



Bangladesh Development Forum 2010
Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre
Date: 15-16 February 2010
Annotated Programme

Time	Event	Venue
Day-1 (15 Feb, 2010)		
By 09:00	Guests take their seats	Hall of Fame
09:30-10:30	Inaugural Session: (Chief Guest: Hon'ble Prime Minister)	
09:30	• Arrival of the Hon'ble Prime Minister	Hall of Fame
09:32	• Recitation from the Holy Quran	
09:35	• Welcome remarks by Mr. M. Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, ERD & Co-Chair, Local Consultative Group	
09:40	• Welcome remarks by Mr. Chris Austin, Country Director, the UK Department for International Development & Co-Chair, Local Consultative Group	
09:45	• Introductory statements by representatives of development partners - Mr. Kazuo Sunaga, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan - Mr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Director General, South Asia Regional Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Ms Isabel Guerrero, Vice-President, South Asia Region, World Bank.	
10:00	• Address by H.E Mr. Abul Maal A Muhith, MP, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Bangladesh	
10:10	• Inaugural address by H.E Sheikh Hasina, MP, Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Government of Bangladesh	
10:25	• Opening of the "Development Fair" by the Hon'ble Prime Minister	
10:30-11:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	Foyer
11:00-13:30	Business Session-I; Development Strategies, Governance and Human Development The main objective of this session is for the Government of Bangladesh to share its development vision, strategy, priorities and discuss with development partners on how to work together to make the vision into real development outcomes.	Harmony Room
11:00	• Presentation on the Vision 2021 and National Strategy for Accelerated Poverty Reduction-II as well as governance and human development by Professor Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member, General Economics Division, Planning Commission.	
11:25	• Comments by designated discussant, Dr. Sadiq Ahmed, Vice Chairman, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh	
11:32	• Comments from development partners: - Ms Renata Desallien, UN Resident Coordinator - Mr Dirk Meganck, Director Asia and Central Asia, European Union	
11:45	• Floor discussion on the Development Strategies.	
12:05	• Floor discussion on Governance	
12:25	• Floor discussion on Human Development	
12:45	• Response from the presenter	

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12:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by the Guests of Honour, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Masihur Rahman, Hon'ble Economic Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister - Air Vice Marshal(Retd.) A K Khandker, BU, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Planning. 	
13:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final comments from the development partners: Ms Ellen Goldstein, Country Director, World Bank. 	
13:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concluding remarks by the Chair (Hon'ble Minister for Finance) 	
13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of session 	
13:30– 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	Carnival Room
14:30-16:00	<p>Business Session-II; Energy and Power</p> <p>The main objective of this session is for Government of Bangladesh to share its strategy, reforms and priorities in the energy and power sector and discuss with development partners how to work together to realise the plans.</p>	Harmony Room
14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on the strategy, priorities and next steps for the energy and power sector by Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources 	
14:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments by designated discussant, Dr. Ijaz Hossain, Professor Department of Chemical Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology 	
14:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments from development partners: Mr Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Director General South Asia Region, ADB 	
15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floor discussion 	
15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from the presenter 	
15:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by the Guests of Honour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, BB, Hon'ble Adviser to the Prime Minister on Power, Energy and Mineral Resources - Brigadier General (Retd.) Muhammad Enamul Huq, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources 	
15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final comments from the development partners: H.E. Mr Holger Michael, Ambassador, Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany 	
15:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concluding remarks by the Chair (Hon'ble Minister for Finance) 	
16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of session 	
16:00-16:15	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	Carnival Room
16:15-17:45	<p>Business Session-III; Agriculture, Food Security and Water Resources</p> <p>The main objective of this session is for Government of Bangladesh to share its strategy, reforms and priorities in the agriculture, food security and water resources sectors and discuss with development partners how to work together to realise the plans.</p>	Harmony Room
16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on the strategy, priorities and next steps for agriculture, food security and water resource management by Mr. C Q K Mustaq Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture. 	
16:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments from by designated discussant, Dr. Mahabub Hossain Executive Director, BRAC. 	
16:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments from development partners: Mr. Ad Spijkers, Representative, Food and Agriculture Organization 	
16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floor discussion 	
17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from the presenter 	
17:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by the Guests of Honour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Mohammad Abdur Razzaque, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Food and Disaster Management. - Begum Matia Chowdhury, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Agriculture 	

