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## Meeting with donors today

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Bangladesh Development Forum today begins a two-day meeting against a backdrop of global recession.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the session at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the morning.

The forum provides donors with an opportunity to know about the government's development programmes that help them learn how and in which areas they can assist Bangladesh.

The meeting is the first of its kind after the Awami League-led grand alliance assumed power in January last year. The last meeting of BDF was held in 2005.

It is divided into six sessions-- development studies, governance and human development; energy and power; agriculture, food security and water resources; environment and climate change; transport and communications; and digital Bangladesh and ICT development.

In each session, Bangladesh will project its vision, strategy, reforms and priorities. The donors will also participate in the discussion.