidur Rahman,

S.M. Shajedul Haque, AKM Naziullah, Abdur Rahim, Fakhru Islam. The course was jointly organized by IGS and Natural Resource Institute (NRI), University of Manitoba, Canada.