



## **First Annual National Conference on Urban Resilience**

**17-19 December, 2016**

**Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan-1, Dhaka**

Organized by

Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN)  
International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)  
at Independent University Bangladesh (IUB)

## About the Conference

### Background

Cities are now contributing more to GDP's compared to rural areas; providing new livelihood opportunities, better housing, education, health, security and other facilities. Globally, the majority of the population lives in urban area and it is estimated that by 2050 more than two thirds of the world's population will live in cities. People migrate to cities from rural areas, particularly from disaster prone areas. Much of the key climate risks are concentrated in urban areas (AR5, IPCC). Thus, the huge influx of population results in unplanned urbanization in developing countries and generates risks of profound social instability, risks to critical infrastructure and is multiplying vulnerability to disasters.

Climate change will exacerbate the already severe environmental problems and threaten the living conditions required to meet the challenges of rapid urbanization. Sensitive to natural and anthropogenic disasters, urban areas are becoming more susceptible to external shocks and stresses. Urban climate change-related risks are increasing, including rising sea levels, cyclones, extreme precipitation, flooding, water logging, salinity intrusion, heat stress, landslides, and drought. This spreads negative impacts on people and their health, livelihoods, and assets; on local and national economies and ecosystems, and also on infrastructure. The problem is more acute to the socially or economically marginalized group of population because of their high exposure to hazards, or a lower ability to adapt and respond due to physical limitations or financial capacity.

Bangladesh has one of the highest population densities and the highest growth of urban population in the world. In Bangladesh, more than 30% population live in city and by 2050, it will be more than 50%. This population growth and rapid urbanization tend to follow an unplanned pattern, making Bangladesh a disaster prone country. When a disaster happens, any system of the city can fail resulting in cascading impacts that can disrupt the availability of clean water, electricity, and communications. The complexities of urban risks demand a special focus within the new framework of action to absorb disaster and shocks, as well as the ability to restore the urban system to pre-shock levels. So, it is important to know cities' current status of resilience and planning, identify the knowledge gap regarding resilience and how to reduce that gap. Relevant government and non-government organizations, policy makers, academics and communities have valuable knowledge and experience but there has been little sharing within or amongst them. Adequate knowledge of how such risks interconnect in their emergence at the city level is the first step towards helping cities builds resilience. Knowledge sharing will help in learning how to build urban resilience. So developing a framework with integration of urban resilience into mainstream policy, development plans, and everyday decision making is much more needed to undertake necessary action within appropriate timeframes. This will involve bringing together diverse departments and sectors to identify appropriate measures for preparedness, response, and recovery.

In this regard, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and the Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) are undertaking a joint initiative to organize the first annual national conference in association with diverse development partners. The conference will be held for 3 days from 17 to 19 December, 2016.

### Objectives

- Identifying knowledge gaps from the discussions and finding ways to bridge those gaps
- Facilitating discussions on how to build public and private partnerships with the inclusion of Community Based Organizations
- Identifying relevant strategies and action plans to address and overcome the challenges of urbanization and to absorb shocks from disasters
- Finding pathways for diverse sectors to achieve SDGs by 2030
- Creating a knowledge sharing platform for a diverse range of leading stakeholders (governmental and non-governmental) to voice their expert opinions, proposals, analysis and aspirations on urban resilience issues

### Outcome

Involving various stakeholders, including urban experts and policy makers from national, regional and global levels, will bring wider experience and enable the dissemination of these experiences. This will enhance the scope of public and private partnerships with inclusive CBOs in building city-level reliance. This will eventually help in creating a knowledge sharing network that will share their experience time to time; formulate policy on relevant issues and implement those action plans through informed advocacy. Conference proceedings will also be prepared and distributed amongst participants and beyond. This National conference on urban resilience will be organized annually in Bangladesh.

## Program Overview of the First Annual National Conference on Urban Resilience

		<b>Day 1: 17 December, 2016 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Day 2: 18 December, 2016 (Sunday)</b>			<b>Day 3: 19 December, 2016 (Monday)</b>		
<b>MORNING</b>	08:30-09:30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>						
	09:30-11:00	<b>Inaugural Session</b> Room: King's Hall	<b>Plenary Session 3:</b> Participatory Vulnerability Assessment Host: ICCCAD-IUB Room: King's Hall			<b>Plenary Session 5:</b> Financing the Sustainable Urban Development Agenda Host: BCAS Room: King's Hall		
	11:00-11:30	<b>TEA BREAK</b>						
	11:30-13:00	<b>Plenary Session 1</b>  Policy Makers and Mayors Round Table "Implementing the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda – The Role of Local Governments"  Host: Concern Worldwide Room: King's Hall	<b>PSB1:</b> Valuing Waste, Transforming Cities: Promoting Waste-to-Resource Initiatives Host: Practical Action Bangladesh Room: King's Hall	<b>PSB2:</b> Development Planning Needs Better Integration Partner: ACCNLDP Project Room: Queen's Hall	<b>PSB3:</b> Concepts of Building Resilience in a City  Host: Save the Children Room: Family Ties	<b>PSD1:</b> Realities of the Urban Poor: Tackling Challenges and Leveraging Opportunities Host: BRAC Room: King's Hall	<b>PSD2:</b> Building Community Engagement to Enhance Urban Resilience Host: ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia Room: Queen's Hall	<b>PSD3:</b>
<b>AFTERNOON</b>	13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>						
	14:00-15:30	<b>PSA1:</b> Ensuring Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments Influence Policy and Practice Host: UNDP Room: King's Hall	<b>PSA2:</b> Inclusive Approach Key to Urban Resilience in Bangladesh Host: CARE Bangladesh Room: Queen's Hall	<b>PSA3:</b> Building Resilience in Urban Slum Settlements Host: Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh Room: Golden Tulip	<b>PSC1:</b> Creative Thinking for an Uncertain Urban Future Host: UNDP Room: Queen's Hall	<b>PSC2:</b> Universal Health Coverage: Resilient to Health Shock of Urban Low Income Population Host: CARE Bangladesh Room: Family Ties	<b>PSC3:</b> Safer Cities and Public Spaces for Women's Empowerment Host: ActionAid Bangladesh Room: King's Hall	<b>Concluding Session (14:00 – 15:00)</b> Room: King's Hall
	15:30-16:00	<b>TEA BREAK</b>						
	16:00-17:30	<b>Plenary Session 2:</b> Urban Resilience Knowledge Platform Host: ACCCRN-ICCCAD Room: King's Hall		<b>Plenary Session 4:</b>				

## Agenda

### DAY ONE

**SATURDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2016**

08:30-09:30

#### **Registration**

09:30-11:00

#### **Inaugural Session**

*King's Hall*

Welcome address: **Ina Islam**, Deputy Director, ICCCAD at IUB

Keynote presenter: **John I. Carruthers**, Ph.D., Director, Sustainable Urban Planning Program College of Professional Studies, The George Washington University

Special Guest: **Professor M. Omar Rahman**, Vice Chancellor, IUB

Special Guest: **Dr. Atiq Rahman**, Executive Director, BCAS

Chief Guest: **A A M S Arefin Siddique**, Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka

Session Chair: **Dr. Saleemul Huq**, Director, ICCCAD-IUB

11:00-11:30

#### **TEA BREAK**

11:30-13:00

#### **First Plenary Session**

*King's Hall*

#### **Policy Makers and Mayors Round Table “Implementing the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda – The Role of Local Governments”**

#### **Concern Worldwide**

With the established integral role of cities as the forefront for ensuring sustainable development, Sustainable Development Goal 11 has set the explicit aim “to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”. Achieving the target will not only entail improving housing, transportation, air quality, waste management, resilience, and preparedness around natural disasters, but also participatory, integrated and sustainable policy, planning and management. Bangladesh’s unprecedented rate of urbanisation and its demand on services have put forth considerable challenges to the city administrators and the national government alike. Particularly, the extreme poor and marginalised population suffers the most in absence of services and provisions. Sustainable and inclusive urban development, to a large extent, depends on the strength and vision of the Mayors and urban policy makers to lead the transition to equitable, safe, healthy and resilient cities.

