Virtual annual Conference Outline V16_ updated 24th Oct.	**Local civil society leadership for a decentralized mobilization, promoting a democratic society and the culture of human rights.** (Name written here are proposal only, unless it is written (confirmed).
Objectives	i. Local civil society leaders are motivated to take a sustainable and accountable approach toward promoting a democratic society and the culture of human rights. ii. Attention of national and international actors drawn to support local civil society actors for decentralized mobilization in this regard. iii. A minimum common principles is developed for greater unity of civil society actors based on the philosophy of our liberation war, i.e., democracy, socialism, secularism, and nationalism.
Translation and Zoom software	Simultaneous translation will be available both in English and Bangla. Zoom link will be sent to all the participants within 24 hours of the event
Participants	Members of the BDCSO Process from all over the country and interested persons from the country and abroad. Interested persons are requested to register in the www.bd-cso-ngo.net. Or they can collect the zoom link from the website, which will be posted 24 hours before the event.
Time allocation for speaking	We want to provide space for as many speakers as possible, we will therefore have to limit the time and request speakers to not repeat issues already addressed. In each session, there will be two international guests, two panel members, and five / six BDCSO leaders who will be invited to speak. On top of that, there will be at least 8 interventions from the floor. All guests will be requested to take 3 to 4 minutes. Panel members will have 2 minutes and Interventions from floor will be given 90 seconds each. We request not to spend time on address and thank you, even not to duplicate the issues. So in total, there will be 51 speakers throughout the conference.
Sessions	Session 1 : 23rd October Saturday 11h00 to 13h30, title **" Local civil society : why and how building a third sector"** **Chair of the session :** Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman, Chairman, PKSF, (Confirmed) **Chief Guest** : KM Tariqul Islam, Director General (Grade 1), NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Bangladesh, (Confirmed) **Special guests:** (1) Farid Aziz, Additional Secretary, Wing Chief, Development Effectiveness Wind, External Resource Division, Government of Bangladesh, (Confirmed) (2) Sudipto Mukherjee UNDP. (Confirmed) (3) Michel Mossulmen, Christian Aid (Confirmed) **Panel members:** (i) Abdul Awal, NRDS & SUPRO, (2) Fayezullah Chowdhury BUP, (3) Nayeem Gowhar Warha, Disaster Forum; (4) Rafiqul Islam Khokan, Rupantor, (Confirmed) (5) Sheikh Assaduzzaman, Udayan Bangladesh; (6) Jesmin Sultana Paru, ELLMA, Chottogram. (All are confirmed) **Moderator: Rezaul Karim Chowdhury / Mostafa Kamal Akanda**
	Session 2 : 25th October Monday 11h00 to 13h30, title " **Partnership selection with a policy and through a transparent process for an effective civil society sector "** **Chair of the session:** Shireen Huq, Naripokkho, (Confirmed) **Chief Guest:**, Shaheen Anam, MJF (Confirmed)

	Special guests : (1) Smruti Patel, A4EP and GMI (Confirmed) ; (2) Rajan Ghimre, Malteser International, (Confirmed), (3) 1) AKM Jashim Uddin, Director, ADAB, (Conirmed) **Panel member:** ((2) Arifur Rahman, YPSA, (3) Abu Morshed Chowdhury, CCNF & PHALS, (4) Anwar Zahid, ICDA, (5) Khondokar Faruque Ahmed, TUS Moymonsingh; (6) Masuda Faruque Ratna, GBSS. (7) Rafiqul Alam, DUS. (All are confirmed) **Moderator : Mujibul Haque Munir / Ferdous Ara Rumee**
	Session 3: 27th October Wednesday 11h00 to 13h30 **"Culture of Inclusivity and tolerance for unity with common minimum position and greater CSO mobilization"** **Chair of the session : Dr. Atiur Rahman, Chairman, Unnayan Sammunya, (Confirmed)** **Chief Guest 1 :** Judith Herbertson, Development Director, British High Commission, Dhaka (Confirmed) **Chief Guest 2 :** Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, ICVA, (Confirmed) **Chief Guest 3** : Johannes van der Klaauw, Country Representative, UNHCR **Special guests:** (1) Sudanhsu Shekar Singh HAI India, (Confirmed) ; (2) Sharif Jamil, BAPA, (confirmed); (3) Murshed Alam Sarker, CDF & POPI (Confirmed) **,** **Panel Members: (**1) Akbar Hossain, RPS, (Confirmed) (2) Sayeda Yesmin, AFAD, Kurigram, (3) AHM Bazlur Rahman, BNNRC. **Moderator : Md. Iqbal Uddin / Mostafa Kamal Akanda**
Background	We are in an era of Grand Bargain and localization. What is emphasized in Grand Bargain 2.0. is transparency, support to local actors, and participation. In view of our local context and history, importance to local level civil society along with the philosophy of our liberation war to promote the culture of democracy and human rights. Bangladesh's history of the emergence of CSO as a third sector, we need to think that what is shaping is taking place toward the future. We feel there is an organizational and individual activist approach for building a responsive and emphatic society too. BDCSO Process is an informal process to promote localization and greater unity within the sector at least with common minimum position/principles. BDCSO Process has emerged during 2018 amidst countrywide awareness campaign and discourse on the Grand Bargain, Charter 4 Change, and Aid effectiveness to development effectiveness. It was a felt need that there should be an independent process which would support local civil society for the promotion of democracy and human rights. During 2019 we had a face to face conference where we declared the Charter of Accountability and the Charter of Expectations. During 2020 we had a virtual conference. In this year 2021 we are having this virtual conference, to keep up our motivation, link to other national and international actors, and update our knowledge. All information on the conference will be available in www.bd-cso-ngo.net.

Methodology	At the very outset of the session, moderator will inform about the format, ground rules and objectives of the session. The chair will be requested to give a 1 minute welcome speech. Then the moderator will invite the special guest, 2/3 panel members and 1/ 2 interventions from floor. The moderator will remind all speakers of their time limit, and not to repeat what has already been said and not to spend time on giving thanks and addressing, they should go straight to the points, so that there will be maximum participation.
Media	At the end of sessions on each day, a press release in English and Bangla will be given to the media by 5 pm. Media clips will be sent to all participants the next day.
Social Media Advocacy	Note that, only 2 minutes video could be upload able on Twitter, that's why we request all guests and speakers to speak for 2 minutes. We will have extensive audio-video documentation so that we can use those for advocacy through social media, especially on Twitter.
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