

Bangladesh Development Forum 2010: Agreed Action Points

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| Bangladesh Development Forum and National Strategies | | | | |
| 1. BDF to become a regular event for reviewing achievements and agreeing future priorities | Finalise and update action plan | June 2010 | ERD; Planning Div, GED, LCG Excomm/ Plenary | Done |
| | Review progress (BDF Follow Up) | Sep 2010 | | Planned for late September. |
| | Schedule next BDF | March-Sep 2011 (tbc) | | Date to be agreed between GoB and DPs |
| 2. Align DPs' assistance with GoB priorities as set out in the NSAPR-II. | Track levels of DP financial and technical aid | Continuous | Planning Div/ GED/Program ming Div, LCG Excomm | Ongoing |
| 3. GoB to finalise the 6 th Five Year Plan | New Five Year Plan finalised, and aligned to national budget, ADP and MTBF. | Dec 2010 | GED, Finance Div; consultations with DPs/civil society organization | Ongoing |
| Joint Cooperation Strategy and Aid Effectiveness | | | | |
| 4. Finalise the Joint Cooperation Strategy (JCS) | Conclude consultations | May 2010 | ERD LCG Excomm (LCG AE WG) | Done |
| | GoB-DP sign JCS | June 2010 | | Done |
| 5. Agree a Development Results Framework for the NSAPR and Five Year Development Plan. | Joint GoB-DP task teams draft a "Development Results Framework" | Start Sep 2010 | ERD, GED, GoB-DP Task Team (WB led), LCG WGs | Kick-start in Sep 2010, BDF follow up |
| | GoB-DP approves mutual "Development Results Framework" (based on Five Year Plan). | Early 2011 | | |
| 6. Agree a "Joint Action Plan" on Aid Effectiveness. | JCS Action Plan revised and approved for 2010/11 | June 2010 | GoB – DP Aid Effectiveness Working | Done |

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| | Monitor implementation of JCS Action Plan | Sept 2010 | Group | |
| | Revise Action Plan mid-2011. | June 2011 | | |
| Improved Governance | | | | |
| 7. GoB to include proposals for improving domestic revenue collection in the next budget. | Domestic resource related action points from GoB National Budget 2010/11. GoB to announce a comprehensive roadmap for improving tax administration and taxpayers services in the next budget, including online filing of direct tax returns. | July 2010 Mid 2011 | NBR, Finance Div, WB, UK, Canada, Denmark support via SPEMP (PFM), IMF; LCG Governance WG. NBR, Finance Div, ADB project on "online income tax". | |
| 8. GoB to strengthen the key democratic institutions, with DPs support. | Separate programmes to support the following Commissions: Anti Corruption | Ongoing | Cabinet Div, ADB, Denmark (LCG Governance WG) | - |
| | Election | Ongoing | EC, UNDP + 9 DPs | - |
| | National Human Rights | Ongoing | NHRC, UNDP, Korea, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland | - |
| | Right to information (Capacity building and campaign project) | Project proposal formulated | M/O Information (MOI), WB, ADB | Ongoing |
| | Revision of "Domestic Violence Bill" VAW project with MOI: sensitize journalists | Sept 2010 | MoWCA, Denmark, LCG WG DPs MOI (MDG fund) UNFPA | Ongoing Ongoing |
| 9. GoB to strengthen local government and reform the | Decentralisation of service delivery, including budgets. | August 2010 | Finance Div, Local Government | - |

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| civil service, with DPs' support. | | | Div, UNDP, WB, UK (LCG Governance WG) | |
| | New Civil Service Act, followed by other actions to improve civil service capacity | Dec 2010 | M/O Establishment (Committee chaired by Cabinet Secretary) LCG Gov. WG | Committee has been formed and consultations are planned |
| 10. Agree new sectoral programmes in health and education | Prepare design of new sector programme for health, nutrition and population | Dec 2010 | M/O Health and Family Welfare, Finance Div, World Bank, LCG Health WG | New sector program by July 2011 |
| | Prepare design of new sector programme to support primary education. | Dec 2010 | M/O Primary and Mass-Education, ADB, LCG Education WG | New sector program by July 2011 |
| Power and Energy | | | | |
| 11. GoB to develop Public-Private Partnership (PPP) proposals to increase power generation to 7000 MW by 2013, with the support of DPs. | Estimated cost US\$ 9.5 billion. Specific proposals to be prepared by GoB in conjunction with private sector, DPs. | Dec 2010 | Board of Investment (BOI), Energy/Power Div and Finance Div, World Bank, ADB, Japan (LCG Power/Energy WG) | PDB arranged rental power. Initiatives to import power under South Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (SAREC). GoB initiated IPP programme, invited RFP for Bibiyana I (330-450 MW) and short listed for Bibiyana II (300-450) and Megnaghat II (300-450 MW) |
| | GoB plans for nuclear power plants | | | |
| | Launch of an Energy and Power Fund" to attract private investment (explore stock-market/shares options). | Dec 2010 | Energy/Power Div, Finance Div, BOI (LCG WG) | - |

