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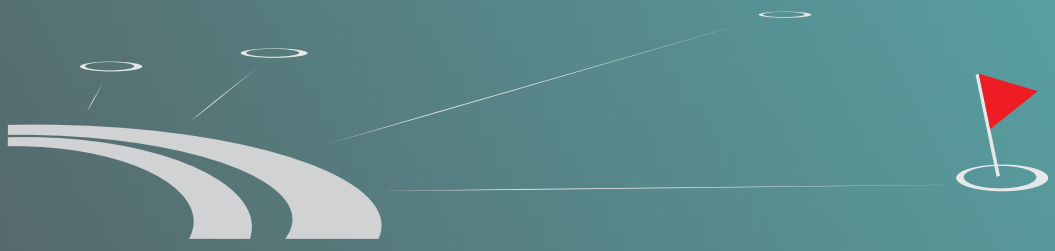
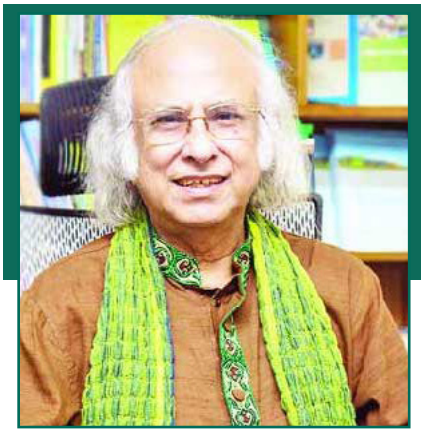


Session:

Why vibrant CSO/ NGO sector is needed in Bangladesh

Chief Guest
Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad



*An economist and development thinker and practitioner, **Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad** is currently Chairman of Governing Council of Dhaka School of Economics (DScE), which is, a constituent institution of the University of Dhaka and is devoted to both post-graduate and undergraduate studies in economics and related subjects; and Chairman, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), which is, under his leadership, promoting human-centric, multidimensional, integrated approaches to enable the downtrodden of Bangladesh touched, to move out of poverty and on to sustainable development pathways. He has been awarded with the Independence Award 2019, the highest Bangladesh National Civilian Award, presented by the Government of Bangladesh and he has been also Awarded Ekushey Padak 2009, one of the highest Bangladesh National Civilian Awards, presented by the Government of Bangladesh. Recently he has received the National Environment Award 2019, presented by the Government of Bangladesh.*

Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad received MA (Economics) from the University of Dhaka and Ph.D (Economics) from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London University. He was born in the district of Sylhet in 1943.

A participant in the Bangladesh War of Liberation in 1971, he worked in the Planning Cell of the then Bangladesh Government-in-exile. He is the Coordinator of Bangladesh Climate Change Negotiating Team at UNFCCC since 2009. He was the elected President of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) for three consecutive terms from 2002-2010. In 2010. He was a Member of the UNFCCC Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Executive Board (2009-2014); and was a Coordinating Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)-Third Assessment (completed in 2001) and a Lead Author for IPCC Fourth Assessment (2004-2007).

Dr. Ahmad has to his credit a wide range of research works and publications (including authored/co-authored/edited/ co-edited 40 books and over 250 articles/research reports and papers), at home and abroad, including on policy planning, rural development, poverty alleviation, human development, technology, employment, gender issues, regional cooperation, water resources, environment, and climate change.

Special Guest
Mia Seppo

***Mia Seppo** joined the United Nations Country Team in Bangladesh as the Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in October 2017. Subsequent to the adoption of the UNGA Resolution 72/279, Ms. Seppo, with effect from 1 January 2019, has been designated as the UN Resident Coordinator of the United Nations system's operational activities for development in the People's Republic of Bangladesh.*

Prior to her appointment in Bangladesh, Ms. Seppo has served as the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Malawi from April 2013 to October 2017, where among other initiatives she coordinated the UN system and partner support to the tripartite elections held in May 2014, the devastating floods in 2015 and the humanitarian response to the food insecurity in 2016-2017. Between 2010 and 2013, she served as the UNDP Country Director in Sierra Leone, leading the UN support to the tripartite elections held in 2012. Ms. Seppo contributed to the UN's work on aid coordination and development effectiveness in both countries. In partnership with the Peace Building Mission, Ms. Seppo led UNDP's work on conflict

prevention in Sierra Leone and the establishment of a National Peace Architecture in Malawi.

