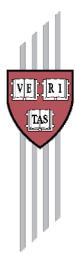


# Bangladesh Rising

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# PROGRAM

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May 12, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast and Registration

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

### Welcome and Introductions

Master of Ceremony – Nicholas Sullivan, Fellow, Council on Emerging Market Enterprises, Institute for Business in the Global Context at the Tufts Fletcher School

8:45 AM to 9:00 AM

Opening Keynote: Frank Neffke, Research Director and Senior Research Fellow at the Center for International Development at Harvard Kennedy School

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

### Panel 1: Macroeconomic Promise and Reform

- How did Bangladesh attain 7% economic growth and what policies would spur further economic growth?
- What reforms is the Government currently contemplating?
- What tangible incentives can be provided to encourage more private investments?

- Mashiur Rahman, Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister
- Jamaluddin Ahmed, General Secretary, Bangladesh Economic Association
- Toufique Khalidi, Editor, BDNews24
- Tanjib-ul-Alam – Head of Tanjib Alam & Associates
- Moderator : Meera Narayanaswamy - Financial Institutions Group (FIG) at IFC

10:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Keynote on Foreign Direct Investment: Abul Kalam Azad – Former Principal Secretary and Current SDG Chief Coordinator at Bangladesh Prime Minister's Office.

10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

### Panel 2: Foreign Direct Investment

- Are there identifiable areas where FDI has been successful and similarly where FDI has been unsuccessful?

What can be done to expand the areas of success?

- Are there opportunities in infrastructure projects as investors, not just as contractors?
- What kind of consumer product industries are emerging that could benefit from FDI?
- What reforms are necessary in foreign private investment or in the stock exchanges?

- Kazi Aminul Islam – Chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority
- Khalid Quadir – Brummer & Partners Bangladesh Ltd.
- Charles Lacy – Angel investor in Bangladesh and President of Barred Rock Fund
- Sharif Zahir – Managing Director at Ananta Group
- Moderator : Ahmad Zuaiter, Founder and Managing Partner at Jadara Capital Partners

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11:15 AM to 11:30 AM

Morning Break

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

## Panel 3: Economic Zones and their Promise

- Why economic zones? Why not improve the whole country, not just certain zones?
- What have we learned from our experience in Export Processing Zones? How can we use that learning “Economic Zones”?
- If there are benefits in locating in Economic Zones, how would those benefits also flow back to companies supplying to the ones in the Zones?

- Paban Chowdhury – Chairman, Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority
- Mostafa Kamal – Chairman and Managing Director, Meghna Group of Industries
- A. S. M Mainuddin Monem – Managing Director & CEO, Abdul Monem Economic Zone
- Sayem Sobhan Anvir – Managing Director, Bashundhara Group
- Yoo Jin Kim – Senior Manager, SK Gas of South Korea

Moderator : Iqbal Yousuf, Executive Director, International Sustainable Development Institute

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

## Lunch Keynote: Nasrul Hamid, MP – State Minister for Energy, Power and Minerals

2:00 PM to 3:15 PM

## Panel 4: Accelerated Growth in Power Production

- What new policies and actions have accelerated power production? How can we diversify our sources of energy and diversify the means of financing them?
- How could distribution be improved?
- What opportunities exist for the private sectors and how those opportunities be made more attractive?

- Muhammed Aziz Khan – Chairman, Summit Group
- Deepesh Nanda – CEO of Gas Power Systems, GE South Asia at GE Power
- Engr. Ghulam M. Alomgir – Chairman, Max Group
- Rezwatul Kabeer – Managing Director, Energypac Power Ventures Limited

Moderator : Roger Wagner, Legal expert in energy

3:15 PM to 3:30 PM

Coffee Break

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3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

## Panel 5: Women Leadership in Business

- How should Bangladesh improve opportunities for women? What has your own successful career taught you about how others can succeed?
- Are there government support programs to help women advance? What support programs would you recommend?
- Do you feel there are enough role models like yourself in the country?

- Sonia Bashir Kabir – Managing Director at Microsoft Bangladesh
- Anika Chowdhury – Head of Business Development and Strategy division at Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
- Farzana Chowdhury – Managing Director and CEO at Green Delta Insurance

Moderator : Linda Harrar, Independent Executive Producer, WGBH, Boston

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

## Panel 6: Wider Reach through Information and Communication Technologies

- How are ICTs promoting data gathering and access to information for the disadvantaged population?
- What do you expect in the upcoming years that may facilitate your work further?
- What should private sector, government or NGOs do to further your work?

- Anir Chowdhury – Policy Advisor of the A2I (Access to Information) Program at the Bangladesh Prime Minister's Office
- Sonia N. Jorge - Executive Director at Alliance for Affordable Internet
- Ruhul Abid - Associate Professor of Brown University Warren Alpert Medical School
- Mashruf Habib – Managing Director at Appnometry

Moderator : Stuart Hart – Professor at University of Vermont and Founder of Enterprise for a Sustainable World

6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

**Dinner Meeting: Diaspora Engagement for Development of Bangladesh**

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**Frank Neffke**

Research Director at Center for International Development  
Harvard Kennedy School



Frank Neffke is the Research Director and Senior Research Fellow at the Center for International Development's Growth Lab. He joined the team in 2012.

His research focuses on how economic actors diversify from one productive activity to another. Central in this research is that activities can be more or less similar in terms of the capabilities or skills they require. This similarity is shown to affect diversification processes throughout the economy, ranging from individuals' career paths and corporate diversification strategies, to structural change in regional and national economies.

Before joining the CID, Frank worked as an assistant professor at the Erasmus School of Economics in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

He holds a Ph. D. in Economic Geography from Utrecht University and Master degrees in Econometrics and Philosophy from the University of Amsterdam.