With this view, the objectives of the plenary session hosted by Concern Worldwide Bangladesh are to facilitate an informed discourse by sharing experiences and learnings among the Honourable Mayors, Members of the Parliament and urban stakeholders and to articulate specific recommendations and suggestions from the stakeholders in taking the SDG 11 agenda forward in Bangladesh. The session will bring together some key honourable mayors, Members of the Parliament, city administrators, urban sector specialists, civil society and development actors, among other, to shed light on the key role played by the mayors and local officials in sustainable urban development through presentation and discussion. The learnings from the session will pave the way forward for the urban stakeholders to work together for an inclusive and sustainable urban Bangladesh in alignment with SDG 11.

Facilitator: **A.K.M Musha**, Country Director, Concern Worldwide Bangladesh



Keynote presenter: **Kazi Maruful Islam**, PhD, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

Panelists: **Advocate Azmatullah Khan**, Adviser, Municipal Association of Bangladesh  
**Mostafa Quaium Khan**, Adviser, Bangladesh Urban Forum  
**Khurshid Alam**, Assistant Country Director, UNDP Bangladesh  
**Shishir Shil**, Secretary General, All Party Parliamentary Group, Bangladesh Parliament

*Open Discussion*

Session chair: **Hon. Israfil Alam**, MP, Chairman, All Party Parliamentary Group on Extreme Poverty and Urban Pavement Dwellers

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00-15:30 *Parallel Sessions (PS) A*

*King's Hall*

**PSA1: Ensuring Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments Influence Policy and Practice**

**NUPRP of UNDP**

Climate change vulnerability assessments (CCVAs) often fail to impact local policy and planning practices, despite successfully identifying and mapping vulnerability. While they are essential tools for identifying areas of risk, and understanding social and economic dimensions to climate change vulnerability, they may fall short of influencing policies because they do not follow inclusive processes, fail to consider governance issues, and do not present practical recommendations to inform resilience planning and policymaking. This panel aims to contribute to efforts to better design and implement CCVA assessments. Panelists will present and discuss a number of different components and approaches to CCVAs, such as community mapping, stakeholder engagement, and understanding government capacity. CCVAs can and should be improved, to ensure that they can better deliver lasting policy-making and planning outcomes and increase resilience to climate impacts in Bangladesh.

Panelists: **Dr. Saleemul Huq**, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)  
**Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen**, Professor & Director, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka  
**John William Taylor**, International Project Manager, National Urban Poverty Reduction Programme, UNDP  
**Mr. Malik Fida A. Khan**, Director, Climate Change and Disaster Management Division, CEGIS

*Open Discussion*

Session chair: **Khurshid Alam**, Assistant Country Director, UNDP Bangladesh

*Queen's Hall*

**PSA2: Inclusive approach key to urban resilience in Bangladesh**

**CARE Bangladesh**

By 2030, almost half the population of Bangladesh would be living in cities making today's rural vulnerable population tomorrow's urban challenge. Inclusive approaches for resilience have been developed from rural context, whereas the urban challenges are on a different scale both in its dynamism and severity. Bangladesh is one of the most affected countries by climate change but the urban context is often ignored. Urban Resilience programs need to contextualize thoroughly from design to implementation to address challenges of inclusivity

and resilience in urban context, especially in addressing multi-dimensional exclusion and marginalization aspects. Objectives of the session are: Exclusion from urban governance – The “invisible” population, specific challenges of female urban migrants, climate refugees and other marginalized groups, inclusive urban planning and decision-making for building resilience

This interactive session will bring together key actors from government, private sector, academics, NGOs and communities that are striving towards building inclusive cities to share urban stories of success and failure. The session will especially consider cities and municipalities with faster growth and unplanned development, where the capacity to respond to any kind of disaster and shock by its community is the weakest. The discussion will provide guidance on undertaking citizen engagement and public accountability approaches for inclusive, transparent and accountable actions at institution and community level to build resilience.

Panelists: **Prof Mahbuba Nasreen**, Director of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka  
**Mr. Ashekur Rahman**, Urban Programme Analyst, UNDP  
**Professor Shamim Mahbul Haque**, Khulna University

#### *Open Discussion*

Session chair: **Dr. Mehrul Islam**, CARE Bangladesh

#### *Golden Tulip*

#### **PSA3: Building Resilience in Urban Slum Settlements**

#### **Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh**

Migration to urban areas is a regular phenomenon but climate induced displacement forced to migrate to cities over the recent years is a matter of concern. Climate induced migration over the past recent years are not only displacing people physically but also exposing them to enhanced poverty by threatening their livelihoods. Growing number of people rushing to city's slums is creating an urban crisis. Displaced people living in urban slums are in search of a better and secure life. But urban slums located mostly in low lying environmentally hazardous areas coupled with inadequate facilities like food, poor and unhealthy risky shelter, sanitation, and health care make their life even worse. In addition, the major portion of the households use unhealthy latrine and deposit their children's excreta into road side drain and open places, which pollutes water sources, groundwater and the general environment. Growing number of people in urban slums over the recent past has created extra pressure on existing systems and has challenged the government to development activities like slum development and poverty reduction strategy.

In several researches, need or vulnerability assessment has identified the slums' crises. Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh has worked in urban slums for years to make resilience of urban slum settlement as it is a crucial need of low income communities (LICs). This session will focus on low income community's crisis and its impact as well as set valuable and concrete suggestions as an overcoming strategy from audience and panelist. The session will present the slums disadvantage synopsis and the scope of interaction to bring up the innovative ideas. The learning will help to take such innovative ideas to the new develop projects as well as for making dialogue with the selected audience to create opportunity in between the service providers and service receivers.

Keynote Speaker: **Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidul Ameen**, Architecture Department, BUET

Panelists: **Md. Abul Bashar**, Senior Manager-Program Implementation & Innovation, HFHI-B  
**Dr. Nurul Islam Nazem**, Professor of Geography and Environment, University of Dhaka and Honorary Secretary, Centre for Urban Studies

**Mostafa Quaium Khan**, Adviser, Bangladesh Urban Forum

*Open Discussion*

Session Chair: **John Armstrong**, National Director, HFHI-B

**15:30-16:00** **TEA BREAK**

**16:00-17:30**

*King's Hall*

*Second Plenary Session*

**Urban Resilience Knowledge Platform**

**ACCCRN-ICCCAD**

Recent decades have seen an increase in urban climate change risks and vulnerabilities and these have profound impacts on a broad spectrum of urban infrastructure systems and ecosystem services. What is required is to build the resilience in cities to tackle and cope with the increasing climate change shocks through improved knowledge sharing, capacity building, building expertise and providing expert advice to concerned institutions working at the city level.

The Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) comprises practitioners and institutions committed to creating knowledge, accessing resources, and influencing agendas to build inclusive urban climate change resilience. It is a membership-based platform focused principally on supporting individual practitioners, while also building partnerships with institutions and country networks. ACCCRN Bangladesh partner, "ICCCAD-IUB", is trying to enhance link among resilience practitioners and their base institutions across Asia, complementing and adding to the networks currently active at local, national, regional and global scales. The ACCCRN network supports practitioners to create knowledge, access resources, and influence agendas to build inclusive urban climate change resilience. The Objective of this plenary session is to provide and facilitate lessons sharing and experience amongst key expert panelists from ACCCRN network members particularly for discussion on how to make a long term sustainable knowledge platform that can effectively contribute to build city resilience in Bangladesh.