Ms. Seppo served in the Regional Bureau for Africa in New York from 2005 to 2010, covering a portfolio of crisis countries, in particular the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi. Earlier, Ms. Seppo worked for a decade on the countries of the former Soviet Union focusing on Central Asia and the Caucasus, as part of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS in the UN HQs in New York. She was appointed as the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Tajikistan in 2002 to support the post-conflict recovery and reintegration programmes of UNDP at a decentralized level.

Ms. Seppo started her UN career in 1996 with a focus on governance and human rights issues. Prior to her joining the UN, Ms. Seppo worked for civil society and think tanks, including the Finnish Committee for European Security.

Ms. Seppo is a Finnish national and holds a Master's Degree in Social Sciences from the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Moderator
Rezaul Karim Chowdhury

***Rezaul Karim Chowdhury** is the Executive Director, Coastal Association for Social Transformation (COAST Trust) and Convener of Equity & Justice Working Group. He has expertise over many disciplines such as promoting appropriate technology in coastal belt, sustainable micro finance, advocacy and policy influencing, policy research and disaster management. He has studied for his Masters in Sociology in Department of Sociology, University of Chittagong.*

Moderator
S M MONJUR RASHID

*With over two decades of working experience in national and internationals NGOs on inclusive anti-poverty programs, **S M Monjur Rashid** has the skills and connections necessary to develop and implement effective programming, knowledge management, research & learning, policy advocacy and communications strategies.*

His background is in creating exceptional and impactful policy, advocacy & campaigns, having successfully organized and lead campaigns on issues of social protection, Rohingya rights, inequality & discrimination, living wage, tax justice, IFI's energy investment, pro-poor governance, inclusive education, human rights for minority populations, child rights, peace & justice, active citizenship for youth, anti-corruption reform, violence against girls, boys and & women and climate change mitigation and adaptation. In these roles, he has demonstrated not only strategic acumen and the ability to influence policy and populations, but also his effective communications skills, speaking, writing and creating multimedia products in both English and Bangla.

Leveraging these skills in a senior management environment, He got scope to established himself as a Learning and Knowledge Management leader and developing innovative knowledge management & learning strategies, advocacy and communication strategies that link closely to program development and M&E, strengthening synergies with advocacy and both internal and external communications. Over these years he has been demonstrating his strength in designing, managing and implementing WIN (Worldwide Influencing and Networking) strategy for Oxfam in Bangladesh, learning and knowledge management strategy for Save the Children International in Bangladesh and SHOUHARDO (Strengthening Household Abilities to Respond to Development Opportunities) Programme of CARE Bangladesh - a USAID & GOB funded complex and world largest nutrition and food security program in the world, led pro-poor policy advocacy campaign and influencing works for ActionAid and dealing with multiple components ranging from liaising with government and donor counterparts, developing civil society, and bringing tangible impacts to some of the poorest and most marginalized sections of the society.

Moreover, S M Monjur Rashid has been contributing to the development sector by producing articles and papers for journals and newspapers, research based books and newsletters, and also making documentary film on different issues. Since his student life, he is a regular writer on social, cultural and national issues in the major national dailies, periodicals and learned journals.

