



BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT FORUM (BDF) 2015

Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka

15-16 November 2015

Agenda

The forum will have **one inaugural session, one key note session, 6 thematic working sessions and one closing session**. Thematic working sessions will center on 7th FYP, Government's key priority areas and SDGs implementation. A few central questions will be formulated for each working session, which is expected to be concluded with specific actionable outcomes.

The format of the working session will be:

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| • Presentation (10 min) | • Plenary discussion with the room (30 to 40 min) |
| • Panel discussion (5 to 7 min each) | • Conclusion by the session chair (5 min): presenting the way forward |

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Day One

Opening Plenary

09.30-10.30

[Hall of Fame, BICC]

- 09:00 Guests take their seats
- 09:30 Arrival of the Hon'ble Prime Minister
Recitation from the Holy Quran
- 09:35 Welcome remarks by
Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin
Senior Secretary, ERD & Co-chair, Local Consultative Group
- 09:40 Welcome remarks by
Ms. Janina Jaruzelski
Head of Mission, USAID Bangladesh & Co-chair, Local Consultative Group
- 09:45 **A short Documentary on "Bangladesh: Moving Towards a Developed Nation"**
- 09:50 Statement by
Mr. Kingo TOYODA
Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- 09:55 Statement by
Mr. Wencai Zhang
Vice President, Asian Development Bank
- 10:00 Statement by
Mr. Jin Liqun
President-designate, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 10:05 Address by
H.E. Mr. Abul Maal A. Muhith, MP
Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Bangladesh
- 10:15 Inaugural address by
H.E. Sheikh Hasina, MP
Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of Bangladesh

10:30-11.00

Inauguration of **DEVELOPMENT FAIR** by Hon'ble Prime Minister [Milky Way, BICC]

10.30-11:00

Refreshment – [Parallel Event] - Hall of Fame Foyer, BICC

Keynote Session
11:00-13.00
[Harmony, BICC]

Macro-Economic Management: A Journey from Lower to Higher Middle Income Country through an Inclusive Growth Strategy ensuring SDGs

Chair: H.E. Mr. Abul Maal A. Muhith, MP, Minister of Finance

Keynote Presenter: Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member (Sr. Secretary), GED

Panelists

Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor, Bangladesh Bank
Mr. Mahbub Ahmed, Senior Secretary, Finance Division
Mr. Martin Rama, Chief Economist for South Asia, World Bank
Mr. Robert Watkins, UN Resident Coordinator, Bangladesh

This session will set the scene for the Forum through a key note presentation highlighting Bangladesh's economic achievements, the core macroeconomic indicators, the climate for investment, trade and employment. The session will explore the related priorities for action over the next 5 years, challenges and possible action to mitigate these challenges, in order to achieve Vision 2021 and SDG8. The session will build on the strategies set out in the 7th five year plan.

Lunch & Prayer
13.00-13.45
[Carnival, BICC: For Registered Participants only]

Working Session One
13.45-15.15
[Harmony, BICC]

Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change

Chair: H.E. Begum Matia Chowdhury, Minister for Agriculture

Keynote Presenter: Mr. Anwar Faruque, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

Panelists

Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests
Ms. Mushfeka Ikfat, Secretary, Ministry of Food
H.E. Mrs Sophie AUBERT, French Ambassador to Bangladesh
Dr. Kundhavi Kadiresan, Regional Representative, Asia Pacific region, FAO, Bangkok
Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation

Food security depends on three elements - the availability of food, access to food and the effective utilization of food. Climate change – in the form of rising temperatures, less predictable rainfall and more extreme weather events – is likely to affect Bangladesh in coming decades, and will have a direct bearing on agriculture and food security. Climate change hits hardest at the most vulnerable in society, including the rural poor and landless. Adaptation measures are needed to support these groups, as well as those farmers who are moving into more commercial operations. This session will aim to identify the main thrusts of a new food security Country Investment Plan and highlight some of the key options for climate change adaptation in agriculture.

Tea Break
15.15-15.30

[Carnival, BICC]

Working Session Two

15.30-17.00

[Harmony, BICC]

Strengthening the economic foundation: Strategies for development of infrastructure

Chair: H.E. Mr. A H M Mustafa Kamal, Minister for Planning

Keynote Presenter: Mr. Arastoo Khan, Member, Physical Infrastructure Division, Planning Commission

Panelists

Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Secretary, Prime Minister's Office

Mr. Toru ARAI, Director-General, South Asia, JICA HQ

Mr. Anthony Jude, Director, South Asia Department, Asian Development Bank

Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, University of Asia Pacific

This session will discuss selected areas which are critical for economic growth over the next five years. These sectors are **(1) power and energy – SDG7 (2) infrastructure (roads, railway, water transport and regional connectivity– SDG 9 (3) ICT**. Panelists will discuss how to ensure affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, how to build resilient infrastructure, land and water transport, regional connectivity and accessible ICT.

