

Disclosure of Green Banking:



To protect the globe from probable environmental calamities caused by uninterrupted global warming, originating from increasing trend of carbon emission and other environmental pollutions and to ensure continuous supply of scarce natural resources for future generation, a new approach to Green Banking has been prescribed by Bangladesh Bank through “Green Banking Policy” (GBCSRD Circular No. 04 dated August 11, 2013). On receipt of comprehensive policy from the Central Bank, Green Banking activities of IFIL has received a new impetus. Green Banking practices of IFIL are mainly concentrated in its internal operations, investment decisions and corporate social responsibilities (CSR) activities and automation.

From Shari’ah point of view, IFIL has tremendous urge for establishment of environment friendly banking in Bangladesh for the greater interest of the mankind. IFIL is committed to promote environment-friendly activities and raise awareness among its stakeholders to keep the globe habitable for future generations.

In accordance with the Bangladesh Bank’s policy guidelines, IFIL has formulated a policy guideline on Green Banking for its use approved by the BOD on 28.12.2013.

Bangladesh Bank addressed the Green Banking activities for the Banks and FI in Bangladesh to be implemented in 3 (three) phases as under:

Phase-I (To be completed by June 30, 2014)	Phase-II (To be completed by December 31, 2014)	Phase-III (To be completed by June 30, 2015)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Policy Formulation & Governance◇ Incorporation of Environmental Risk in CRM◇ Initiating In-house Environment Management◇ Introducing Green finance◇ Creation of Climate Risk Fund◇ Introducing Green Marketing◇ Employee Training, Consumer Awareness and Green Event◇ Disclosure and Reporting Green Banking Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Sector Specific Environmental Policies◇ Green Strategic Planning◇ Setting up Green Branches◇ Improved In-house Environment Management◇ Formulation of Environmental Risk Management Plan and Guidelines◇ Rigorous Programs to Educate Clients to be undertaken◇ Disclosure and Reporting of Green Banking Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Designing and Introducing Innovative Products◇ Reporting Green Banking Practices to Bangladesh Bank

Achievement of Green Banking activities-2013:



Green Products of IFIL:

Digitalization of Document:

Most of the documents of the FI are converted into softcopy. Books of Accounts are computerised and made electronic. A large portion of the internal and external communication are done through authenticated e-mail. Besides, all circulars, memoranda and queries are issued through intranet.

Installation of IP Phone:

IFIL has installed IP-Phone services in the Head Office and in all Branches. As a result, all high Executives and Branch Incumbents now easily communicate without physical travel which helps to reduce carbon emission.

Marketing, Training & Capacity Building:

Green Marketing:

After introduction of green banking, green marketing is gaining momentum. Employment notices are given on website and online applications are invited and entertained. Clients are also encouraged to modify their products line, set up modern machinery from environmental viewpoint.

Green Banking Training:

To promote and adopt the comprehensive idea on Green Banking activities, IFIL employees attended Green Banking training programs in Bangladesh Bank Training Academy and BIBM this year (2013).

In-house Environmental Management:

IFIL has taken a number of initiatives in this regard to ensure more efficient use of resources and reduction of waste, save energy and money, and help improve our working environment.

Energy Management:

The IFIL encourages customers to adopt energy efficient practices in their businesses.

Water Management:

Our water consumption is mainly associated with rest room, ablution and lunchroom facilities on IFIL premises. We are committed to improving our water use and conservation practices. We encourage economic use of water in our facilities and also encourage large borrowers to conserve and recycle water.

Environmental Risk Assessment in CRM:

IFIL has incorporated the environmental scanning to assess investment risk of the clients and refrained from financing projects which would have adverse impact on water pollution, health, encroachment of rivers and deforestation.

Management approach to Green Banking:

The finance industry has been actively supportive of sustainable green finance and has continued to increase its visibility and exposure to the sector. Prospects for business from alternative and sustainable finance in the green sector remain positive, especially given the strong growth expectations for Bangladesh. In line with these expectations IFIL has actively sought to enlarge its portfolio of green investments.

From above it is evident that our achievements in the field of Green Banking activities are encouraging, although we have shortage of experienced workforce, required resources, and necessary tools. We have still a wide area for improving Green Banking activities as desired by the Central Bank.