Session:

How CSO/ NGOs will be accountable to public

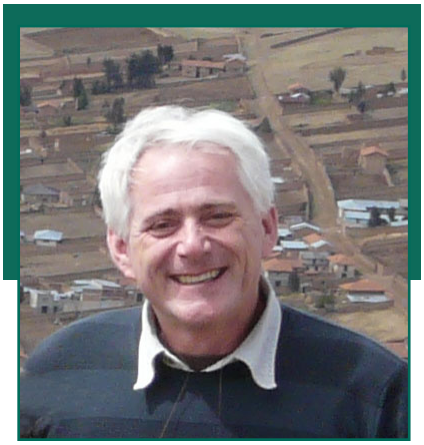
Chief Guest
Saheen Anam

Shaheen Anam *is the Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), a grant making organization supporting Human Rights and Governance work of organizations(approx 250) in Bangladesh.*

She has worked for CARE Bangladesh as the Coordinator for their largest program and for the Ministry of Women's Affairs as Project Director for a Gender Equality Project . She has also worked in International Organizations such as UNDP and UNHCR both in Bangladesh and Abroad. Shaheen Anam has a Masters in Social Work from the Hunter College School of Social Work, New York and Masters in Psychology from Dhaka University. She facilitated the process that raised the demand for enactment of the Right to Information (RTI) Act in Bangladesh and is now promoting implementation of law as the Convener of RTI Forum. She is at present involved with a number of policy advocacy and law reforms/ formulations.

Shaheen Anam is committed to upholding the rights of the most marginalized people. She is known as a human rights and women activist. She is closely linked to the women's movement and is associated with national, regional and international coalitions/ networks promoting women's rights. She contributes articles in national dailies and is regularly invited to speak in Bangladesh and abroad.

Chief Guest
Pierre Hauselmann



Pierre Hauselmann *is Swiss francophone. He is the first Executive Director of the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative. Pierre holds a MSc. in environmental management from the London University, with a focus on NGO management and auditing. Before being at HQAI, he was Head of Verification at HAP International and then at CHS Alliance. He moderated the writing group that developed the final version of the CHS. Pierre has 25 years of experience in ethical standard development, certification and verification. He is a founding member of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and collaborated with a number of schemes in the sustainable development sector, including Fairtrade and Social Accountability International. He participated as technical expert in the development of several ISO standards on environmental management in representation of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) International.*

Special Guest
Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul *is currently working as the CEO of Ekushey Television (ETV) . he has obtained his MA [Master of Arts] and LLB [Graduation in Law] from Dhaka University. Diploma in Journalism from International Institute of Journalism, Berlin, Germany.*

He participated advance course on journalism and democracy in FOJO-University of Kalmar, Sweden, and different courses on journalism and broadcasting run by the Commonwealth Press Union-CPU, Commonwealth Broadcasting Association-CBA, Thomson Foundation, UK, APTN/UK-Hong Kong, Press Institute of Bangladesh-PIB, National Institute for Mass Communication-NIMCO.

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul was chosen as the Chairman of the jury board of UNESCO/ Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize for 2013. This is the highest media related award in the Globe. Previously He served as member of Jury board for three

years. His previous professional experiences include working for the country's oldest newspaper - the Daily Sangbad, the Daily Jugantor, ATN Bangla Television, and Boishakhi Television. Over his more than three decades practical experience in print and electronic media journalism, Bulbul has earned a number of awards and honors home and abroad. He also served as the elected president of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ).

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul began working for The Daily Sangbad, the oldest and most respected daily in Bangladesh, in 1987. From 1987-2000, he worked as sub-editor, National desk editor and news editor. In 2000, he left The Daily Sangbad to start a news daily Jugantor, now the country's one of the largest-circulation Newspaper, where he was its Founder News Editor.