## Panel 1:

## Macroeconomic Promise and Reform

**Mashiur Rahman**

Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister  
Government of Bangladesh



Dr. Mashiur Rahman is the Economic Adviser to Prime Minister since January 2009 in the rank and status of a Cabinet Minister. He is serving second term in this role. Dr. Rahman represented Government of Bangladesh as Alternate or Acting Governor at Asian Development Bank, World Bank and Islamic Development Bank. Dr. Rahman also had been the Governor at the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and Chairman of its Evaluation Committee (mid-1980s) and the Vice Chair of IDB. Dr. Rahman was recruited to civil service on merit in 1965 and since then had held many important offices of government including secretaries of multiple ministries. He also served as the Private Secretary to Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Dr. Mashiur Rahman has degrees of B.A. (Hons), securing first position and Pope's Gold Medal & M.A. from Dhaka University in 1963. Later, on leave from Government, he studied at Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Harvard Kennedy School of Government (1975-80); specializing in Economics and Public Policy, International Economics and Law. Mr. Rahman obtained the degrees of Master of Public Administration (M.P.A), Master of Arts in Law in Law and Diplomacy (M.A.L.D) and Ph.D. He regularly writes columns in newspapers and journals in Bangladesh.

**Jamaluddin Ahmed**

Member Director at Bangladesh Central Bank  
General Secretary of Bangladesh Economic Association



Dr. Jamaluddin Ahmed FCA is the member of the Board of Directors of Central Bank of Bangladesh and General Secretary of Bangladesh Economic Association. He served as the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (2010) and a Board member of South Asian Federation of Accountants (2010), Dr Jamal served as a Partner of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Bangladesh and became founder Chairman of Emerging Credit Rating Limited since 2009. In his professional career, Dr Jamal represented Bangladesh Government at Board of Public Interest Entities like Janata Bank, Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd, Bangladesh Telecommunication Company Limited, Dhaka WASA, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited, Coal Power Generation Company Bangladesh Limited, Essential Drugs Company Limited and GrameenPhone Limited (2010-15) including Independent Director of 3 listed companies of Dhaka Stock Exchange. Dr Jamal worked as a Senior Financial Expert of DFID funded Remittance Payment Partnership (2007-2008) at Bangladesh Bank on formulation of National Payment System, Cheque Automation and clearing system, and introduction of mobile banking in Bangladesh. Development of Uniform Energy Accounting (2010) for the Energy companies under the jurisdiction of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) under the supervision of USAID. Dr Jamal is the Co-author of 2015-16, and 2016-17 Alternate Budget for Shaping Bangladesh on the spirit of the War of Liberation (2015, 2016, 2017) annual publication of Bangladesh Economic Association in addition to his 50+ publications on various issues of Economics, Financial, and Corporate Governance. He is a PhD from Cardiff Business School, University of Wales UK, a Fellow of the Institute of CA Bangladesh, and holds Master's Degree with Honors in Accountancy from the Dhaka University.

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## Panel 1:

## Macroeconomic Promise and Reform

**Toufique Imrose Khalidi**

Editor-in-Chief & Managing Director  
Bangladesh News 24 Hours Limited

Toufique Imrose Khalidi is a Bangladeshi journalist, news commentator and media manager. Since 2006 he has been Editor-in-Chief, Managing Director and a Board Member in the holding company (Bangladesh News 24 Hours Ltd) of Bangladesh's pioneering and dominant 24/7 news provider bdnews24.com - which is also the country's pre-eminent English-Bangla bilingual website and perhaps the world's first internet-only national news publisher. Educated and trained in Dhaka, Tokyo, Paris and London, Khalidi has international experience of print, broadcast and digital journalism. He has commented on politics, public policy and economic management as a leader writer. He also worked in the newsroom with the major print broadsheets as a senior editor and manager. In his broadcasting career he worked at the BBC as a producer, editor and presenter. As a reporter, he has covered a wide range of issues, ranging from business to social development, diplomacy to foreign economic relations, politics to the economy. Since a friendly takeover of BDNEWS (and of its holding company Bangladesh News 24 Hours Ltd) and its reincarnation as bdnews24.com in June 2006, Khalidi has been at the helm of a radical transformation of the business. He introduced Bangladesh to a whole host of digital firsts, among them the first mobile news website and the first SMS-based news alerts. Khalidi's decision to open up the site's content to readers for free contributed to its emergence as one of South Asia's premier 'go to' websites for news in the region. Khalidi opposes the media's direct involvement in politics and is outspoken about it.

**Tanjib-ul-Alam**

Head  
Tanjib Alam & Associates

Tanjib-ul Alam has been practicing in Bangladesh since 1997 as a corporate lawyer. He is considered as a legal expert in power sector and there has been very few power projects in Bangladesh where Mr. Alam was not involved as the legal counsel. He represented energy companies in innumerable arbitrations and litigations, including mergers of energy companies. He acted as lead counsel in many syndicated transactions involving rental power projects, and advised many clients during establishment of gas based and coal based power projects. He frequently advises the energy producers in turn key/EPC contracts involving establishment of power sub-station, fuel transportation, supply of equipment and other key areas relating to power generation. He was actively involved in drafting the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission Act, Bangladesh Telecommunication Act, and Information and Communication Technology Act for Bangladesh. He acted as Lead Consultant of IFC in drafting new Companies Act for Bangladesh.

