Welcome to this edition of the CSR360 GPN newsletter, the last one for 2014 and an opportunity to wish you all a great start for 2015.

2014 has been a year hit by new natural disasters, new wars and the Ebola Crisis in West Africa among other disasters. In addition, the Walk Free Foundation recently estimated that 38.5 million people experience modern slavery globally, a critical issue which needs urgently to be addressed by governments, and by companies through their supply chains. As we approach 10th December - International Human Rights Day -, you will find links in this newsletter to information guidelines which businesses can use to ensure they are respecting human rights globally.

2014 also saw many businesses scaling up their CR programmes with a view to improving their business practices and their impact on people and planet; we look forward to celebrating many of them through the 2015 Responsible Business Awards.

In a world where we all have a part to play in making it a better place for future generations, there is no doubt that organisations like the members of CSR360 GPN are critical in challenging and supporting businesses to shape a new contract between business and society. Please find included in this newsletter the list of initiatives, events and news that illustrate the amazing work being done.

We at BITC are delighted to work with you, to learn from and to partner with you all.

May we all here in the International Team wish you a happy ending to a busy 2014 and a wonderful start to 2015.

All the best,

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