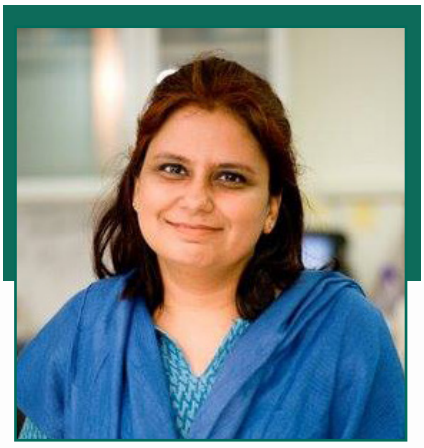
Guest of Honor

Anne Street

***Anne Street** has worked on humanitarian policy issues since 2005, most recently as Head of Human-itarian Policy at CAFOD (Caritas England and Wales). Her work has focused on humanitarian system change, humanitarian financing and conflict and peace-building. In 2015, in the run-up to the World Humanitarian Summit, she was one of 4 co-founders of the Charter for Change, an initiative which has become a key vehicle for organisational change amongst its 35 INGO signatories as well as an advocacy tool to promote improved international humanitarian actors' partnerships with national actors, encouraged by the 135 national NGO endorsers of the Charter. She is a passionate advocate of the localisation agenda. Prior to focusing on humanitarian policy she worked on development and humanitarian programmes, with a geographical focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. She holds a bachelor's de-gree in politics and sociology and a Masters degree from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.*

Guest of Honor

Nivedita Datta



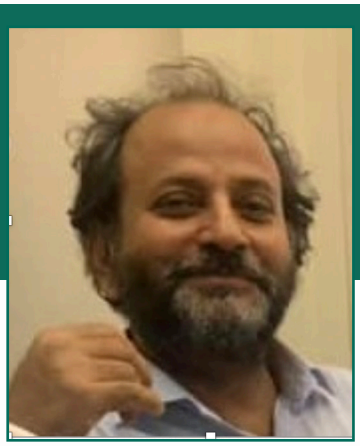
***Nivedita Datta** has professional experience of over two decades of working with both - corporate and social/development sector. She holds a degree in Economics from the University of Delhi and a post-graduation diploma in Business Administration. She has worked extensively in the social sector for the last decade and a half in the areas of disability, education, women empowerment, disaster management and emergency preparedness, family planning and maternal health. She has handled different portfolios in leading not for profit organisations including NCPEDP (National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People, Oxfam India, FICCI (where she handled prestigious assignments like organising of FICCI-Businessworld CSR Awards).*

She is presently working with Voluntary Action Network India (VANI), in-charge of internal system strengthening of Voluntary Development Organisations including over 560 VANI Members. She has been building the capacities of organisations, especially the micro, small and medium on Accountability, Transparency, Governance and Resilience Building through VANI's recently updated Code of Conduct. As a Project Partner of Global Standard for CSO Accountability, she as part of VANI is actively promoting accountability standards and its approach towards Dynamic Accountability amongst the civil societies in India and South Asia. She also leads VANI's efforts towards advancing women leadership and adoption of women friendly policies amongst the Indian Civil Society.

Panel Member

Murshed Alam Sarker

Mr. Murshed Alam Sarker *is the Executive Director of People's Oriented Program Implementation (POPI). His astute development vision and strategic mind have contribut-ed immensely to the development sector of Bangladesh. He ensured the materializa-tion of programmes that are effective in uplifting people from different forms of exclu-sion. His passion for development led his organization to spread its operations across the country. Particularly, his effort for the development of Haor people is quite note-worthy. Apart from his busy involvement with POPI, Mr. Murshed is equally active on the other social fronts and is associated with various organizations. At present, he is the chairman of Credit and Development Forum, a national association of microfinance practitioners. Mr. Sarker is also the Secretary of the National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB). He has been the chairman of Society for Social Services (SSS). With his dynamic leadership, POPI has been awarded several prestigious awards including Citi Micro Entrepreneurship Award - 2016.*