**Meera Narayanaswamy**

Financial Institutions Group  
IFC – International Finance Corporation

Mrs. Meera Swamy is from the Financial Institutions Group at IFC where she leads and manages IFC's investments in capital markets spanning green bond issuances, alternatives, investment funds, risk sharing facilities and guarantees and securitizations in the emerging markets. Her regional experience includes Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, Europe, MENA in the financial markets sector including investment funds, banks, capital markets and insurance companies. She was previously the Asia Co-Lead for insurance focused on executing equity investments in the insurance sector. Before that, she led and managed investments in private equity funds in many strategies including core private equity, listed equities, SMEs and emerging managers, debt funds and sector funds. She has led the formation of the private equity industry in many frontier markets and introduced new asset classes such as high yield, infra debt and climate finance in many emerging markets. Ms. Swamy has over 18 years of global financial markets experience in banking and investment management, corporate finance and management consulting and entrepreneurship previously with KPMG, Ernst & Young and SCE Enterprises. She is an active champion of women's investments in emerging markets and advisor to many start-ups.



**Md. Abul Kalam Azad**

Chief Coordinator of SDG  
Former Principal Secretary  
Bangladesh Prime Minister's Office



Md. Abul Kalam Azad is a career civil servant. He belongs to Bangladesh civil service (administration) cadre. His father was also a civil servant. Mr. Azad is highly resourceful, flexible, innovative and enthusiastic individual who possesses a considerable amount of knowledge regarding administrative and office procedures. He is quick learner who can absorb new ideas and is experienced in coordinating, planning and organizing a wide range of administrative activities.

Md. Abul Kalam Azad completed his schooling at Jamalpur Zila High School and intermediate level from Ashek Mahmud College at Jamalpur. Thereafter he got admitted at the University of Dhaka in the department of Law. He obtained L.L.B degree in 1981.

Mr. Azad joined civil service on 27 Oct. in 1982 as Assistant commissioner. In his long service career, he shouldered many important responsibilities in the field of administrations and central tire of bureaucracy.

**Kazi M. Aminul Islam**

Executive Chairman

Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)

Kazi M. Aminul Islam is the Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) focusing on investment climate and investors experiences in doing business in Bangladesh and emphasizing on the qualitative aspects of investment regime. These include improving the 'ease of doing business' establishing fully functional 'One Stop Service Centre and initiating various reform activities to make BIDA as one of the best 'Investment Promotion Agency' (IPA) in the world. Mr. Islam has joined Bangladesh Civil Service in 1981 and progressed to higher responsibilities in diverse areas of the Government. He was a secretary to the Chief Advisor's office during the 2007-08 caretaker government of Bangladesh. While working as the Secretary, Prime Minister's Office in 2009, he was appointed as Alternative Executive Director of the World Bank for the constituency comprising of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Sri Lanka. He worked for three and a half years on the Board of the Executive Directors of the World Bank. In course of work for transition to democracy and private sector development, Mr. Islam steered bodies like "Better Business Forum" and "Regulatory Reform Commission" and developed a very strong relationship between the business and Government in Bangladesh. Mr. Islam did his Masters of Arts in Economics from University of Dhaka and Masters in Economics from Boston University, USA and also attended Mason School at Harvard University. He had a Graduation Certificate in Environment Management from University of Adelaide, Australia.

**Khalid Quadir**

Founding Managing Partner

Brummer &amp; Partners (Bangladesh) Limited

Khalid Quadir is the founding Managing Partner of Brummer & Partners (Bangladesh) Limited, which manages Frontier Fund, the first private equity fund in Bangladesh. He has 26 years of experience in private equity, entrepreneurship and banking. Prior to that, he spent 12 years working in private equity and banking in the United States.

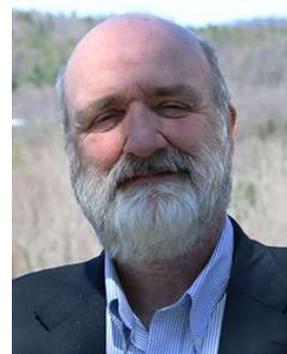
Khalid is a graduate of Middlebury College, Vermont and was awarded a visiting fellowship at Stanford University, California in 2003.

**Charles Lacy**

Angel investor in Bangladesh

President of Barred Rock Fund

Charles Lacy has been involved in angel investing in Bangladesh and helped give rise to such companies as Grameenphone and bKash. He is the President of Vermont-based Barred Rock Fund that is particularly interested in food and other branded consumer products sold through natural food stores and supermarkets. The Fund also has an interest in clothing. It has a strong interest in fair traded goods from developing countries. Prior to starting the Barred Rock Fund, Mr. Lacy served as the President of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. In addition, he has been a co-founder of Hardwick Beef and serves as its Chairman. He graduated from Amherst College and later obtained an MBA from Cornell University.



**Sharif Zahir**

Managing Director  
Ananta Group

Mr. Sharif Zahir is a young and successful entrepreneur. He is the Managing Director of Ananta Group which is one of the largest and fastest growing companies in the apparel and textile sector. Ananta Group employs over 25,000 people and has a turnover of USD 250 million. The group has several factories including joint venture operations with European, American and Chinese partners. Ananta Group is currently setting up a 250 acres Textile Park for backward integration of its apparel business in Mirsarai Economic Zone, Chittagong.



Mr. Sharif Zahir has been recognized as one of the youngest Commercially Important Person (CIP) by the Government of Bangladesh for the last five consecutive years. Under his dynamic leadership, Ananta Group has engaged in other sectors including Real Estate (Hotel, Residentials) , E-commerce (sindabad.com; kiksha.com) , Banking (United Commercial Bank), Asset Management (Vanguard Asset Management). Mr. Sharif Zahir has completed his graduation from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Economics and Finance. He has travelled widely and is actively involved with various social organizations.

