

Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF)
Regional Integration to Achieve Sustainable Development

Dhaka, Bangladesh, 8-9 February 2017

Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 8 February	
Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2017 (Day 1)	
14:00-15:30	Registration
16:00-18:30	<p>Inaugural Session: Venue: Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Arrival of the Hon'ble President and National Anthem</p> <p>Recitation from the Holy Qur'an Audiovisual Presentation of ICC Address by Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President, ICC Bangladesh Address by Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP Address by H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, M.P., Minister for Commerce</p> <p>Keynote Address by Dr. Victor K. Fung, Former Global Chairman of ICC and Chairman of Fung Group</p> <p>Presentation of mementoes and release of Conference Special Publication Photo session of the important dignitaries with Honourable President Photo session of the ICC Executive Board with Honourable President</p> <p>Inaugural address by His Excellency Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid Honourable President, People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>National Anthem and departure of the Honourable President</p> <p>Address by Mr. Wencai Zhang, Vice-President (Operations), Asian Development Bank (ADB) Address by Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD Address by H.E. Mr. Romi Gauchan Thakali, Minister for Commerce, Nepal Address by H.E. Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Sri Lanka Address by H.E. Prof. Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to the Honourable Prime Minister for International Relations Address by H.E. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, M.P., Minister for Finance Address by Mr. Latifur Rahman, Vice President, ICC Bangladesh</p>

	Vote of thanks by Datuk Seri Mohamed Iqbal Rawther , EBAC Chairperson
19:00-22:00	<i>Cultural programme followed by GALA dinner, hosted by ICC Bangladesh</i>
Thursday, 9 February	
Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2017 (Day 2)	
08:30-09:30	<i>Registration</i>
9:30-11:30	<p>Plenary Session: Venue: Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Linking Business with the Sustainable Development Goals: What Can We Do?</p> <p>It would be impossible to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) without a sufficient degree of cooperation from business, which is a chief engine of growth, development through innovation, job creation and income generation. Business has been required to adopt a renewed commitment to integrate their activities into all priority areas of the SDGs and contribute to implement the SDGs effectively under the necessary enabling regulatory environment.</p> <p>Chair: H.E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh</p> <p>Introductory remarks: Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p> <p>Speakers: H.E. Mr. Romi Gauchan Thakali, Minister for Commerce, Nepal H.E. Prof. Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Honourable Adviser for International Relation Affairs to the Prime Minister, Bangladesh Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD Mr. Wencai Zhang, Vice-President (Operations), Asian Development Bank (ADB) Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Michael Yeoh, Chief Executive Officer/Director, Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Affairs, PMO</p>

11:30-12:00	Networking break		
12:00-13:30	<p>Parallel Session One: Venue: Surma (Level 2)</p> <p>Devising Strategies for Resilience: Role of Business in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role and potential of business in disaster risk management in Asia-Pacific? • What are available measures and tools for business to promote climate change adaptation? • How can we facilitate public private partnerships in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation? <p>Moderator: Mr. Asif Ibrahim, Chair of the ESNB Task Force on Disaster and Climate Risk Reduction</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Puji Pujiono, Regional Adviser on Disaster Risk Reduction, ESCAP</p> <p>Mr. Emdadul Haque, Additional Secretary, Executive Member Planning & Development Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Gilman, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Regional Partnerships Unit, UN OCHA Regional Office – Asia Pacific</p> <p>Mr. Md. Abdul Jabbar, Managing Director, DBL Group</p> <p>Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary, Managing Director, Chaudhary Group, Nepal</p> <p>Ms. Madhura Mitra, Manager - Sustainability, PricewaterhouseCoopers India</p> <p>Mr. Jared Berends, Senior Director of Operations and Resource Management World Vision Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr. Karma C. Nyedrup, Environment Specialist, National Environment Commission Royal Government of Bhutan</p>	<p>Parallel Session Two: Venue: Ballroom 3</p> <p>New Energy Realities: Building a Resilient and Low-carbon Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can business assist governments in energy infrastructure investment for alternative and renewable energy? • How can the poor’s energy access issues be addressed? • Why isn’t sustainable energy being more widely promoted? <p>Moderator: Mr. Nazimuddin Chowdhury Secretary, Energy and Mineral Resources Division, Government of Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers: Prof. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research, Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr. Abrar A. Anwar, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh</p> <p>Dr. Arbind Kumar Mishra, Member of Nepal Planning Commission</p> <p>Dr Arunabha Ghosh, Chief Executive Officer, Council on Energy, India</p> <p>Mr. Karma Tshewang, Chief Engineer Department of Hydropower & Power Systems (DHPS), Bhutan</p> <p>Mr. Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Badrul Imam, Department of Geology, University of Dhaka</p> <p>Mr. Mahmood Malik, Chief Executive Officer of Infrastructure Development Company Ltd. (IDCOL), Bangladesh</p>	<p>Parallel Session Three: Venue: Ballroom 1-2</p> <p>Supporting Trade and Transport Facilitation for Regional Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are major obstacles for promoting trade and transport facilitation in the region? • How can governments enhance the quality of trade and transportation related services? • What infrastructure is required for trade and transport facilitation and how can we develop it? <p>Moderator: Mr. Hedaytullah Al Mamoon, ndc Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce Senior Commerce Secretary of Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Senior Secretary – IRD & Chairman, National Board of Revenue (NBR), Ministry of Finance</p> <p>Amb. Mr. Mahbub Uz Zaman, Secretary (Asia & Pacific), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh</p> <p>Ms. Wendy Jo Werner, Country Manager Bangladesh, Bhutan & Nepal, IFC, World Bank Group.</p> <p>Dr. Ravi Ratnayake, Adviser to the Agency for International Trade, Ministry of Development Strategies and International Trade, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Prof. Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr. Naser Ezaz Bijoy, Country Head of Banking, Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr. David Morris, Chief Representative (Trade Commissioner), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Pacific Islands Trade & Invest</p> <p>Mr. Bipul Chatterjee, Executive Director CUTS International, India</p> <p>Prof. Sheikh Morshed Jahan Institute of Business Administration University of Dhaka</p>