Panel Member

Gawher Nayeem Wahra

Gawher Nayeem Wahra *has a long experience of working with grass root organizations who are managing humanitarian and Development Programme. He is the founder convener and is currently acting as the member secretary of Foundation for Disaster Forum (DF) which is a national membership organisation of 76 agencies and individuals working in the field of humanitarian response in Bangladesh. He is also the founder member of South Asian Disaster Network "Duryog Nivaran" He has over 30 years experience in the field of managing complex emergencies and natural disasters at local, regional, national and international level. He worked with Oxfam, CARE, ActionAid, Save the Children, PLAN, Swiss Development Cooperation , UNICEF and BRAC. In 2011, Mr Wahra was elected as Independent Member of Certification and Review Board (CARB) of Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP; a Geneva based humanitarian organisation) followed by which he became the chair of the board. His contribution, as the chief editor, to translations of the Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) as well as the Sphere Hand Book in Bangla, is immense. He also disseminated the standards through co-writing training manuals and providing the training. Since 1997, he is the founder editor for Bangladesh Disaster Year Report which is an annual report on the disaster and environmental hazards.*

He is also involved in teaching in different public and private Universities on Humanitarian Response and Climate Change issues. He regularly contributes to popular national news papers , weeklies and journals focusing on development and disaster management issues.

Moderator

Dr. Mohd Abdul Matin

Dr. Mohd. Abdul Matin *is an Occupational health care physician with activism on right to health and ecology conservation. He is a Member of the Global Steering Committee at International Coal Network (ICN). He is also Country Representative at Psaarc Regional Committee, Secretary General at Psaarc Water Forum Bangladesh, Member Secretary at National Committee for Saving the Sunderbans - NCSS, Civil Society Representative at National River Saving Task Force. GoB, National Committee Member at National Health Rights Movement - NHRM, Member, National Steering Committee at One Health Movement Bangladesh (OHB), Coordinator at Bangladesh Campaign against Climate Change (BCCC), Convener at Chalan Beel Rakkha Andolon - CBRA, Executive Adviser at Baral River Rakkha Andolon (BRA), Coordinator at Jatyo Nadi Rakkha Andolon-JNRA, Coordinator at Health Research & Rights Foundation (HRRF), General Secretary at Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), Former Medical Officer at Dhaka Medical College & Hospital, Worked at Govt Delegate team to UNFCC COPs. Dr. Matin studied Medicine at Dhaka Medical College, and HSC at Dhaka College*

Session:

Facilitate local CSO/ NGOs to grow as sovereign and sustainable sector

Chief Guest
Shireen Huq

Shireen Huq *is a renowned activist in Bangladesh. The organization she helped found, Naripokkho, began in 1983, just 12 years after Bangladesh won its own independence. It has become a leading voice of women's rights in the country. At the time she started Naripokkho, Shireen was pursuing a PhD in the UK. She was pulled from academia to activism by an explosion of interest in feminism in the context of a new country where women's rights were sidelined in political discussions. When women gathered to talk, Shireen recalls, "We had no idea of the intensity of the sense of injustice that lay beneath the surface, ready to explode." From 1987 to 2006, Shireen served as an advisor to the Danish development agency, DANIDA, but her work for Naripokkho – all of it voluntary and uncompensated – has always been her true calling.*

Chief Guest
Nick Guttmann

Nick Guttmann *has worked in the humanitarian sector for over 30 years and has significant expe-rience at field, HQ and alliance levels. Nick is currently Head of the Humanitarian Di-vision at Christian Aid and is on the board of the CHSA and has represented Christian Aid on the Participation workstream of the Grand Bargain. Nick was one of the founders of the START Network and was its chair for several years. He has previously served on Board and Executive Committee of the ACT Alli-ance.*

Since 2001 Nick has been head of the Humanitarian Division and developed and led Christian Aid's partnership based emergency response now seen as one of the lead-ing exponents of locally led emergency response. This has included major responses in Nigeria, the DRC, Bangladesh, India, Philippines, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Nepal Haiti and most recently Malawi and Zimbabwe following cyclone Idai. Nick started his career in International Development in Ethiopia in 1988 working for Concern Worldwide. He worked for Concern for 13 years including playing a leading role in Concern's emergency responses in Iran and Iraq after the 1st Gulf war, Somalia on 2 occasions, Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire from 1994 – 1997, Sierra Leone, Liberia, South Sudan, Mozambique, Bangladesh, Kosovo and Albania.