**Ahmad Zuaiter**

Founder and Managing Partner  
Jadara Capital Partners

Ahmad is an emerging and frontier markets specialist with over 25 years of work experience as an investment professional, serving senior roles in investment management, investment advisory and trading. Prior to founding Jadara Capital Partners in 2012, Ahmad held senior portfolio management positions with Soros Fund Management, Morgan Stanley Investment Management, Scudder Kemper Investments and EFG-Hermes. Ahmad began his professional career as an international equities trader with Merrill Lynch & Co.'s emerging markets team in New York. Ahmad earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University and was awarded a Master in Business Administration degree from the Harvard Business School. Jadara Capital Partners LLC is a specialist asset manager that invests proprietary capital across global emerging and frontier markets. The partners at JCP have been managing emerging and frontier market assets for over 20 years across a variety of asset classes, including listed and private equity, fixed income, currencies and commodities. The firm currently manages the Jadara Frontier Fund LP, a global frontier long/short fund.



## Panel 03

## Economic Zones and their Promise

**Paban Chowdhury**

Chairman

Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority

As Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), Mr. Paban Chowdhury have been working to achieve a mission of establishing 100 economic zones in the country in next 15 years which is expected to generate 100 million jobs and increase export/production additionally to the tune of USD 40 billion. He is actively engaged in formulating regulatory, infrastructural, and industrial policies/frameworks to promote establishment of Economic Zones in the country. On a government to government initiative, BEZA is developing three Exclusive Economic Zones for the Japanese, Chinese and Indian investors. Moreover, 20 private economic zones are being developed by the big corporate houses of the country. Mirsharai economic zone with an area of 30000 acres of land is under development as the largest industrial city of the country where local and foreign investors will invest billions of dollars. In fact, BEZA is working as a change agent for transformation of the economy of Bangladesh.

Prior to joining as Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Mr. Chowdhury was closely involved in coordinating and guiding the roles of country's investment promotion agencies (IPA's) like Board of Investment (BOI), Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority( BEZA), Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), Public Private Partnership Office (PPPO) including the Ministry of Public Administration, Health and Family Welfare, Social Welfare, Industry, Agriculture, Land, Food, Disaster Management, Water Resources, NGO Affairs Bureau, Bangladesh Public Service Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission, Cabinet Division and Presidents Office.

**Mostafa Kamal**

Chairman and Managing Director

Meghna Group of Industries

Mr. Mostafa Kamal started his journey back in 1976 with a small trading initiative for essential consumer goods at the Moulvi Bazaar, in the heart of Dhaka's wholesale trading market. His vision was to switch from trading to industrialization to cater to the demand of the local market and decrease overdependence on imports. Thus, Meghna Group of Industries (MGI) was formed, which is now one of the largest and fastest-growing conglomerates in the country. Mr. Kamal set up his first industry in 1989 in the industrial park at Meghnaghat, Sonargaon, in the district of Narayangonj. Over the years, Meghna Group of Industries has added several industries to its portfolio, and today has 29 industries ranging from construction to fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) to heavy industrial products. Presently, MGI employs about 15,000 permanent and casual workers. Since its inception, Meghna Group of Industries has worked towards delivering various products in the market, keeping in line with the growing economy. After 25 years, the brand name FRESH, under which most of its products are marketed, has been recognized as a symbol of trust and quality. Meghna group of industries strive to streamline its operations in line with that promise.

Mr. Kamal is a visionary business leader, with aspirations to bring out the best in people, to encourage them to come together and become innovators and agents for change in the country. He hopes his own experience can serve as an example to others.

**Yoo Jin Kim**

Senior Manager

SK Gas of South Korea

As senior manager at SK Gas, Mr. Yoo Jin Kim has been in charge of global business and growth projects in South Asia since 2017.

He is responsible for global customer relationships and international investments in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and India.

Prior to his current duty, he served as Strategic Planning Manager at SK Group from 2011 to 2015. He also held various positions at SK Energy. He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Mays Business School, Texas A&M University.



## Panel 03

## Economic Zones and their Promise

**ASM Mainuddin Monem**

Managing Director & CEO  
Abdul Monem Economic Zone

Mr. ASM Mainuddin Monem is the Managing Director & CEO of Abdul Monem Economic Zone Limited, which is a developer of a private specialized economic zone in the country with the focus to create thousands of jobs through attracting foreign and local investors to set up industries. He is also the Deputy Managing Director of the Abdul Monem Limited, one of the largest business conglomerates in Bangladesh with its presence in a variety of sectors including construction, education, financial services, and food products. He also serves as the President of the Abdul Monem Complex which runs an Orphanage, a College, a High School and a School of Religious Education. Mr. ASM Mainuddin Monem is an MBA from Harvard University Business School (Class 1996). Prior to that, he earned a B. Sc. degree with Cum Laude from Boston University in 1991. Additionally, he obtained a professional degree on Design and Analysis of Experiments from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1994 where he also acted as Teaching Assistant of Professor Dr. Paul D. Berger.

Recently, he has committed to cover 50,000 breast-feeding and lactate women in the next 5 years with the requisite vitamins under the "Every Woman, Every Child" program of the UN Secretary General. Mr. ASM Mainuddin Monem frequently speaks at conferences of national, regional and international importance and has served on several panels and task force committees to address national and regional issues.

**Sayem Sobhan Anvir**

Managing Director  
Bashundhara Group

Sayem Sobhan Anvir is the Managing Director of Bashundhara Group of Industries. Bashundhara Group started their business with Real Estate Company, but now they operate more than 53 businesses including construction suppliers, media, heavy steel and engineering support, food and beverage, paper and pulping, alternative source of energy, maritime transport, information technology, excavation and dredging, vocational and health education, utility service supplement, international trading and so on. Sayem Anvir was declared as Manager Director of Bashundhara group in 2001.

Sayem completed his educational life in United Kingdom. From post to advance level he studied at the King's School in Ely, Cambridgeshire. After that he got a degree in Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A) from American International University in London, in 2001.