Panelists: **Mr. S.M. Mehedi Ahsan**, Sector Specialist for Resilience Cities, KfW  
**Sarder Shafiqul Alam**, Coordinator, Urban Climate Change Programme, ICCCAD at IUB ; Country Coordinator, ACCCRN-ICCCAD Bangladesh  
**Mr. Shamim Al Razi**, Secretary General, Local Government Network (LGNET), Bangladesh  
**Professor Golam Rahman**, Convener, BIP Advisory Council

*Open Discussion*

Session chair: **Mostafa Quaium Khan**, Adviser, Bangladesh Urban Forum (BUF)

## Agenda

### DAY TWO

#### SUNDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2016

09:30-11:00  
King's Hall

#### *Third Plenary Session* **Participatory Vulnerability Assessment**

#### **ICCCAD-IUB**

Natural and climatic hazards often create disasters and increase vulnerability of a city. Local communities are directly impacted by such disasters. Mostly poor communities are unable to cope up with any disaster shocks and become more socio-economically vulnerable. It is a fact that both physical vulnerability assessment and social-economic vulnerability assessment are early activities that are needed to develop City Resilient Action Plan. Resilience planning of a specific area is based on the existing vulnerability and capacity of the systems and community. For any area, without having a prior experience on climate change resilience planning, it is a prerequisite to have a lead organization or person having adequate knowledge of climatic aberration and long experience of DRR issues to develop synergy of engagement with local people and their inherent adaptive indigenous knowledge. One of the key elements to a successful city resilience action planning is the 'participation' from a diverse set of stakeholders. Participation is the key to any development process but for city resilience building process, it becomes even more essential.

ICCCAD-IUB will facilitate a plenary session of the conference to do participatory vulnerability assessment for a city/town in Bangladesh. Based on previous experiences on Participatory Vulnerability Assessment, this session will invite relevant experts to facilitate small working groups and large group exercise and discussion. Purpose of such plenary session is to engage maximum participants of the conference to discuss about city vulnerability assessment. It is expected that experts from government, academics, NGOs, urban planners, private sectors, local communities and media people will be able to share their experience and capacity to conduct a Participatory Vulnerability Assessment which will be needed to develop City Resilient Action Plan. The participants of the conference will be able to use their Participatory Vulnerability Assessment experiences at city/town level. Participatory approaches would contribute to reduce the gap between top down and bottom up approaches and these Participatory Vulnerability Assessment would demonstrate a new model for solving city resilient development problems in a systematic way.

Keynote presenter: **Terry Cannon**, Research Fellow, Climate Change and Development, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK

Group Facilitators: **Dr. Dwijendra Lal Mallick**, Fellow, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS)  
**Sarder Shafiqul Alam**, Coordinator, Urban Climate Change Programme, ICCCAD at IUB ; Country Coordinator, ACCCRN-ICCCAD Bangladesh  
**Palash Mondal**, Coordinator: Resilience and Climate Change, Team Leader – Building Resilience of the Urban Poor (BRUP) project, CARE Bangladesh

#### *Open Discussion*

Session Chair: **Mohammad Abdul Qayyum**, Director General, Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)

11:00-11:30

**TEA BREAK**

11:30-13:00

Parallel Sessions (PS) B

King's Hall

### **PSB1: Valuing Waste, Transforming Cities: Promoting Waste-to-Resource Initiatives**

#### **Practical Action Bangladesh**

Bangladesh is facing rapid urbanization and currently around 35 million people live in urban centres and generates 20000 metric ton wastes in a day. The City Corporations and Municipalities adopt end of pipe approach and collect, transfer and dump around 50% of the generated waste without any treatment. The remaining uncollected wastes are mostly disposed in drainage network and low lying water bodies. These indiscriminate disposal and unsafe management of wastes leads environmental pollution, emits greenhouse gases and creates health hazard. To address this, the Government of Bangladesh approved 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) strategy in 2010 to emphasize source separation and promote the recycling of wastes. A number of private companies are actively involved in the recycling of heavy plastics and some other inorganic wastes and creates the job and employment opportunity for several thousands of informal waste pickers. On the other hand, few attempts on recycling of organic wastes to produce organic fertilizer and biogas piloted in different cities and municipalities by State Agencies (DoE, LGED, DPHE) and development partners but yet to go scale. These pilots faced a number of challenges including the traditional mind set of LGIs to consider waste as hazard, weak institutional capacity and infrastructural support, lack of community participation in segregation of wastes, the lengthy certification process of compost, poor linkage with climate financing.

The workshop will discuss the learnings from these improve attempts and seek expert's recommendations for promoting an integrated and coordinated approach for safe management of wastes to make our cities resilient and sustainable.

Session Chair: **K.M. Nurul Huda**, Chairman, Waste Management Expert Foundation

Moderator: **Hasin Jahan**, Country Director, Practical Action Bangladesh

Presenter: **Abdur Rob**, Head of Food, Agriculture and Markets Programme, Practical Action Bangladesh  
**Uttam Kumar Saha**, Head of Energy and Urban Services Programme, Practical Action Bangladesh  
**Mirza Shawkat Ali**, Director, Department of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forestry  
**Khadem Mahmud Yusuf**, Managing Director and CEO, Bangladesh Petrochemical Company Ltd.

Panelists: **Md. Raisul Alam Mondal**, Director General, Department of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forestry  
**Md. Hamidur Rahman**, Director General, Department of Agriculture Extension, Ministry of Agriculture  
**Siddique Zubair**, Member, Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)  
**Tazkin Ahmed Chisty**, Mayor, Shatkhira Municipality

*Open Discussion*

Queen's Hall

### **PSB2: Development Planning Needs Better Integration**

#### **ACCNLDP Project**

The aim of the session is to have a discussion among individuals being involved at local or national level in e.g. long-term national planning, infrastructure planning and development, setting up of development plans; approval of proposed investment projects, budgeting,



resource mobilization or coordination among different agencies. The experts from the different institutions will provide a short overview on what is relevant for development planning within their respective institution and the challenges from their point of view and experiences for the implementation of existing plans. At the end of this expert discussion, the audience will provide input from their own working realities or ask questions to the expert panel.

This session will help to shortly outline the different levels of development planning practices in Bangladesh. Furthermore, this session will give an overview about gaps, challenges and prospects of integration of local plan with the national plan. The session is organized within the framework of the 'Adaptation to Climate Change into the National and Local Development Planning' (ACCNLDP) project, which is jointly implemented by the Planning Commission of Bangladesh and the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The discussion during the session will provide input to the activity area "integration of local and national development planning" of ACCNLDP.

Keynote Presenter: **Mr. Hans-Joachim Hermann**, Programme Coordinator, Urban Projects in Climate Change Adaptation, GIZ

Panelists: **Mr. Md. Mafidul Islam**, Joint Chief, International Economics Wing, General Economic Division (GED), Planning Commission  
**Mr. Matiur Rahman**, Joint Chief, Physical Infrastructure Wing 1, Physical Infrastructure Division, Planning Commission  
**Dr. Khurshid Zabin Hossain Taufiq**, Director, Urban Development Directorate (UDD)  
**Mr. Md. Tazkin Ahmed**, Mayor, Satkhira Pourashava, Shatkhira  
**Mr. Md. Abir Ul Jabbar**, Chief Planning Officer, Khulna City Corporation (KCC)

### *Open Discussion*

#### *Family Ties*

#### **PSB3: Concepts of Building Resilience in a City**

#### **Save the Children**

More than half of the world's populations are now living in urban areas. Cities are lifelines of society and engines for economic growth. However, rapid urban growth poses many challenges to city authorities and if not well managed, cities can also become generators of new vulnerabilities adding risk to disasters. Climate change poses huge risk to our city. Failed infrastructure, environmental degradation and challenges posed by climate change including sea level rise, more intense rainstorms, droughts and heat waves make many urban dwellers more vulnerable to natural hazards which will eventually impact city resilience. Resilience is the ability of an individual, or a system, community, or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate to, and recover from the effects of a hazard promptly and efficiently by preserving and restoring essential basic structures. As a concept, resilience can be applied to any community and for any type of disasters: natural, man-made or climate induced.

Reducing disaster risk and increasing city resilience are needed here. A risk informed planned urbanization is key step to build urban resilience. Building city resilience can develop an appropriate amount of opportunities into urban systems and encourage communities to plan how to deal with disruptions. The session will discuss about the city resilience concept and how it can be developed. Time has come to emphasize in developing an adaptive urban eco-system and developing a culture of risk informed decision making and financing. In the process of building urban resilience, it is important to engage all level of stakeholders starting from government to private sector, media, and civil society platforms.