He specialized in logistics and commodity distributions with the systems he developed being key reference documents for the first SPHERE Handbook. He is passionate about accountability to affected communities and has always tried to make it central to the work of the agencies he has worked for. Prior to entering international development Nick was a community worker in South London. He studied at South Bank Polytechnic and completed a masters' degree in Development Studies at SOAS in 2000.

Special Guest
Jeremy Wellard

Jeremy *is Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific for ICVA, a global network that provides policy, advocacy and operational support to national and international NGOs and NGO Networks working in the humanitarian settings across the region. He also heads ICVA's global work on localization and its impacts on NGO action. Previously he was regional focal point for the World Humanitarian Summit and the preceding regional and global consultations, working for UNOCHA's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Jeremy has worked in wide-ranging roles for government and non-government organizations and in the private sector. He is a student of the Behavioural Sciences and holds a Master's Degree in International Development studies.*

Special Guest

Anita Kattakuzhy

Anita Kattakuzhy *is a humanitarian campaigner, currently based in Jordan, working with Oxfam over the past 8.5 years with a special focus on localization policy and advocacy in the past 3 years. Her work supports local and national localization champions from many countries – spending significant time in Bangladesh and Uganda. Anita is leading Oxfam's efforts to promote and publish how funding flows through the international humanitarian system at the national level, a staunch supporter of principled, transparent, and accountable humanitarian action. She is the chair of the Charter4Change advocacy group and represents Oxfam in the Grand Bargain Workstream on localization.*

Panel Member

Abu Murshed Chowdhury

Abu Murshed Chowdhury *is the Executive Director of PHALS, a local NGO of Cox's Bazar. PHALS in involved with humanitarian response for the Rohingya Community and various development ctiovities for the host communities. Co-chair of the Cox's Bazar CSOs-NGOs Forum (CCNF). President of the Association for Development Agency of Bangladesh for the Cox's Bazar district. Attended as the speaker at the ECOSOC High level Segment on water sanitation in rural area in UN Head office Geneva, Switzerland on 2003, 18th World IAVE conference in Barcelona as Speaker of plenary session, Spain on Poverty eradication on 2004, Social volunteerism in Hiroshima University, Japan in 2008. Mr. Murshed has so far receive various awards including Sher-E-Bangla award-2009, EDAF UN DAY AWARD-2009, Begum Rokeya Memorial Award-2009, Banalota Sen Memorial Award-2009, 71 Shadinata Andolan Shahid Shritee Padak-2010, May Dibash A ward-2010, Justice Mahbub Murshed Award-2010.*

Moderator

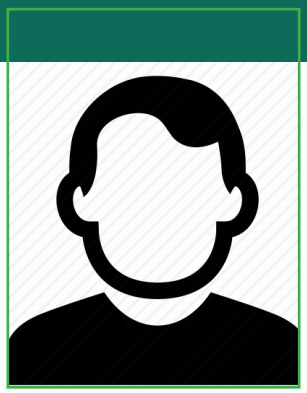
Abdul Awal

Abdul Awal *is a development activist working as the Executive Director of Noakhali Rural Development Society (NRDS) a socioeconomic development organization in the southeastern part of Bangladesh. He is working with the marginalized people and communities for three and a half decades, facilitating people's organizations and groups of farmers, artisans, women and children flowing the human rights based approach to development. The organization has been implementing sustainable development projects in the coastal areas to build poverty and discrimination free climate resilient sustainable communities.*

Abdul Awal is active in SDG campaign on Poverty, Inequality and Social Protection and doing advocacy work along with several national networks to promote citizens' rights and good governance. He is the Chairperson of the Campaign for Good Governance (SUPRO) a national network of grassroots CSOs working for participatory local governance, and campaigning for social, economic justice specially for tax justice and pro-poor budget.