**Iqbal Yousuf**

Finance & Information Technology Consultant  
Harvard Medical School - DFCI  
Executive Director - ISDI

Iqbal Yousuf is a Financial and Information Technology Consultant at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. He is also the Executive Director of International Sustainable Development Institute (ISDI) a Boston based development policy research institute addressing some of the most pressing development challenges, including inclusive growth and sustainable development. The Institute works with government organizations, businesses, NGOs and leading universities. Iqbal earned his BBA degree in International Business from Bangalore University in India and MBA in Information Systems from Bentley University in Boston, USA.



# KEYNOTE

## **Nasrul Hamid**

Member of Parliament

State Minister of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources  
Government of Bangladesh.



Nasrul Hamid is the State Minister of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral resources of the Government of Bangladesh. He is also a Member of Parliament.

Mr. Hamid started his own venture called Priyo Prangon, a property development and real-estate firm, which went on to become to become very successful. He was one of the founding members of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB). He later went on to become the President of REHAB from 3.05.2010 to 11.01.2014. He was elected as the Member of Parliament from Dhaka-3 in 2008, and served as a Member of Parliament from 2008 to 2013. During this time, he was involved in the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs, Committee for Housing and Public Works, among others. In the term of 2013, he was re-elected as a member of parliament, and appointed as the State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources since 13th January 2014. His addition to the Ministry brought robustness, which was in line with the vision 2021. As a State Minister, he envisioned and/or expedited a plethora of organizational and technical changes. He is a patron of CRI, Center for Research and Information, Awami Leagues Research Wing. He is also active as the Member of Parliament in his constituency, implementing many notable developments in infrastructure and governance.

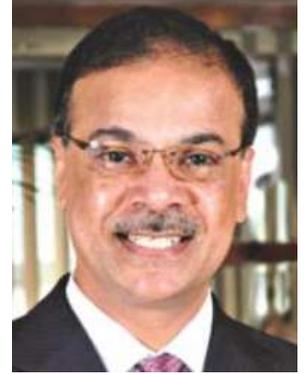
He completed Bachelor's Degree for Arts under the University of Dhaka. He has completed a course on leadership titled "Leaders in Development: Managing change in a dynamic world" from the Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

## Panel 04 . Accelerated Growth in Power Production

### Muhammed Aziz Khan

Chairman

Summit Group of Companies



Muhammed Aziz Khan is the founder and chairman of Summit Corporation and Summit Holdings Ltd. Summit Group is recognized as the largest infrastructure group in Bangladesh employing over 7000 people with investments in the energy sector, ports, shipping, hospitality and information technology. Under the leadership of Muhammed Aziz Khan, Summit set up the first Independent Power Plant of the country in 1998 in joint partnership with Wartsila, Finland. Since then Summit's capacity has grown manifold and currently the group generates about 1500 megawatts of electricity and is by far the largest independent power producer in Bangladesh. Summit also set up the country's first private off-dock facility, Ocean Containers Limited, now known as Summit Alliance Ports Limited (SAPL). SAPL handles about 20% of the country's export and about 10% of the country's import volumes.

Under Mr. Khan's leadership, Summit Communications Ltd. has become the first company to lay nationwide telecommunication transmission network of fiber optics to 70% of Bangladesh. The network also connects Bangladesh to India and Myanmar through terrestrial fiber optics. Summit Power Limited, Summit Alliance Ports Limited and Khulna Power Company Ltd. are listed in the Dhaka and Chittagong Stock Exchanges with a combined market capitalization of about Tk. 100 billion. Summit LNG Terminal Company Limited is Summit's latest venture. It has signed an agreement to supply 500 mcmfd gas to the national grid of Bangladesh by setting up terminal with LNGC moored 7 km offshore Moheshkhali, in Bangladesh.

### Engr. Ghulam Mohammed Alomgir

Chairman

MAX Group



With a brilliant track record of collateral development in various industrial segments of Bangladesh, especially in the infrastructural development sector, Engr. Ghulam Mohammed Alomgir, Chairman of the MAX Group is considered as one of the most respected businessmen of current time with significant contribution on country's overall economy.

Mr. Alomgir, as a graduate in Mechanical Engineering from BUET, started his career with a UAE based French Oil & Gas Company back in 1978. However, after successfully serving them for five years, he returned Bangladesh sacrificing his prosperous career with the concrete desire to emerge as an industrialist. With the intention to fulfill his dream, at the age of 30, he registered AFA Steel Industries Limited as the 1st company of MAX Group along with Max Automobile Products Limited now renamed and operating as Max Infrastructure Limited.

The triumph of MAX Group that had started in early 80's, haven't turn pale till date rather the footprints of MAX and Mr. Alomgir has expanded incredibly in local and International territory. Under his dynamic leadership, over past 34 years, MAX has diversified its operation from manufacturing of various products like railway track fittings, industrial lubricants, concrete sleepers, leaf springs, stainless steel pipes and kitchen cutleries to the leading EPC Contractor in the field of Infrastructure Projects on turnkey basis, especially in the Railway Sector and Power Sector. Entering the power sector in 2011, MAX has accomplished the EPC work of two Power Plants which are currently contributing 242 MW electricity collectively to the national grid of Bangladesh. Apart from Railway and Power sector, MAX also possesses distinctive competency in constructing Flyovers, Bridges, Distribution Reservoirs, Overhead Tanks, High-rise Buildings and Embankment Protection Works etc.

## Panel 04 . Accelerated Growth in Power Production

### Deepesh Nanda

CEO

GE Gas Power Systems

Deepesh Nanda is the CEO for GE Gas Power Systems in South Asia. He is based in India and is responsible for GE's business in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Deepesh has more than two decades of experience in the Energy sector. Before starting his stint with GE, he served as Tyco Sanmar's Vice President & Business Manager from 2005 to 2010 and headed Flowserve's regional office from 2000 to 2005. He holds a bachelor's degree, with distinction, in Mechanical & Production Engineering from Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India, and an M.B.A from the OUBS, Milton Keynes, UK.