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| 12. GoB to take early steps on domestic coal exploration and promoting renewables. | Setting up the Sustainable Energy Development Agency (with a research cell) Confirm/clarify coal policy | Sept 2010 July 2010 | Energy/Power Div, WB, ADB, Japan (LCG WG) PM's Office/Energy Div. | Ongoing |
| 13. GoB to empower BEREC to adjust energy prices | Actions on electricity pricing to reflect demand and supply and attract investments | Ongoing gradual price adjustment | Power Div/ Energy Div. | Ongoing |
| Natural Resources and Climate Change | | | | |
| 14. Implement the National Food Policy, emphasising food availability, access and utilisation | Specific actions on the Southern Delta; the North East; technology innovation; research; capacity building, access to info/forecasting model, monitoring, improve food stock mgt etc. | High level food event in May 2010, Investment Forum in Asia, July 2010; ongoing activities | M/O Agriculture, Food Div, Disaster Mgt Div, M/O Fisheries and Livestock, FAO, ADB, WB and other LCG WG DPs. | Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP) proposal submitted and approved June 2010, Country Investment Plan endorsed by GoB and LCG WG in June 2010. |
| 15. GoB and DPs to implement water resource programmes in a participatory manner. | Actions on participatory water management; including strengthening BWDB's multi-disciplinary capacity, coastal embankment, rehabilitation, channelisation of rivers, dredging; climate change adaptation | - | M/O Water Resources, Netherlands, LCG WG | - |
| 16. GoB and DPs to work together on Climate Change in readiness for the high level meeting in Cancun, Mexico. | Actions in preparations for the Cancun high level meeting | Ongoing, to Oct 2010 | M/O Environment and Forest, M/O Foreign Affairs, WB, UK and LCG WG DPs (explore possible engagement with civil society) | Climate Change Resilience MDF signed in May, ongoing activities. MOEF formed committee, preparing for Cancun. |

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| 17. GoBs and DPs to increase funding for climate change. | <p>Actions to implement Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, including capacity development of the concerned agencies as a priority.</p> <p>Climate Change Trust Fund (CCTF) set up under MOEF (GoB 100 MUSD)</p> | Ongoing | M/O Environment and Forest (MOEF), ERD, LCG WG (Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund (BCCRF) set up under MOEF) | Ongoing activities on Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR) of Climate Investment Fund. |
| 18. DP-funded trust fund arrangements to be finalised, with WB providing fiduciary oversight. | Establish new Climate Change Resilience Fund. | May 2010 | MOEF, WB, UK, EU, Canada, Sweden, Denmark other DPs (BCCRF: accumulated 110 MUSD) | Established |
| 19. Make the case for Bangladesh to receive additional funds, including "Fast Start" funding announced in Copenhagen. | MOEF manage additional funds, including "fast track set up" funding announced in Copenhagen. | Ongoing | MOEF, Disaster Mgt, Finance Div, LCG WG | - |
| Transport and Communications | | | | |
| 20. Establish an integrated multimodal transport strategy and action plan | <p>Actions on multimodal transport strategy</p> <p>Actions on Padma Bridge Railway link</p> | Dec 2010 | Roads and Railways Div, Bridges Div, M/O Shipping, Planning Commission, ADB, Japan | Ongoing |
| 21. Explore options for inter-regional connectivity (including IT). | <p>Actions on regional connectivity with neighbouring countries</p> <p>South Asia-Sub Regional Economic Cooperation Information Highway.</p> <p>Regional IT Highway project for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal. Enhanced regional flow, sharing and integration of information.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>To be finalised by 2012</p> | <p>M/O Posts and Telecom, M/O Science & ICT, M/O Info, M/O Com, BTRC, ADB</p> <p>MoSICT, MoPT, BTCL, BCC, ADB</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |

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| 22. Devise institutional strengthening and reforms for the transport and communication sector, especially for railways. | Agreed plans for restructuring the railways sector including considering upgrade to electric trains. | Timings of major reforms will be part of the 6 th Five Year Plan. | M/O Communications, M/O Shipping, Planning Commission (Transport), ADB, WB, Japan | Ongoing |
| 23. GoB to set up the proposed "Road Maintenance Fund" as soon as possible. | - | Dec 2010 | Roads and Highways Department | - |
| 24. GoB to seek private sector investment in transport and communications. | Preparation for an Investment Forum | Sept 2010 | Board of Investment PM's Office, Planning Commission | - |
| Digital Bangladesh | | | | |
| 25. GoB to mainstream new technology as a pro-poor tool for delivering vital information and services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decentralised e-service delivery mechanisms at all local levels (innovative low cost accessibility), - Design secure foundation for e-service delivery platform based on national ID database, ensure accessibility to ministries/ departments and develop interoperability standards, - Mainstream digital strategy actions into the 6th Five Year Plan and formulate projects , - Develop ICT capacity and e-leadership of GoB (incl. innovative funding channels). - Develop project to introduce universal ID system to improve delivery and targeting of public services (BEC, PC, UNDP) | Ongoing | PM's Office M/O Science & ICT, BTRC, M/O Education, BEC (ID project) UNDP, EU: LCG WG to be established | Ongoing |