Session:

Local CSO/ NGOs for SDG, Vision 2021 and Humanitarianism



Chief Guest
Gokul Krishna Ghosh

Mr. Gokul Krishna Ghosh *is the Joint Secretary and Director of NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Office. NGO Affairs Bureau was founded in 1990. [2] All NGOs that receive fund from outside Bangladesh are required by law to register with the bureau which falls under the Prime Minister's office.[3] Mohammad Asadul Islam is the present director general of the bureau.[4] There are 2,498 NGOs registered with the bureau of which 240 are foreign and the rest are domesti*

Guest of Honor
Aroma Dutta

Aroma Dutta *is a Bangladeshi social and human rights activist. In February 2019, she was nominated by the ruling party, Bangladesh Awami League, to a seat reserved for women in the 11th parliament of Jatiya Sangsad. Dutta's grandfather, Dhirendranath Datta, a member of the National Assembly of Pakistan and the first person to demand Bengali be made a state language in Pakistan.He was killed in the Bangladesh Liberation war by members of the Pakistan army and is considered a martyr in Bangladesh. Her uncle was the filmmaker Ritwik Kumar Ghatak. Aroma's father, Sanjib Datta, was a journalist who worked in the Pakistan Observer. Dutta is an executive director of PRIP (Private Rural Initiatives Program) Trust. She served in the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh. n 2016, Dutta was awarded the Begum Rokeya Padak by the Government of Bangladesh She has called for security forces to be deployed in vulnerable election areas for elections to take place. In May 2017, she received the Danbir Ranada Prasad Memorial Honour and Gold Medal by the Kumudini Welfare Trust of Bengal.*

Panel Member
Mohsin Ali

Mohsin Ali*, the Founder of WAVE Foundation is serving the organization as an Executive Director since 1990. With the vision of a just and prosperous society, he established WAVE Foundation with multifaceted interventions in 3 major sectors: Rights & Governance, Community Finance and Livelihood & Human Resource Development. He is a Freedom Fighter joined in the Liberation War for the Independent Bangladesh in 1971. Mr. Ali achieved his Master of Arts from the University of Dhaka in 1981. With 29 years of experience in the development field, Mr. Ali has significant contribution in promoting rights and governance in Bangladesh. He has been leading different issue based policy advocacy and wider campaign on 'Right to Food & Nutrition' and 'Democratic Decentralization & Strong Local Government'. He is leading WAVE Foundation towards achieving its dream through playing complementary role in attaining different national development targets and universal Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs.*

Panel Member

Md. Rafiqul Islam

Md. Rafiqul Islam *is the Director of FNB (The Faderation of NGOs in Bangladesh). He has been working with this networking Organization since December 2017. He brings extensive experi-ence of working in social development and humanitarian organizations for about 41 years. Be-fore joining FNB, in his long carrier, Mr. Rafiq spent 20 years in working at integrated devel-opment programs with BRAC - the largest NGO in the world in various leadership and man-agement positions, 17 years with Aarong - a social enterprise of BRAC, 2 years with Dhaka Ashania Mission as the Director at its fashion enterprise and 1 year at the fashion enterprise of Partex Star Group as CEO. Mr. Rafiq has honorary involvement with some other institutions such as President, National Crafts Council of Bangladesh(NCCB), Ex-Member, Executive Committee, Fashion Entrepreneurs Association of Bangladesh(FEAB). Mr. Rafiq graduated from Dhaka University and studied Masters in Social in Science from the same University. He also obtained several professional degrees on management and enterprise development from home & abroad.*