### Rezwanul Kabeer

Managing Director

Energypac Power Ventures Ltd.

Mr. Rezwanul Kabeer completed his Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (RUET). He is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Bangladesh and a member of Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

He started his career with Energypac and is currently a Director of the Energypac Group, directly looking after the entire operations of Energypac Power Venture Limited (IPP wing of Energypac) and the revenue wings of Energypac Power Generation Limited.

He actively participates in workshops and seminars on Leadership, Power and Energy, Infrastructure, Technology and Finance. He is also a widely travelled person and prolifically tries to bring in global experience in local businesses.



### Roger Wagner

Legal Adviser

Expert in Power and Energy Sector

Roger Wagner has specialized in deregulation, development and financing of IPPs for over 30 years, including the landmark Dartmouth Power case opening the US market to competitively negotiated PPAs at market-based rates, leading cases in California, Hawaii and Texas that established the right of IPPs to sell power to public utilities and development of thousands of MW of coal, gas, and renewable and waste powered power plants. He was lead legal advisor to parastatal utilities in Egypt, India and some 15 other foreign countries on generation privatization and electric sector restructuring. He currently acts as a principal and company advisor.



## Panel 05 .

## Women Leadership in Business

**Sonia Bashir Kabir**

Managing Director  
Microsoft Bangladesh

Educated and trained in Silicon Valley, Sonia lived in Northern California for 20 years. After completing her MBA, she worked in the Valley for Fortune 100 companies (Sun Microsystems & Oracle), startups & in the financial district. Her expertise include strategic planning & growth, sales execution, financial management, team building and change management. Sonia is currently the Managing Director for Microsoft Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Laos. Vice Chairman and Co Founder of D Money (Fin-Tech start up), Vice Chairperson of United Nations Governing Council Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries, Vice President and Co-Founder of Bangladesh Women in Technology (BWIT). Sonia is also the Founder President of TiE Dhaka ([www.tie.org](http://www.tie.org)) and has served in the Boards of the American International School, Dhaka, Bangladesh Employers Federation, Bangladesh Cricket Board (Women's Wing), Abahani Women's Games Development Committee and Women Entrepreneurs Association. Sonia has been recognized as 2017 SDG pioneer by the UN Global Compact and is the recipient of 2016 Founders Award by Bill Gates. Besides co-founding an IT firm - Syntec, Sonia has served as the Country Director of Dell Bangladesh, Director Business Development for South East Asia, New Emerging Markets in Microsoft and Chief Operating Officer for Aamra Technologies Ltd. Sonia currently serves as a Board Member of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS). She also serves in the Advisory Boards of the School of Business and the School of Computer Science of North South University and in the School of Business Advisory Board of Independent University Bangladesh. Sonia is a national athlete; she has played for Abahani women's Volleyball and Cricket team and continued playing for Bangladesh National Volleyball team and Bangladesh National Cricket team

**Anika Chowdhury**

Head of Business Development and Strategy  
Square Pharmaceuticals

Anika Chowdhury who heads Business Development and Strategy at Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd. is focused on driving the business towards innovation and transforming it from status quo market leader to a forward thinking and dynamic company of the future. Adept in expressing her vision that is often challenging in traditional business mindset, she has been driving growth and operational efficiency by leveraging technology, using ERP tools and Big Data. She believes international expansion is crucial for business sustainability and has played a critical role in attaining approval from the Government of Bangladesh to set up the first Bangladeshi overseas pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Kenya. With a keen interest in technology, her latest venture aims to radicalize the present healthcare system in Bangladesh. Anika holds an MBA from Columbia Business School.



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## Panel 05 .

## Women Leadership in Business

**Farzana Chowdhury**

Managing Director & CEO  
Green Delta Insurance Company



Ms. Farzana Chowdhury, Chartered Insurer, ACII (UK) is the MD & Chief Executive Officer of Green Delta Insurance Company. She is recognized by UN Global Compact as a Local SDG Pioneer for Women's Economic Security for her initiatives through Nibedita which is a comprehensive insurance scheme for women. After receiving the prestigious recognition, she has driven her team more effectively which resulted in sharp rise in Nibedita policy holders in a short period of time on top of adding values through holistic approach in ensuring gender equality and women empowerment. Recently she has received awards from Anannya, EO Global, Bangladesh Brand Forum and SAARC Women Association for her progressive works in this arena. She is also the Executive Committee Member of Bangladesh Insurance Association; Vice President of Bangladesh Insurance Forum; Forum Chair and President Elect in EO Bangladesh (Entrepreneurs' Organization); Member of Advisory Board in AIESEC, Board of Trustee in Global Youth Fund, JCI; Member, Advisory Board in CSR Centre.

She is renowned for her pioneering contributions in Retail & SME insurance sector, Micro Insurance Sector, Weather Index Based Agri insurance and materializing the concept - Insurance for Everyone. She has been the driving force behind launching many insurance products in the market which is contributing greatly towards the development of the overall sector. She has initiated Digital Insurance in Bangladesh by signing with ICT division of Bangladesh Government and 'Access to Information (a2i)' program of Prime Minister's Office and is working relentlessly to bring insurance at everyone's doorstep. It was under her stewardship that Green Delta joined hands with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh in the Shastho Shuroksha Karmasuchi (SSK) project. Her guiding philosophy has always been driven by the intent of adding value not just in business but in every sphere that touches her life.