Working Session Three

17.15-18.45

[Harmony, BICC]

Governance and Development: Strengthening partnership for effective development cooperation

Chair: H.E. Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Economic Adviser to the PM

Keynote Presenter: Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, ERD

Panelists

Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, MoFA

Mr. Md. Mahiuddin Khan, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division

H.E. Mr. Pierre Mayaudon, Ambassador & the Head of EU Delegation

Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue

Prof. Syed Munir Khasru, IBA, DU & The Institute for Policy, Advocacy & Governance (IPAG)

This session will discuss on how to realize SDG17 at the national level and make the most out of domestic and external sources for development. Government may highlight measures taken to further strengthen governance, such as the RTI, the APA, the National Integrity Strategy, PFM reform and domestic resource mobilization and expectations from DPs in terms of synchronizing with government priorities, monitoring and evaluation arrangement, PFM, and using country systems. Development partners may present the measures they can take to strengthen efficiency and impact of development partnerships. In addition, the session can explore the potential of private financing.

Cultural Show & Dinner

19.00

[Hall of Fame & Carnival, BICC: By Invitation only]

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Day Two

Working Session Four
08.30-10.00
[Harmony, BICC]

Health and quality education: Offering a secure future for all

Chair: H.E. Mr. Abul Maal A. Muhith, MP, Minister of Finance

Keynote Presenter: (1) Mr. Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare &
(2) Mr. Chowdhury Mufad Ahmed, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education

Panelists

Mr. Mesbah ul Alam, Secretary, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education

Dr. Navaratnasamy Paranietharan, Country Representative, WHO

Mr. Jeff Nankivell, Director General, Asia-Pacific at Foreign Affairs, Trade and
Development, Canada (DFATD)

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairperson of BRAC

This session will explore how to ensure the commitment to inclusive, quality education and health for all over the next five years. The session will highlight the challenges of public health and its mitigation measures for reaching national health targets. The session will link quality life skill education with future employment opportunities for the youth. It will build on lessons learnt from the Primary Education sector (PEDP).

Tea Break
10.00-10.15
[Carnival, BICC]

Working Session Five
10.15 – 11.45
[Harmony, BICC]

Social Protection: Leaving no one behind

Chair: Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, ERD

Keynote Presenter: Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member (Sr. Secretary), General Economic Division

Panelists

Mr. Tariq-Ul-Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare

Mr. Bijoy Bhattacharjee, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division

Ms. Sarah Cooke, Country Representative, DFID

Mr. Haoliang Xu, Assistant Administrator & Director, RBAP, UNDP

Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre

Bangladesh is breaking new ground with the recent adoption of its National Social Security Strategy (NSSS). With this Strategy, the Government recognizes that, notwithstanding impressive progress in poverty reduction, there is a considerable part of the population that remains vulnerable and exposed to poverty. This session will explore how government and Development Partners can join hands to broaden the scope of the safety net programmes and strengthen the social security system, in line with the NSSS, to reduce poverty and inequality in line with SDG 1 (target 1.3) and SDG 10 (target 10.4) and enhance resilience of the Bangladeshi people.

Working Session Six
12.00 -13.30
[Harmony, BICC]

Mainstreaming Gender in Economic Development

Chair: H.E. Ms. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker, Bangladesh Parliament
Keynote Presenter: Ms. Nasima Begum ndc, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

Panelists

H.E. Ms. Meher Afroze Chumki, State Minister, Ministry of Women & Children Affairs
H.E. Ms. Irene Wennemo, Deputy Minister for Labour, Sweden
Ms. Farah Kabir, Country Director, Action Aid Bangladesh
Ms. Christine Hunter, Country Representative, UN Women Bangladesh
Dr. Nazmunnessa Mahtab, Professor, Department of Women & Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

This session will look at the current progress and strategies with regard to economic opportunities for women and explore, in line with SDG5, how to further empower women economically.

Lunch & Prayer

13.30-14.30

[Carnival, BICC: For Registered Participants only]

Closing Session

14.30 – 15.00

[Harmony, BICC]

Chair: H.E. Mr. Abul Maal A. Muhith, MP, Minister of Finance

Guest of Honour: H.E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, State Minister for Foreign Affairs

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, ERD & Co-Chair LCG
Ms. Janina Jaruzelski, Mission Director, USAID & Co-Chair LCG

The objective of this session is for the GoB to present its ideas for implementing the strategy and sector plans in close collaboration with the DPs as well as to build consensus on key issues.

Media Briefing : HFM, HSMF&P, LCG Co-Chairs

15.30

[Media Bazaar, BICC]