13:30-14:30	<i>Business lunch</i>	
14:30-16:00	<p>Business Session One : Venue: Ballroom 1-2</p> <p>Supporting SDGs through Digital Financial Models by Inclusive Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the digital financial models? • What are their roles and impacts on sustainable development in the region? • What are challenges for the governments to maximize their benefits? <p>Moderator: Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank (Central Bank)</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Arastoo Khan, Chairman, Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd. Prof. Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Prof. Barbara Meynert, Chair of the ESNB Task Force on Digital Economy Mr. George Kam Ho Yuen, Board Director, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Mr. Phang Yew Kiat, Vice Chair and CEO of Credit China FinTech Holding Limited Mr. Sohail R. K. Hussain, Managing Director & CEO, The City Bank Limited Mr. Kamal Quadir, Chief Executive Officer, bKash Limited Mr. Mahtabuddin Ahmed, Managing Director and CEO, Robi Axiata Limited Mr. Muhammad A. (Rumee) Ali, Chairman, ICC Bangladesh Banking Commission & CEO of Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) Mr. Vineet Sachdev, Director, BOSS BPO (a unit of Bahri Trading Company, Sachdeva Group)</p>	
16:00-17:30	<p>Business Session Two: Venue: Ballroom 1-2</p> <p>Supporting and Empowering Disadvantaged MSMEs to Become More Competitive and Sustainable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main difficulties for MSMEs' effective participation in regional and global value chains? • How can international investors better connect with MSMEs, helping them be more sustainable? • How can the governments and business associations promote the development of MSMEs through technology and innovation development? <p>Moderator: Mr. Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, ndc, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Industries of Bangladesh</p> <p>Speakers: Mrs. Rokia Afzal Rahman, Vice President, ICC Bangladesh and Chairman, Arlinks Limited Mr. Philip Kucharski, Chief Operating Officer, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Prof. Ken Yan Cheng Pan, President, Trade & Industry Association (Singapore)</p>	<p>Side Event: Venue: Ballroom 3</p> <p>Economic Outlook and Key Policy Challenges in Emerging Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Masato Abe, Economic Affairs Officer, Business and Development Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP</p> <p>Presentation on Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2017—Addressing Energy Challenges: Mr. Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre</p> <p>The Emerging Asian economies face near-term downside risks, such as volatile cross border capital flows, and medium-term structural issues, such as the middle-income trap. The session provides opportunities for dialogue on economic perspectives and policy challenges based on the recently released The Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2017 – jointly produced between OECD, ESCAP and ERIA - is an annual publication on Asia's regional economic growth, development and regional</p>

	<p>Dr. Sandro Calvani, Senior Adviser on Strategic Planning, Mae Fah Luang Foundation, Thailand</p> <p>Dr. Momtaz Uddin Ahmed, Director, SME Foundation and Honorary Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p> <p>Ms. Sampa Banerjee, Executive Director, World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (WASME)</p>	<p>integration process. The Outlook provides an annual update of regional macroeconomic trends, policy challenges and a special thematic focus.</p> <p>Discussants: Prof. Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</p> <p>Dr. Khondoker Golam Moazzem Additional Director-Research, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)</p> <p>Mr. Deshabandu M. Macky Hashim JP Founder SAARC CCI Chairman</p> <p>Mr. Abul Kasem Khan, President Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p>
<p>17:30-18:30</p>	<p>Closing Session and Press Briefing: Venue: Ballroom 1-2</p> <p>Summaries of session discussions</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)</p> <p>Speakers: All session moderators</p> <p>Closing remarks by</p> <p>Dr. Hongjoo Hahm, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP</p> <p>Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President, ICC Bangladesh</p>	