





Resilient and resurgent Bangladesh

Sustaining economic growth in a changing climate

19-20 July 2023 InterContinental Dhaka 1 Minto Road

Day 1, 19 July	
09:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:30 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	Jonathan Leape, Executive Director, IGC Ahsan H. Mansur, Director, Policy Research Institute Duncan Overfield, Deputy Development Director, FCDO Bangladesh Shahid Vaziralli, Head of Research Programme, IGC
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 SESSION 1: The future of work in Bangladesh	
SPEAKERS	Keynote: Dr Masrur Reaz , Chairman, Policy Exchange and Policy Advisor, IGC Mohsina Yasmin , Executive Member, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority Barrister Nihad Kabir , President, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Duncan Overfiled , Deputy Development Director, FCDO Bangladesh Dr. Mohammad Yunus , Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
MODERATOR	Jonathan Leape, Executive Director, IGC
12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH	
13:30 – 15:00 SESSION 2: IGC-RAPID session on strengthening domestic resource mobilisation and cost recovery strategies for a self-reliant Bangladesh	
SPEAKERS	Keynote: Dr M. A. Razzaque, Chairman, RAPID Dr M. Abu Eusuf, Professor of Development Studies, University of Dhaka Oliver Harman, Cities Economist, IGC Md Iqbal Hossain, Member, NBR Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, CPD Dr. Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Former Chairman, NBR
MODERATOR	Dr Atiur Rahman, Eminent Development Economist and Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank
15:00 – 15:15: COFFEE BREAK	
15:15 – 16:45 SESSION 3: Powering progress: Overcoming challenges and driving innovation in Bangladesh's energy sector	
SPEAKERS	Nasrul Hamid, Honourable State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Atonu Rabbani, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka Rohini Kamal, Research Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance & Development Amrita Kundu, Assistant Professor, Georgetown University (joining online) Shefali Khanna, Research Associate, Imperial College London
MODERATOR	Shahid Vaziralli, Head of Research Programme, IGC and Country Lead, IGC Bangladesh

REFRESHMENTS AND END OF DAY 1 PUBLIC EVENTS

17:15 – 18:30 CLOSED DOOR SESSION (INVITE-ONLY): Shaping the future of IGC-BIGD Datahub: Consultation roundtable for effective data services







Day 2, 20 July

11:30 – 12:30 Registration and refreshments

12:30 – 14:00 SESSION 1: Nurturing promising talents: Bangladeshi early-career economist research

feedback session

SPEAKERS

Zaeem-Al Ehsan, East West University
Hasibul Hasan, University of Dhaka

Faisal Quaiyyum, University of Dhaka

Nusaiba Binte Zakaria, Asian University for Women

Sheikh Rafi Ahmed, ARCED Foundation

PANELLISTS Atonu Rabbani, Julia Cajal Grossi, Tomoki Fuji, Nina Buchmann

14:00 - 15:00 LUNCH

15:00 – 16:30 SESSION 2: Shaping the future of work: Navigating employment frontiers through job quality

Muhammad Abdul Mannan, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Planning Ariful Hoque, Director, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority Mohammad Zahidullah, Chief Sustainability Officer, DBL Group

SPEAKERS

Mr. Neeran Ramjuthan, Program Manager, ILO

Julia Cajal Grossi, Assistant Professor of Economics, Geneva Graduate Institute

Nina Buchmann, PhD Candidate in Economics, Stanford University

MODERATOR Shahid Vaziralli, Head of Research Programme, IGC and Country Lead, IGC Bangladesh

16:35 – 18:05 SESSION 3: Building liveable cities: Addressing congestion and promoting sustainable growth in

urban areas

Ekramul Haque Titu, Honourable Mayor, Mymensingh City Corporation

Ziaul Haque, Director, Department of Environment

SPEAKERS Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, CPD

Tomoki Fuji, Associate Professor, Singapore Management University

Martin Mattsson, Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore (joining online)

Shivani Wadehra, Assistant Professor, UPES India (joining online)

MODERATOR Oliver Harman, Cities Economist, IGC

18:05 - 18:20 COFFEE BREAK

18:20 – 19:05 CLOSING SESSION: The role of economic research in building policy in Bangladesh

HE Sarah Cooke, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh

Jonathan Leape, Executive Director, IGC

SPEAKERS Mushfiq Mobarak, Professor of Economics, Yale University (joining online)

Laura Boudreau, Assistant Professor, Columbia Business School (joining online)

Alex Porter, Senior Policy Officer, KIVU International

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