Keynote Presenter: **A K M Mamunur Rashid**, Climate Change Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panelists: **Dr. A K M Abul Kalam**, Professor in Urban and Regional Planning at Jahangirnagar University & President Bangladesh Institution of Planners (BIP)  
**Dr. A. S. M. Maksud Kamal**, Professor & Chairman of Department of Disaster Science and Management, University of Dhaka  
**Mirza Ali Ashraf**, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR)  
**Dr. Engr. Tariq Bin Yousuf**, Superintending Engineer in Environment, Climate Change & Disaster Management Circle & Project Director of Urban Resilience Project, Dhaka North City Corporation

*Open Discussion*

Session Chair: **Md. Mostak Hussain**, Humanitarian Director, Save the Children

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00-15:30 *Parallel Sessions (PS) C*

*Queen's Hall*

**PSC1: Creative Thinking for an Uncertain Urban Future**

**NUPRP of UNDP**

Climate change threatens Bangladesh in a number of consequential ways, not the least of which is the real prospect of it setting off a migrant crisis that would overwhelm already overburdened urban infrastructure and services. But in facing up to this catastrophic scenario are there opportunities to be found to re-think urbanization patterns and governance mechanisms? This uncertain view of cities of the future might help uncover more ordinary, and perhaps more creative, solutions to address some of Bangladesh's enduring urban problems. This panel seeks to provoke panelists to think creatively and identify policies, governance arrangements, economic development strategies, and planning and design considerations, that otherwise may be given little attention. By thinking of opportunities, rather than crises, we invite creative thinking to offer mayors, planners, and city leaders' progressive and reform-minded ideas to support a more resilient urban future.

Panelists: **Dr. Akter Mahmud**, Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jahangirnagar University  
**Dr. Saiful Momen**, Department of Environmental Science and Management, North South University  
**Mousumi Pervin**, Local Economy, Livelihoods and Financial Inclusion Coordinator, NUPRP, UNDP Bangladesh  
**Dr. Sanzida Akhter**, Assistant Professor, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka  
**Dr. Taibur Rahman**, Senior Assistant Secretary, Planning Commission

*Open Discussion*

Session Chair: **Dr. Saleemul Huq**, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

*Family Ties*

**PSC2: Universal Health Coverage: Resilient to Health Shock of Urban Low Income Population**

## **CARE Bangladesh**

Urban populations are characterized by large health inequalities. Moreover, the growing burdens of non communicable diseases especially for demographic and epidemiological transition progressively add to the demand for complex and extensive cost of health care. In order to reduce high out pocket expenditure (almost 64% of total health expenditure) and its devastating impact on the poor and vulnerable people, health financial protection is absolutely fundamental. The session aims to capture issues and challenges of urban health, experience and lessons learned to promote health financing system for urban population especially for low income people to make them economically viable.

The session will have a reflection on experience and lesson sharing to promote health financing and access by urban low income population which will try to way-out potential solution and recommendation for strengthening urban health system and advancement of health financing in urban areas. Relevant stakeholders from government and non government stakeholder will share their experience, thoughts through presentation and open discussion. Summary of the session will be shared with high level government policy maker for developing a health finance initiative for urban low income population.

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Muhammod Abdus Sabur**, Public Health Professional and Consultant, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Panelists: **Dr. Dipak K Mitra**, Associate Professor and Head of the School of Public Health, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB)  
**Ms. Atia Hossain**, Health Financing Expert, Urban Health System Strengthening Project

### *Open Discussion*

Moderator: **Dr. Jahirul Alam Azad**, Team Leader-Urban Health, CARE Bangladesh

## *King's Hall*

### **PSC3: Safer Cities and Public Spaces for Women's Empowerment**

## **ActionAid Bangladesh**

In Bangladesh, 28% of the population lives in urban areas, out of which 38% live in slums while it is projected that half of the country's population will live in the urban areas by 2030. At the same time concern is raising regarding safety and dignity of women in the growing urban settings; besides their participation in the design and development of urban services to make it more responsive to women and girls. SDG 11, on sustainable cities and communities, places responsibility on UN member states to make cities and urban areas inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. At the UN Habitat III Conference in October 2016, right to the city was included for the first time in a UN declaration. Based on that declaration, ActionAid is building on the achievements of this evolving work through its Safe Cities Programme, with particular emphasis on the concept of the 'right to the city'. This programme is being implemented in 13 countries in the context of rapid urbanization, resilience, migration and the widespread sexual violence and harassment experienced by women in cities and urban spaces. Asserting everyone's right to "public space and to decision-making around public space and urban planning" is a requirement for creating gender-inclusive resilient city.

This session aims to explain the connection between resilient and safer city for women and girls ensuring basic public services related to public spaces and gender. The discussion will help to share experience and strategies from different organizations, movements and networks to promote safe cities for women at municipal and city level which will generate and promote recommendations for the new urban agenda and for national and local governments to transform cities that are safe, inclusive and resilient. The issues of inclusion and equity will be focused to fill this gap and provide concrete, evidence based policy tools and recommendations to make cities resilient, inclusive and safe.

Panelists: **Adv Fazilatunnesa Bappy**, Member of the Parliament, Member, Standing Committee of Privileges  
**Kazi Rezul Hoque**, Chairman- National Human Rights Commission  
**Dr. Engr. Tariq Bin Yousuf**, Superintending Engineer in Environment, Climate Change & Disaster Management Circle & Project Director of Urban Resilience Project, Dhaka North City Corporation  
**Mubasshar Hussein**, Architect

*Open Discussion*

Moderator: **Farah Kabir**, Country Director, ActionAid Bangladesh

15:30-16:00 **TEA BREAK**

16:00-17:30 *Fourth Plenary Session*  
*King's Hall* **TBC**

## Agenda

### DAY THREE

**MONDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2016**

09:30-11:00  
King's Hall

*Fifth Plenary Session*

#### **Financing the Sustainable Urban Development Agenda**

#### **BCAS**

Rapid urbanization is an ongoing and increasing phenomenon and posing a major challenge to sustainable development of Bangladesh. Sustainable urban development is most desirable. To address this, the nation must focus on environmentally sound and socially just rapid urbanization. Intense traffic congestion, waste management, flooding of urban areas and roads, illegal encroachment, lack of common facilities of sports and entertainment, land, water and air pollution, slum formation and management, rural-urban migration are some of the issues faced as challenges both by urban residents and managers. Besides, for well-designed sustainable planning, one of the key challenges is financing of sustainable urbanization. The public funds available are very limited and the funds dedicated for monitoring and maintenance of urban services is also scanty. Private sector is yet to play a key role in financing sustainable urban development. On top of these, the impacts of climate change in the urban ecosystem add to existing perils.

In this session a team of leading experts will discuss some of the challenges and opportunities in financing sustainable development and focus on urbanization. Some of the projects those have been or being undertaken will be discussed in this session.

Chief Guest: **Dr. Shamsul Alam**, Member, Planning Commission

Panelists: **Mamunur Rashid**, Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change, Environment and Disaster (CCED) Cluster, UNDP  
**Ranjit Kumar Chakrobarty**, Project Manager, Inclusive Budgeting and Financing for Climate Resilience Project, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance  
**Catherine Cecil**, Team Leader, PROKAS/Tanvir Mahmud, British Council

*Open Discussion*

Session Chair: **Dr. A. Atiq Rahman**, Executive Director, BCAS

11:00-11:30

**TEA BREAK**

11:30-13:00

*Parallel Sessions (PS) D*

King's Hall

#### **PSD1: Realities of the Urban Poor: Tackling Challenges and Leveraging Opportunities**

#### **BRAC**

Aggravated climate change has led to natural resources' scarcity and tremendous pressure of competing for the available resources. The impacted vulnerable population is trying to cope with the prevailing situation either by finding alternative ways of livelihood, or by migrating to other locations in search of seasonal jobs or even permanent shelter and livelihood options. In order to address such challenging circumstances, one of the ways could be to create an enabling environment through appropriate initiatives for the potential and already migrated people to urban areas. A profile on low income/slum communities of Bangladesh would also be presented with special focus on challenges being tackled and opportunities that need to be leveraged, to take the discussion forward. The other purpose which is there for the long run would be to discourage unsafe migration and create an enabling environment to ensure access to social support systems and essential amenities for the inhabitants in their rural homeland through sustainable livelihood options and, most



importantly, establish their rights in the society by ensuring good governance. For example, through natural disaster resilient housing, rehabilitation of the vulnerable poor will be established and also create homestead-centred livelihood, as a measure of sustainably protecting lives, livelihoods and assets. This would improve their living condition and social status in the community, as well as ensure safety and social security of women and children in their own houses.

