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Bangladesh Development Forum 2015

The Bangladesh Development Forum is a **high level flagship event** of the Government of Bangladesh, taking place on **15 and 16 November 2015 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka**. At the BDF, government will share its national vision and strategies with the wider development community and consult esteemed development partners on key development priorities. The Bangladesh Development Forum will gather ministers, top government bureaucrats, political representatives of donor countries, senior development partner officials and civil society, to ensure a strengthened partnership for the country's development. As this Forum is taking place just after world leaders launch the post-2015 **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs), the Forum will provide an exceptional opportunity to discuss how to take forward these globally agreed goals at the national level.

Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the event.

The key note session will be devoted to *'Macro-economic management: A journey from lower to higher middle income country through an inclusive growth strategy ensuring SDGs'*. This will be followed by six thematic working sessions centering on the 7th Five Year Plan and SDG implementation. The themes of these working sessions will be:

- Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change
- Strengthening Economic Foundations: Strategies for Development of Infrastructure
- Governance and Development: Strengthening Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
- Health and Quality Education: Offering a Secure Future for All
- Social Protection: Leaving no one Behind
- Mainstreaming Gender in Economic Development

Working session will be chaired by Ministers and bring together development partners, civil society, private sector and various government institutions for an exchange on necessary action to implement the Five Year Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals. It will conclude with an outcome document spelling out necessary joint steps in each of these six thematic areas.