**Linda Harrar**

Senior Program Manager  
WGBH's Innovation Idea Lab



Linda Harrar is Senior Program Manager of WGBH's Innovation IdeaLab and Foundation Development. She also serves from time to time as an independent Executive Producer/Director/Writer specializing in documentaries on science, human rights, global health and the environment. Over the course of her career, she has filmed in 35 countries and on all seven continents. A staff producer on the PBS NOVA series for a dozen years, Linda produced the first international documentary on the Antarctic ozone hole, a portrait of biologist Stephen Jay Gould, and The Adventures of Teenage Scientists. She served as Senior Producer for PBS' 10-part Race to Save the Planet series. Linda was Executive Producer of Roots of Health and Six Billion and Beyond for PBS, as co-Executive Producer of NOVA's World in the Balance, and as Senior Content Director of WGBH's series Rx for Survival – A Global Health Challenge. Linda also recently co-produced NOVA's WildWays: Corridors of Life. She is also a member of the President's Council of Cornell Woman and of the Filmmakers Collaborative. Linda serves as Vice President of the Board of World Education. It was under her stewardship that Green Delta joined hands with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh in the Shastho Shuroksha Karmasuchi (SSK) project. Her guiding philosophy has always been driven by the intent of adding value not just in business but in every sphere that touches her life.

## Panel 06 . Wider Reach through Information and Communication Technologies

### Anir Chowdhury

Policy Advisor - Access to Information Program  
Bangladesh Prime Minister's Office

Anir Chowdhury is the Policy Advisor of UNDP and USAID-supported a2i Program, Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh. In this capacity, he leads the formation of an innovation ecosystem in Bangladesh through massive capacity development, policy formulation, institutional reform and a Service Innovation Fund. His work on innovation in public service has developed interesting and replicable models of service delivery decentralization, public-private partnerships and transformation of a traditional bureaucracy into a forward-looking, citizen-centric service provider. He is regular speaker in international conferences on public service innovation and reform, SDGs, youth and community empowerment, educational transformation and public-private partnerships.

Anir is a member of the Prime Minister's National Digital Task Force, Education Minister's National ICT in Education Task Force, Planning Minister's National Information Management Committee, and Cabinet Secretary's National Steering Committee on Civil Registry and Vital Statistics (CRVS). In his twenty-four-year career, he co-founded several software and service companies in the US and Bangladesh focused on enterprise management and IT strategy for Fortune 500 corporations. He also co-founded a number of non-profit organizations focused on ICT4D, e-learning and open source technologies. Anir graduated magna cum laude in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics from Brown University and did post-graduate work on management, marketing and education reform in Harvard, Columbia and Boston Universities.



### Sonia N. Jorge

Executive Director  
Alliance for Affordable Internet

As Executive Director of A4AI, Sonia manages policy, membership, partner and country engagement, and all other work across A4AI. An expert in the confluence of development and communications policy, she has over 25 years of diverse international experience in a career spanning both the private and not-for-profit sectors. Her work has included ICT policy and regulatory advice and analysis, strategic industry planning, national ICT/broadband policy development, and the creation of new legal and regulatory frameworks to address issues around competition, cost-based pricing, spectrum management, and infrastructure development and sharing. Sonia is an avid advocate of gender equality in development, and has worked extensively to promote gender analysis and awareness in the ICT planning process, as well as an understanding of the importance of universal access and digital inclusion for development.

Sonia is a frequent speaker at international, regional and national events, including at the World Economic Forum, Stockholm Internet Forum, Transform Africa, Mobile World Congress, Internet Governance Forums, the Latin American Telecommunications Congress and several ITU events. She also serves as a member and expert in a number of Committees, including the DFID's Digital Access Panel for Africa, the ITU-UN Women EQUALS Initiative, The World Economic Forum's Future of the Internet Initiative, the Broadband Commission Working Group on the Gender Digital Divide, the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy (ACICIP) Subcommittee of the US State Department on ICT4D, and the IEEE Connectivity Coalition Steering Committee. Sonia has worked in over 30 countries around the globe, and assumed her current role on 1 July 2013, having previously been Director of Research & Consulting at Pyramid Research. She holds a Masters degree in Public Policy, a degree in Economics and Business Finance, and is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish and English.



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### Ruhul Abid

Associate Professor of Brown University Warren Alpert Medical School  
President - Health and Education For All

Dr. Ruhul Abid is a faculty at Brown University Global Health Initiative, Cardiothoracic Surgery Division at Brown University Alpert Medical School, and the President of Health and Education for All (HAEFA), a US-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization exclusively working for providing healthcare to the garment factory workers in Bangladesh since 2013. He has extensive global health experience and ongoing collaboration with international global health organizations including BRAC Health, ICDDR,B, UNICEF, Harvard School of Public Health, BIRDEM, D-Tree, and D-Net. Dr. Abid graduated from Dhaka Medical College and completed his fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at Harvard Medical School.



### Mashruf Habib

Managing Director  
Appnometry

Mashruf is the Board Director at Habib Group, one of the largest family owned business houses based out of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Mashruf Habib is a serial entrepreneur and a tech innovator. His first business venture was as Co-founder and Managing Director of Regent Airways, the largest private international airline from Bangladesh. He is also co-founder and Managing Director of Appnometry, Chairman of Geste VR and Geste Corp - technology and VR/animation studio based out of Chicago and Bangladesh. At this role in Habib Group, he manages yearly 125 million USD volume of exports of Habib Group from Bangladesh to Europe, North America and Australia.