A substantial percentage of low income urban settlements comprise of migrated population facing various socio-economic challenges (non-inclusive nature of the urban system; including poor and unsafe housing conditions, inaccessibility to proper health, education, WASH facilities and better livelihood options etc.) depending on where they migrate—small towns or cities. Issue specific interventions are not always effective due to their inter-linkage with certain realities. This session will give scope for recognizing the gaps and needs and discuss about comprehensive directions in formulating and selecting more effective interventions towards an enabling environment to support and safeguard lives and livelihood of the vulnerable poor both in rural and urban communities. This will be helpful to chalk out action plans in leveraging opportunities towards combating existing and future challenges for betterment of urban poor lives.

Special Guest: **Mr. Asif Saleh**, Senior Director, Strategy, Communications and Empowerment, BRAC and BRAC International

Panelists: **Mrityunjoy Das**, Senior Programme Manager, Disaster Management and Climate Change (DMCC) Programme, BRAC  
**Shamim Hossain**, Manager, Research and Evaluation, BRAC Urban Development Programme

#### *Open Discussion*

Session Chair: **Mr. Gawher Nayeem Wahra**, Director, Disaster Management and Climate Change (DMCC) Programme, BRAC Bangladesh

#### *Queens' Hall*

#### **PSD2: Building Community Engagement to Enhance Urban Resilience**

#### **ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia**

With support from Rockefeller Foundation, under Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN), ICLEI South Asia is working with 20 cities in India and Bangladesh to strengthen cities' resilience to climate change impacts by helping them to develop their city resilience strategies. ICLEI has developed a tool kit – ICLEI ACCCRN Process (IAP) which is being used by local governments to develop their own climate resilience strategy and protect themselves against impacts of climate change. The toolkit is centered on active stakeholder engagement which includes government, local NGOs, development organizations, academia, local community representatives and the private sector. To engage the stakeholders, Shared Learning Dialogues (SLDs) are used to facilitate multi-dimensional information sharing with everyone contributing information and experiences, and everyone learning from the exchanges as well. It helps to break down traditional boundaries between government, academic and community actors and discuss common issues in an open manner. ICLEI South Asia also aims at facilitating funds for resilience building activities based on the CRS developed in the cities through the IAP. Through this session, ICLEI South Asia will showcase the importance of engagement building in the process of building resilience in cities and the role of engagement building in the IAP. The cities will present the benefits of using the IAP tool to develop their own CRS strategy and the benefits of engaging with different stakeholders to address climate change adaptation and reduce the risk of the climate change.

The expected outcomes of the session are: to promote the effectiveness of the IAP tool for better understanding of the city's vulnerabilities and resilience actions, to highlight the

process to develop the climate resilience strategy (CRS) using IAP through stakeholder engagement and to endorse the role of people's participation in resilience building activities.

Moderator: **Ms. Bedoshruti Sadhukhan**, Programme Coordinator (Sustainability Management), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia

Panelists: **Dr Monalisa Sen**, Senior Manager (Sustainability Management), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia  
**Md. Jubaer Rashid**, Senior Project Officer (Sustainability Management), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia

Speakers: **Md. Abdul Baten**, President of Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) & Mayor of Bera Municipality, Bangladesh  
**Md. Zulfikar Ali**, Mayor, Mongla Port Municipality, Bangladesh  
**Mr. Ashraful Haque**, Chief Engineer, Rajshahi City Corporation, Bangladesh  
**Dr. Md. Matiur Rahman**, Chief Health Officer, Barisal City Corporation, Bangladesh

*Open Discussion*

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00-15:00 **Concluding Session**

Summary findings sharing by **Dr. Saleemul Huq**, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development at Independent University, Bangladesh

Special Guest: **Jamie Terzi**, Country Director, CARE Bangladesh

Special Guest: **John Armstrong**, National Director, HFHI-B

Special Guest: **Hossain Zillur Rahman**, Executive Chairman, PPRC

Chief Guest: **Engineer Mosharraf Hossain**, MP, Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Session Chair: **Dr. Atiq Rahman**, Executive Director, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS)

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Dr. Saleemul Huq is a Bangladeshi scientist based in London. Dr. Huq now is the director of International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Bangladesh and Senior fellow of Climate Change of the International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED). Before that he was the Executive director of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies. Dr. Huq is an expert on the links between climate change and sustainable development, particularly from the perspective of developing countries. He was the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and was the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Mitigation in the IPCC's fourth assessment report. His current focus is on supporting the engagement of the Least Developed Countries in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. He is researching the least developed countries' vulnerability to climate change and the impact of adaptation measures. He is also the director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Bangladesh.



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John I. Carruthers (Ph.D., University of Washington) is the Director of the Sustainable Urban Planning Program at the George Washington University. He specializes in urban and regional economics, sustainable urban development, environmental quality of life, economic geography, and geospatial and econometric analysis. Prior to joining the George Washington University, Dr. Carruthers served as an Economist in the Economic Development and Public Finance Division of the Office of Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; he has previously held faculty positions at the University of Maryland, the University of Washington, and the University of Arizona. Dr. Carruthers is a member of the Board of the Western Regional Science Association and has served as an elected member of the Regional Science Council International and the North American Regional Science Council. He is the author of numerous papers in leading peer-reviewed journals, including the *Annals of Regional Science*, the *Journal of Economic Geography*, the *Journal of Regional Science*, and *Papers in Regional Science*. He presently serves on the editorial boards of the *Annals of Regional Science*, the *Journal of the American Planning Association*, *Papers in Regional Science*, and *Regional Science Policy and Practice*. This fall, the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association honored Dr. Carruthers with a Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Educator.



**Professor M. Omar Rahman, Vice**  
Chancellor, IUB

Professor M. Omar Rahman is the Vice Chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) from 2012. Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rahman was the Pro Vice Chancellor of IUB since April, 2006 and Vice Chancellor (in charge) from January 2011. Prof. Rahman is also concurrently Professor of Demography and Director of the Centre for Health, Population and Development at IUB. Prior to joining IUB in 2003, Prof. Rahman was Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Demography at Harvard University, and a Research Fellow in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Rahman is also the recipient of a 5-year Special Emphasis Research Award (SERCA) funded by the National Institute on Aging which supports research on "The Impact of Kin networks on the Elderly in rural Bangladesh." Other than his research and teaching, Dr. Rahman is actively involved in consulting with a number of International Organizations such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and UNICEF.



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**A A M S Arefin Siddique**  
Vice Chancellor, University of  
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Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique annexed his MA degree in Mass Communication and Journalism from the University of Dhaka in 1975 and topped the list in his batch. He joined Dhaka University faculty in 1980 and earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Mysore, India in 1985. Dr. Arefin Siddique was taught and trained at the universities of Manila, Minnesota and Cornell at U.S.A. His areas of concentrations are interpersonal communication and instructional communication. Before assuming the position of the Vice-Chancellor on January 17, 2009, Dr. Siddique was in the Dhaka University Senate and Syndicate for many years as an elected member of the teaching faculty. He was also President and General Secretary of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association for several terms. Dr. Siddique has served on many national committees concerned with education, broadcasting and culture. He has been Chairman of the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (a national news agency of Bangladesh), Member of the Bangladesh Press Institute, Chairman of the Department Mass Communication & Journalism and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Dhaka. Professor Arefin Siddique has been conferred the prestigious award "Commander of the Order of the Civil Merit" by the Spanish King Juan Carlos for his contribution to the enrichment of civil virtues in Bangladesh in 2011. He has recently been awarded the 'Atish Dipankar International Award' by a National Organisation of Buddhists in Bangladesh known as Bangladesh Boudhha Krishti Prachar Sangha for his role in Academic Administration.