Moderator

AKM Jashim Uddin

AKM Jashim *Uddin has been engaged in the development arena of Bangladesh since 1987. He started his career with BRAC in 1987. After leaving BRAC in 1993, he worked with some other NGOs namely ISDE and Sagarika Somaj Unnayan Songtha. He worked with Char Development and Set-tlement Project (CDSP), a bi lateral project of the Government of Bangladesh and the Royal Nether-lands Embassy for three years and in the urban development projects of Local Government Engi-neering Department (LGED) for 12 years. AKM Jashim Uddin obtained Master degree in Manage-ment and also in Sociology and Anthropology. Since June 2014 he is working with ADAB as Director.*

Session:

Takeaways, common minimum position, unity course of action and way forward

Chief Guest

Dr. Atiur Rahman

Dr. Atiur Rahman *is a Professor (Honorary) of Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka. Dr. Rahman served as the Governor of the Central Bank of Bangladesh during May 2009- March 2016. He occupied different positions in eminent research and academic institutions in addition to currently chairing the Board of Directors of Unnayan Shamannay. He holds Ph.D. in Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Professor Rahman has published 66 books in English and Bengali, besides, numerous papers in national and international journals. As the Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Dr. Rahman made significant contribution in the 3GF conference, Rio+20, COP18 and MDG Global Compact international negotiations. He was also a member of the UNEP Enquiry on designing 'global sustainable financing'. Dr. Rahman has won many national and international awards including, 'Indira Gandhi Gold Plaque-2011', 'GUSI Peace Prize International 2014', 'Best Central Bank Governor – Asia Pacific, 2015' by the Banker magazine, 'Central Bank Governor of the Year for Asia 2015' by the Emerging Markets, and 'Bangla Academy Literary Award for 2015'.*

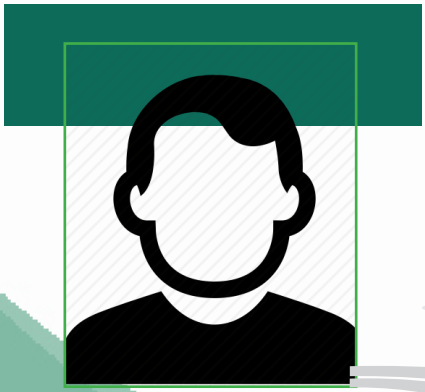
Guest of Honor

Phedra Moon Morris

Ms. Phedra Moon Morris *is the Head of Aid for the Canadian High Commission in Dhaka. She comes to Dhaka from being Deputy Director, Program Division, Peace and Stabilization Directorate at Global Affairs Canada. Previous to this she served for over two years as the Head of Cooperation for the Canadian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. Ms. Moon Morris's academic background includes a Masters focused in Environmental Health Systems, and graduate diplomas in Refugee and Migration Studies and Education and Sustainability. She has previously worked as Deputy Director for Nutrition and Immunization; Manager of Maternal and Child Health, Senior Analyst Nutrition, Manager and Constituency Focal Point for the Global Fund for AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and the Team Leader for CCM for Malaria, Diarrhea and Pneumonia, for the Canadian International Development Agency.*

Guest of Honor

Ir. Vincent Koch



Ir. Vincent Koch *is the Humanitarian Director for Oxfam in Bangladesh. Vincent Koch completed his environmental studies at the Agricultural University in Wageningen, the Netherlands in 1991. He specialized in Waste Water Treatment and Tropical Hygiene. Since 1992, Mr. Koch has been working in the Humanitarian Sector and in NGO country management. He has been working in numerous countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. He has been an Oxfam Country Director in Afghanistan, South Sudan, DRC, Niger and Uganda. Besides his work with Oxfam he works as an independent consultant. In his role as Country Director in Uganda he has been closely involved in the localization efforts that are undertaken around the South Sudanese Refugee Crisis. Over a million refugees from South Sudan are currently present in Uganda.*