### Stuart L. Hart

Professor at University of Vermont  
Founder of Enterprise for a Sustainable World

Stuart L. Hart is one of the world's top authorities on the implications of environment and poverty for business strategy. According to Bloomberg Businessweek, he is "one of the founding fathers of the 'base of the pyramid' economic theory." Hart is the Steven Grossman Endowed Chair in Sustainable Business at the University of Vermont's Grossman School of Business and Co-Founder of the School's Sustainable Innovation MBA Program as well as S.C. Johnson Chair Emeritus in Sustainable Global Enterprise and Professor Emeritus of Management at Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management, where he founded the Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise. Hart is also Founder and President of Enterprise for a Sustainable World, Founder of the BoP Global Network, Founding Director of the Emergent Institute in Bangalore, India, and a member of the Net Impact Board. He has published more than 100 papers and authored or edited nine books with over 30,000 Google Scholar citations. His article "Beyond Greening: Strategies for a Sustainable World" won the McKinsey Award for Best Article in the Harvard Business Review for 1997 and helped launch the movement for corporate sustainability. With C.K. Prahalad, Hart also wrote the path-breaking 2002 article "The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid," which provided the first articulation of how business could profitably serve the needs of the four billion poor in the developing world. His best-selling book, *Capitalism at the Crossroads*, published in 2005 was selected by Cambridge University as one of the top 50 books on sustainability of all-time; the third edition of the book was published in 2010.



### **Nicholas Sullivan**

Fellow at Council for Emerging Market Enterprises (CEME)  
The Fletcher School at Tufts University



Sullivan is a Fellow at The Fletcher School's Council for Emerging Market Enterprises (CEME). From 2011-2015, Sullivan was co-founder of, and Senior Advisor to, the Fletcher Leadership Program for Financial Inclusion, an innovative dual-residency program for central bankers from emerging and frontier markets. He is co-author (with Tonny Omwansa) of *Money, Real Quick: Kenyas Mobile-Money Innovation* (Guardian Books) about Safaricom's M-PESA mobile-money service, and author of *You Can Hear Me Now: How Microloans and Cell Phones Are Connecting the World's Poor to the Global Economy*, (Jossey-Bass), which focuses on entrepreneurship and innovation in developing countries. Papers include "Do BITs Really Work: Bilateral Investment Treaties and Their Grand Bargain" (with Fletcher's Jeswald Salcuse; Harvard International Law Review), and "Cell Phones Provide Significant Economic Gains for Low-Income Americans" (Hastings Group, D.C.).

More recently, he has worked with the Financial Services Volunteer Corps and USAID as a "volunteer expert" and advisor to the Central Banks of Albania and Moldova, which are looking to move away from cash. He was previously publisher of *Innovations: Technology/Governance/Globalization* (MIT Press), a founding partner of the Global Frontier Fund, a private equity fund-of-funds for frontier markets, and Executive Producer of Inc.com, a sister company to Inc. magazine.

Sullivan has been a Bellagio Fellow (Rockefeller Foundation), a Visiting Scholar at MIT's Legatum Center for Development & Entrepreneurship, and a Visiting Fellow at Tufts' Feinstein International Center. He is a recipient of grants from the John Templeton Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation. He is a graduate of Harvard College (AB) and The Fletcher School (MA).

**Iqbal Quadir**

Senior Fellow at Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs  
Harvard Kennedy School



For more than 25 years, Iqbal Quadir has been building and helping others build large for-profit enterprises to serve and economically empower average citizens in low-income countries. Quadir's efforts reflect his philosophy that this approach is the best way to uplift these countries and contribute to global peace and prosperity.

Quadir is credited with being the first to envision the potential of digital mobile phones to transform low-income countries. In 1993, he began a full-time quest to bring the power of these digital tools to all, including the poorest, citizens of his native Bangladesh. He did this by synthesizing his observations that connectivity is critical to economic empowerment, that such empowerment translates into an ability to pay for a connectivity service, and that there would be a dramatic drop in its cost. This resulted in the 1997 creation of Grameenphone, the game-changing mobile network operator. Today, Grameenphone has about 65 million subscribers and its network covers more than 99% of Bangladesh's population.

Starting in 2009, Quadir helped his brother Kamal establish bKash and served on its board for nearly a decade. bKash now serves about 30 million registered customers in Bangladesh and executes nearly two billion financial transactions annually.

In 2001, as a means of encouraging young people to pursue similar entrepreneurial careers, Quadir began to teach at Harvard Kennedy School. In 2005, he moved to MIT where he founded and, for next decade, directed the Legatum Center for Development and Entrepreneurship. As an MIT Professor of Practice, he taught and mentored about 200 student entrepreneurs. Quadir also cofounded Innovations, an MIT Press journal focused on entrepreneurial solutions to global challenges.

Quadir's articles have appeared in many publications including the Financial Times, Forbes.com, Harvard Business Review, Nature, Newsweek, Science, and the Wall Street Journal. His work and thinking have been cited in more than 70 books. He holds an MBA and MA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a BS from Swarthmore College. Quadir has received two honorary doctorate degrees and other honors for his work.

## **Iqbal Yousuf**

Finance & Information Technology Consultant  
Harvard Medical School - DFCI  
Executive Director - ISDI

Iqbal Yousuf is a Financial and Information Technology Consultant at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. He is also the Executive Director of International Sustainable Development Institute (ISDI) a Boston based development policy research institute addressing some of the most pressing development challenges, including inclusive growth and sustainable development. The Institute works with government organizations, businesses, NGOs and leading universities. Iqbal earned his BBA degree in International Business from Bangalore University in India and MBA in Information Systems from Bentley University in Boston, USA.



## **Shammi Quddus**

MPA/ID Student - Harvard Kennedy School  
Coordinator of Conference 2018

Shammi Quddus is a dual degree graduate student at the Harvard Kennedy School and Stanford Graduate School of Business where she is pursuing an MPA/ID (Masters Public Administration in International Development) and an MBA respectively. She is a Dubin Fellow at the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is a recipient of the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship 2014 which is awarded to only 12 women globally every year. She has worked for WateHealth Bangladesh, Jeeon, Jamil Poverty Action Lab and consulted for the United Nations Development Programme. Shammi holds an undergraduate engineering degree in from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). An accomplished athlete, Shammi holds two black belts, one in karate and one in taekwondo.



## **Rifaiyat Mahbub**

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