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**Dr. Atiq Rahman**  
Executive Director  
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Advanced Studies (BCAS)

Dr Atiq Rahman is a prominent environmentalist, scientist, development expert and a visionary thinker in South Asia. He is well-known worldwide for his pioneering role and contribution to environment and nature conservation, climate change, Poverty alleviation and sustainable development. He was honored with the highest UN- Environmental Award, the Champion of the Earth, for the year 2008 in recognition of his outstanding and inspirational leadership and contribution globally, regionally, nationally and locally, to the protection and sustainable management of the Earth's environment and natural resources. Another outstanding achievement in the same year given by the Government of Bangladesh was the National Environment Award (Poribesh Padak) for the category of innovative environmental research and technology development. The citation states about "His extensive publications on environment, natural resources, development, poverty, good governance and climate change issues are inspirational to his peers globally and widely quoted references for researchers, academicians, and development professionals at home and abroad". He is a long standing lead author (LA) and convening lead author of (CLA) of IPCC. As a lead author of the IPCC fourth Assessment, he was a co-recipient of the "Nobel Peace Prize" of 2007, jointly awarded to IPCC and Al-Gore.

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**Honourable Israfil Alam, MP,**  
Chairman, All Party Parliamentary  
Group (APPG) on Extreme  
Poverty and Urban Pavement  
Dwellers

Hon. Israfil Alam, MP has long been a champion of the urban extreme poor in Bangladesh, and has worked for the rights and entitlements of the urban extreme poor groups such as pavement and squatter dwellers. The elected representative of Naogaon 6 possesses a BBA, MBA and Post Graduate degree in Human Rights Law. The Honourable Member of the Parliament previously served as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Employment.

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**Kazi Maruful Islam, PhD**  
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Dr. Islam has been engaged in the academia and development practices for about 20 years with proven track record in conducting research, project and program design and evaluation, advocacy and capacity building. With thematic interest in, Local Governance, Urban Governance and Climate Change Governance he has worked as a governance specialist for various research projects within and outside Bangladesh. He has extensively worked with Bangladesh National Parliament, government ministries and civil service organizations. Being a Professor with the Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Mr. Islam has been sincerely devoted in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Currently, he teaches Politics of Development, Qualitative Research Methodology, Public Policy Analysis and Civil Society and Development. He has a Masters of Philosophy from the University of Bergen, Norway; and Doctorate from the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

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**Advocate Azmatullah Khan**  
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Advocate Azmatullah Khan is one of the most recognisable and foremost authorities in urban governance in Bangladesh with his prolonged experience in leadership roles in the sector. Mr. Khan had been elected as the Tongi municipalities Chairman for the three consecutive times. Currently, he is serving as the President of Municipal Association of Bangladesh, among other political roles.



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Mr. Mostafa Quaium Khan, in his long professional career, has worked with various national and international organisations including the United Nations system (WFP, ILO, FAO, UNDP, UNHCR) and the government in socio-economic development and humanitarian programs management. Mr. Khan's background includes degrees in Management & Law from the Dhaka University, professional experience and broad knowledge of development activities with exposure on Governance, Human Rights & Development, Gender issues, Poverty & Livelihood issues, Rural/Urban Development, and Education, among others. Prior to his role as the advisor in the Bangladesh Urban Forum, he worked as Executive Director of the Coalition for the Urban Poor-CUP.



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**Mr. Ashekur Rahman**,  
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Ashekur Rahman is an urban specialist leading UNDP's Pro-Poor Urban Development portfolio in Bangladesh. He has been in this sector over a decade with various national and international organizations and offers top quality policy analysis, cutting edge advisory services and implementation of programme strategies focusing on evidence and results. He has produced enhanced organizational performance, dynamic change processes and strategic positioning of organization including constituency building and business development. He has extensive experience and success in managing high impact development projects. He holds a Master's degree in Economics as well as received international training and courses in leading the change, urban governance and land use planning.



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Dr. Haque has academic degrees in four different (Civil Engineering, Urban Planning, Land Resource Management and Social and Environmental Engineering) branches of Knowledge. He has research, teaching and consultancy experiences of over more than 25 years with Khulna University and various national and International development agencies. He worked as Urban Risk Reduction Specialist in UNDP sponsored Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme, a flagship programme in disaster management in Bangladesh and had been in charge of designing, implementing and monitoring various urban disaster risk reduction interventions including development of Spatial Contingency Plans for earthquake hazards for all major cities and towns in Bangladesh and international award winning Risk Integrated Strategic Development Plan for Mymensingh Town. He was also involved in developing Master Plans for various Porashavas under Upazila Town Infrastructure Development Project of Local Government Engineering Department, Ministry of LG&Co, Bangladesh. He is a proactive fellow who always enjoys working in a dynamic result oriented environment.



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Mehrul has over 20 years work experience and has been providing advisory services to CARE Bangladesh programming on livelihoods analysis for program design including Livelihoods monitoring and evaluation. Mehrul is competent in establishing Knowledge Management and impact measurement system including alignment of project level M&E and Knowledge Management systems towards the Country level systems. His expertise in facilitating and promoting diverse and innovative forms of learning practices to improve program effectiveness is well recognized. In addition, he is well conversant to support programs to document lessons and to share lessons/learning within CARE and with other development partners in ways that help CARE to influence development policy and practice in Bangladesh and raise the public profile of CARE Bangladesh as knowledge driven organization. He has also gained commendable experiences on aquaculture development and livelihoods/thematic research. Well conversant to support programs to document lessons and to share lessons/learning within CARE and with other development partners in ways that help CARE to influence development policy and practice in Bangladesh and raise the public profile of CARE Bangladesh as knowledge driven organization. Mehrul's role as Director –PEARL is to establish a framework, plan, systems and processes to institutionalize knowledge management and learning across the organization including providing leadership and conceptual clarity to CARE Bangladesh's efforts long term programming ensuring solid Knowledge management systems and demonstration of impacts of CARE Bangladesh programming and within key program/impact teams. He has gained in-depth knowledge issues affecting urban lives and livelihoods of urban dwellers, in particular, the most marginalized men and women. In addition, he has been actively involved in designing urban program, in particular around building resilience in urban programming.

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Terry Cannon has been teaching and researching in development studies for many years, and was Reader in Development Studies at the University of Greenwich until 2009. While there, he also worked for the Natural Resources Institute (NRI). Before that, he taught rural development at the Institute for Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague. His background discipline is geography, with additional qualifications in economics and politics. At IDS he is teaching in the MSc Climate Change, Development and Policy. He also teaches at King's College London (on both development studies and on climate change and disaster vulnerability) and in the MSc Disaster Management at University of Copenhagen. He has worked with the International Centre for Climate Change and Development since it was established. His main research focus is on rural livelihoods, disaster vulnerability and climate change adaptation, especially at local level. He is one of the co-authors of "At Risk: natural hazards, people's vulnerability and disasters", which has become one of the most widely cited and used books in the field. He is also engaged in capacity building on these issues for NGOs and UNDP in several countries, most recently in Vietnam.

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Mousumi Pervin is Local Economic Development, Livelihoods and Financial Inclusion Coordinator of the National Urban Poverty Reduction Programme (NUPRP) at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh. She has extensive programme management and capacity building experience in the areas of climate change, disaster, livelihoods, economic development and gender. Before that she worked for different national and international development organizations such as Practical Actions, DANIDA, and Anukul Foundation. Mousumi graduated from University of Dhaka and obtained her Master degree on Climate Change and Development from Independent University. Her focus is now on improving living condition of urban poor settlement and empowering urban poor women for climate resilient urban development.