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17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final comments from the development partners: H. E. Mr. James Moriarty, Ambassador of the United States 	
17:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concluding remarks by the Chair (Hon'ble Minister for Finance) 	
17:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of session 	
17:45-19:30	<i>Visit "Development Fair"- A "Bangladeshi Mela" demonstrating various ongoing development activities and partnerships in Bangladesh.</i>	Milky Way
19:30-21:30	<i>Dinner, followed by cultural programme</i>	Celebrity Hall
Day 2 (16 Feb, 2010)		
09:00– 10:15	<p>Business Session-IV: Environment and Climate Change</p> <p>The objective for this session is for the Government of Bangladesh to share its strategies, reforms and priorities in the area of environment and climate change and discuss with development partners how to work together to realise the plans.</p>	Harmony Room
09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on the strategy, priorities and next steps on environment and climate change by Dr. Mihir Kanti Majumder, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests. 	
09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments by designated discussant, Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, President, Bangladesh Economic Association 	
09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments from development partners: Mr. Jim Drummond, Director South Asia, DFID/UK 	
09:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floor discussion 	
09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from the presenter 	
09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by the Guests of Honour - Dr. Hasan Mahmud, MP, Hon'ble State Minister for Environment and Forests - Mr. Ramesh Chandra Sen, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources 	
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final comments from the development partners: H.E. Mr. Einar Hebogard Jensen, Ambassador of Denmark 	
10:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concluding remarks by the Chair (Hon'ble Minister for Finance) 	
10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of session 	
10:15 – 11:30	<p>Business Session-V: Transport and Communications</p> <p>The objective for this session is for the Government of Bangladesh to share its strategies, reforms and priorities in the transport and communications sectors and discuss with development partners how to work together to realise the plans.</p>	Harmony Room
10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on the strategy, priorities and next steps on transport and communications by Mr. Md. Mozammel Haque Khan, Secretary, Roads and Railway Division 	
10:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments by designated discussant, Dr. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, BRAC University. 	
10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments from development partners: H.E. Mr. Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan 	
10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floor discussion 	
11:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from the presenter 	
11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by the Guest of Honour Syed Abul Hossain, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Communications 	
11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final comments from the development partners: Mr Paul Heytens, Country Director, Asian Development Bank 	
11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concluding remarks by the Chair (Hon'ble Minister for Finance) 	
11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of session 	

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11:30-11:45	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	Carnival Room
11:45 – 12:45	Business Session-VI: Digital Bangladesh and ICT Development The objective for this session is for the Government of Bangladesh to share its strategies, reforms and priorities on “Digital Bangladesh” and the ICT sector and discuss with development partners how to work together to realise the plans. 11:45 • Presentation on the strategy, priorities and next steps on achieving Digital Bangladesh and ICT Development by Mr. Md. Abdul Karim, Principal Secretary, Prime Minister's Office. 12:00 • Comments by designated discussant, Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Policy Adviser, Access to Information Programme Project, PMO 12:05 • Comments from development partners: Mr. Stefan Priesner, Country Director, United Nations Development Programme 12:10 • Floor discussion 12:25 • Response from the presenter 12:30 • Remarks by the Guest of Honour Architect Yeafesh Osman, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology 12:35 • Final comments from the development partners: Mr Milko van Gool, Head of Cooperation, European Union 12:40 • Concluding remarks by the Chair (Hon'ble Minister for Finance) 12:45 • End of session	Harmony Room
12:45-13:30	Summing-up and Next Steps: The objective of this session is for the Government of Bangladesh to present its ideas for implementing the strategy and sector plans in close collaboration with the development partners as well as to build consensus on key issues.	Harmony Room
13:30–14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Carnival Room</i>
14:30-15:30	Press Briefing by the Hon'ble Finance Minister	Media Bazar

Note: - The Hon'ble Finance Minister will chair all sessions;

- Each participant will be registered at the beginning of the business session that (s)he attends first,

- “The Development Fair” will remain open to visitors from 10:45 to 19:30 on Day 1 and from 8-30 to 16:00 on Day 2.