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Dr. Sanzida Akhter, assistant professor of Women and Gender Studies in the University of Dhaka, has research expertise on reproductive health particularly of urban women. She has undertaken wide range of research particularly on the issues related with existing problems of women in a society such as; gender and migration, gender socialization, violence against women, workplace gender discrimination and related issues. Awarded with Australian Leadership Awards (ALA). Dr. Sanzida obtained her PhD degree from Flinders University, Australia for her thesis entitled "Maternal Health Care Seeking Behaviour of Mothers in Upper and Lower Socio-economic Households of Dhaka, Bangladesh: Fear and Fashion?." Currently she is working in a project on urban based violence against women jointly run by Department of Women and Gender Studies and Plan Bangladesh

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Dr. Ainun Nishat in his 44 years of professional experience has held leadership position in national and international organizations and institutions. He led more than fifty research teams and has several publications to his name. His research footprint spreads in areas of climate change adaptation, loss and damage, economics of adaptation, governance of climate change induced migration, policy transformation, mainstreaming climate change in planning and ecosystem based adaptation approaches among others. He has been honored with fellowships and awards, the latest one being the Acharya Dinesh Chandra Sen Research Society Gold Medal from India for his lifelong contribution in research. Dr. Nishat currently holds the position of Professor Emeritus and Advisor, Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER) under BRAC University, Bangladesh. Previously, he has held the position of Vice Chancellor of BRAC University. He was the Country Representative and Senior Advisor for Climate Change, Asia Region at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Bangladesh. He was also a Professor and Head of the Department of Water Resources Engineering and the Director of Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM) at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), and has taught under the Department of Civil Engineering, BUET. His work experience includes working as an engineer in the Design Directorate of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) under GoB.

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Mr. Mrityunjay Das completed his master's in Disaster Management. He obtained USAID's Research Fellowship and his topic was "Psychology of Denial of Earthquake Risk: Possibility of a Humanitarian and Public Health Disaster in Dhaka". Mr. Das has worked as Senior Assistant Director, Academic, Students Affairs and Administration at the James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) under BRAC University, Bangladesh. He co-coordinated and taught the 'Environmental Health and Climate Change' module in the Master of Public Health (MPH) Programme and the 'Climate Change and Health' course designed for young and mid-level professionals. He is currently working in the Disaster Management and Climate Change (DMCC) Programme of BRAC as Senior Programme Manager where he leads the development and delivery of competency-driven response to disaster and climatic stressors in terms of human and physical resources and also innovation and implementation of disaster and climate change risk reduction interventions. He provides technical and strategic support to institutionalise the organisation's response to climatic and man-made disasters. Throughout his professional career of 10 years, he has had the opportunity to work with different government entities and a diverse group of national and international experts in the field of disaster management and climate change.

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Research and Evaluation, BRAC  
Urban Development Programme

Shamim Hossain is a development professional with extensive experience in social research. He started his professional career with BRAC Research and Evaluation Division (RED) in 2008. Mr. Hossain's work on public health, poverty and social issues has been published in renowned international and national journals. His articles are also featured in editorials of national newspapers. He completed his Master's in Anthropology from Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh and Master's in Public Health from American International University-Bangladesh. Currently he is working for BRAC Urban Development Programme as Manager, Research and Evaluation, and is responsible to co-develop and monitor projects.

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**Mr. Gawher Nayeem Wahra**  
Director, Disaster Management  
and Climate Change (DMCC)  
Programme, BRAC Bangladesh

Mr. Gawher Nayeem Wahra has over 29 years experience in natural disaster emergencies and in developing right-based, community-focused humanitarian response actions at local, national and international levels. In the 1990s, he was involved in developing Bangladesh's first national disaster management training manual. He worked in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation programmes focusing on child protection with Oxfam, CARE, Action Aid, Save the Children, Plan International and Swiss Development Cooperation; with UNICEF in Kurdistan (Northern Iraq), India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Somalia. He has been on Special Assignments, including the Tsunami Response programme in Tamil Nadu, India for developing the community based preparedness programme; and, the Earthquake Response programme in Kashmir, India in ensuring that the child protection issues are addressed adequately. In 2011, he was elected Independent Member of the Certification and Review Board of Humanitarian Accountability Partnership, Geneva and later chaired it. He was chief editor for Bangla versions of Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies of the SPHERE hand book. Since 1997, he is founder editor for Bangladesh Disaster Year Report; founder convener and member secretary of Foundation for Disaster Forum –a membership organisation of 67 entities working in humanitarian response in Bangladesh. He is founder member of the South Asian Disaster Network "Duryog Nivaran". As Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies under Dhaka University in Bangladesh he assisted in developing the curriculum for disaster management courses at public universities. He, currently, is the Director of the (DMCC) Programme at BRAC Bangladesh.

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**Hans-Joachim Hermann**  
Program Coordinator  
Urban Projects in Climate Change  
Adaptation, GIZ Bangladesh

Hans-Joachim Hermann is the Programme Coordinator of Urban Projects in Climate Change Adaptation of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in Bangladesh. He is a spatial planner by education and has experiences in urban planning, integration of local and national development planning, good governance in urban areas, financing of local governments, decentralization and climate change. He has year-long working experience within German municipalities. He also worked many years on spatial planning and decentralization issues in the several countries of the Global South. For over 4 years he is now working in Bangladesh on urban issues and climate change adaptation.

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**Md. Mafidul Islam**  
Joint Chief  
General Economics Division  
Planning Commission

Mr. Md. Mafidul Islam has joined the government service as a member of Bangladesh Civil Service (Economic) cadre in January 1991 and already completed almost 26 years of service. During this period, services are rendered in the fields of planning and development with special focus to preparation, financing, execution, administration and monitoring of development projects and formulation, review and analysis of government plans and policies. In his long career, he served in various capacities a number of ministries and divisions of Government of Bangladesh including Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Food, Anti-Corruption Commission and Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. Presently, Mr. Islam has been working in the General Economics Division (GED) of Bangladesh Planning Commission as Joint Chief for almost 3 (three) years. In GED, I have been engaged, among others, in the formulation of Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 and implementation of 'Adaptation of Climate Change into National and Local Development Planning' project. During his coveted career, he has visited a number of countries in connection of training, seminars, workshops, conferences and study visits. Mr. Islam has been graduated from Bangladesh Agricultural University and obtained his MPA degree in Governance and Public Policy from Dhaka University.



**Dr. Khurshid Zabin Hossain Taufique**, Director, Urban development Directorate

Dr. Khurshid Zabin Hossain Taufique is currently working as the director of the Urban Development Directorate (UDD) at the Ministry of Housing and Public Works in Bangladesh. Before joining UDD he deputed as Chief Town Planner at the Town Planning Section of the Capital Development Authority (RAJUK) of Dhaka. He has extensive planning experience in Bangladesh. He was the Project Director of the Mymensingh Strategic Development Plan (2011-2031) within the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP-II). Altogether he has more than 24 years of professional experiences in Architecture, Urban Planning, Infrastructure Planning, Ecology, Environmental Planning, and Environmental Impact Assessment. He received his PhD from the Bauhaus University in Weimar, Germany.



**Mr. Matiur Rahman**  
Joint Chief,  
Physical Infrastructure Division,  
Planning Commission

Mr. Matiur Rahman is Joint Chief, Physical Infrastructure Division, Planning Commission. He has been serving the government since 1991. By education he is an Economist. He did his honors and masters in Economics from Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh. He worked in Industry and Energy Division, General Economics Division, Economic Relations Division, Election Commission Secretariat, Ministry of Science and Technology etc. Now, he is the wing chief of Physical Planning, Water Supply and Housing Wing-1, that deals, processes and makes necessary arrangement for approval of projects of Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice Division, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh Public Service Commission etc.



**Md. Tazkin Ahmed Chisty**  
Mayor  
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Md. Tazkin Ahmed is the current mayor of Satkhira Municipality, after being elected in November 2015. He is also the chairman of Kashem Group, Satkhira since 1993. As a successful businessman, he is also a member of Satkhira Chamber of Commerce since 1992. He is also involved in social activities. He is the former director of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Satkhira Unit. In 2006 he participated in International Red Crescent Day, in Singapore. He also participated in international youth convention, China, Guangzhou. He is a member of Satkhira Press Club. As a City Mayor of Satkhira Municipality, he always focuses on sustainable and climate resilient development. He and his governing body always prioritize and assess needs of urban services through participatory approaches involving citizen. He believes in integrated development in coordination with GO-NGOs, public private partnership and better integration of local and national development planning.



**Abir Ul Jabbar**  
Chief Planning Officer  
Khulna City Corporation (KCC)

Mr. Abir Ul Jabbar, Chief Planning Officer, has been serving the Khulna City Corporation since 2005. He completed his education on Urban Planning. He is one of the most experienced urban planners in Bangladesh who has been working at the local level since more than a decade. He has been extensively involved in project management, land use planning, city infrastructure development, traffic management, waste management, city beautification, urban renewal, urban resilience, preservation of water bodies etc. He led the implementation of various GOB and donor funded urban development projects in Khulna city. He attended international and national training programs and seminar focusing on climate change, urban planning and development planning.





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A K M Mamunur Rashid has 20 years of work experience in the development sector of Bangladesh, focusing on climate change and disaster risk reduction. He is currently working as the climate change specialist at UNDP, before which he worked as the national project manager of the poverty environment climate mainstreaming project of UNDP since 2010. Previously, he has worked as a consultant for The Asia Foundation and the World Bank as well as a technical coordinator for Care Bangladesh. He has also worked as the programme manager of the comprehensive disaster management programme (CDMP) for 5 years. He is a founder of the consulting firm Development Frontiers and has coauthored several books, including "Disaster Risk Reduction Approaches in Bangladesh" and "Climate Change Adaptation Actions in Bangladesh", published in 2013 by Springer. He has a Bachelors and a Master's degree in Anthropology from Jahangirnagar University.



**Dr. A K M Abul Kalam**  
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Dr. A K M Abul Kalam has been serving as a University Faculty since 1986. He is currently professor in Urban and Regional Planning at Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He did his PhD in the United Kingdom and postdoctoral researches in Germany, United Kingdom and Canada. Dr. Kalam has held important academic, administrative and professional responsibilities and is currently president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP). To his credit, Professor Kalam has recently been appointed as Honorary Fellow of Urban Planning in Hong Kong University. He has diverse research interests, such as urban-rural integrated development, urban planning, decentralization, participatory development, and contemporary planning issues. He has published extensively in professional journals and books.



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Mirza Ali Ashraf joined the Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration) cadre in 2001 and have been working in the field of management and administration for a considerable time throughout my service career. Now he is working as Deputy Secretary at Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. The nature of his job encompasses everything of managerial competencies including leadership and coordination. He obtained MS in Natural Resources and Environmental Management from North South University Bangladesh. Being a member of the BCS (Administration) cadre, he has the experience in working with the implementation and monitoring of multifarious government policies and projects in the field levels.



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Work in Dhaka North City Corporation as Superintending Engineer in Environment, Climate Change & Disaster Management Circle & Project Director of Urban Resilience Project. Engage in planning and implementation of environmental management and climate change adaptation related programs such as development of parks, green space, plantation, rain water harvesting, sanitation and waste management. Involve in implementation of urban disaster issues, co-ordinate the activities of City Disaster Management Committee, partnering with NGOs and CBOs for awareness raising activities towards urban resilience. Implementing Urban Resilience Project under World Bank for disaster preparedness and response. Has expertise in Waste management and prepared policy documents and guidelines, having publication in International Journals and book chapters.



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Md. Mostak Hossain has 27 years of work experience in the development sector of Bangladesh, focusing on humanitarian response, disaster risk reduction and resilience. He has been leading the humanitarian, DRR and CCA projects of Save the Children Bangladesh in the role of Director of Humanitarian since 2011. Before that he led the humanitarian and disaster management sector of Islamic Relief Bangladesh for several years. Previously, he has worked for Care Bangladesh and Concern Worldwide Bangladesh for the humanitarian response. He also served as a Regional Humanitarian Advisor for Save the Children Asia Regional Office and led the development of emergency preparedness plan and facilitated training for four Asian countries. Having background in engineering he served in Gono Shahajjo Sangstha a national NGO as project coordinator in engineering department, later on he did his masters in social science and playing vital role in policy advocacy for pro-people oriented planning and policy development for disaster management in Bangladesh.



**Hasin Jahan**  
Country Director  
Practical Action, Bangladesh

Development professional having specialized work experience in Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) sector. She have experience of managing large scale water and sanitation projects targeting poor, vulnerable and excluded population in geographically and technically challenged contexts of Bangladesh. Her proven experience in the senior management position established the effective programme management system which made her journey towards the achievement of the success of today's.



**Uttam Kumar Saha**  
Head, Energy and Urban services  
Practical Action, Bangladesh

More than 17 years of experience with Water, Sanitation and Waste management and has experience of managing large scale development projects in different geographical context of Bangladesh. Mr. Saha has proven experience in integrated solid waste management and resource recovery. His advance and critical technical knowledge of the sector is the key of the Program Development. As the Head of Urban WASH, Waste Management Services Mr. Saha represents Practical Action Bangladesh in Urban and Energy Sector Policy Discourses and Development Networks.



**Abdur Rob**  
Head of  
Agriculture, Markets, DRR & CCA

30 years of experience working with flood threatened communities has driven him to lead Practical Action's three major programme teams: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, Food Agriculture and Markets Programme in Bangladesh. He has assisted many national and international organisations including UKAID, the flood resilience building Char Livelihood Programme (CLP) and UNDP to assess impact and design M4P and service Market development projects. As a natural networker, he has widespread understanding of forming effective partnerships with NGOs, private sector business, and governmental entities in Bangladesh.



**Md. Hamidur Rahman**  
Director General  
Department of Agricultural  
Extension

He has started his professional career as a BCS (Agriculture) cadre officer on March 10, 1982 after completion of the course BSc in Agriculture (Honors) from Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh. During his career, he was successfully occupied different posts & positions at Upazilla, District, Regional and National level in the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE). Finally he was posted in the position of Project Director of Second Crop Diversification Project of DAE. Afterwards he has joined as Director General (DG) of DAE on June 30, 2030.



**K M Nurul Huda**  
Chairman  
Waste Management Expert  
Foundation

K M Nurul Huda, a certified advance industrial manager by the USSR, UK. He is the chairman of the Waste Management Expert Foundation (WMEF) and the Adviser of Bangladesh Investment Assistance & Consultancy, a private Company and working as freelance consultant with WaterAid and Practical Action Bangladesh. Mr. Huda served the Government of Bangladesh in different capacities, also served as Member of International Advisory Committee of International Environmental Technological Center, Based in Osaka, Japan.



**Khadem M Yusuf**  
Managing Director and CEO  
BPCL

Khadem M Yusuf is currently the Managing Director and CEO of Bangladesh Petrochemical Company Ltd (BPCL). He has over 20 years of experience working in Silicon valley, USA and in Bangladesh. BPCL is a company with an environmental commitment to lessen greenhouse gas emissions and a social commitment to eradicate child labor and bring fairness in the supply chain of recycled bottles. He was also the Founder Chairman & CEO and Chairman of Alap Communication, a Nationwide Broadband Wireless Data Network service provider in Bangladesh



**Mr. Mirza Shawkat Ali**  
Director, MOE&F

Almost 14 years work experience in the Department of Environment and UNICEF in the field of International Convention, Environment, Climate Change and Solid Waste Management related fields. Mr. Ali is working at the International Convention Section of the Department of Environment. He is also the alternate Member of Adaptation Fund Board under the Kyoto Protocol, Member of LDC Expert Group (LEG) and Member of Bangladesh Climate Change Negotiation delegation since COP 10, SBs and AWGs.

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**Ms. Bedoshruti Sadhukhan**  
Programme Coordinator  
(Sustainability Management)  
ICLEI – Local Governments for  
Sustainability, South Asia

Bedoshruti Sadhukhan has more than 10 years experience in the field of environment and project management, especially on environmental justice, environmental impact assessment and public participation in decision making. She has also researched extensively on the environmental impact assessments of hydropower projects, especially with reference to the north-east region of India and developed a framework for socio-environmental impact assessment of hydropower projects. She has experience of training and capacity building in the field of environmental impact assessment and public participation, environmental law, environmental management systems, climate change adaptation. She is a key member of the ICLEI ACCCRN team and has been working on climate change adaptation in India and Bangladesh under this project.

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**Dr Monalisa Sen**  
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Organization: ICLEI – Local  
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Monalisa Sen has been working for over 14 years in the fields of Biodiversity Conservation, Community Development, Enterprise Based Conservation and Restoration Ecology. She has worked across many states in India including Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Orissa, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Kerala and Delhi. She has immense experience of working on issues related to biodiversity conservation in the Eastern Himalayas- a global biodiversity hotspot. She has worked with Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems, University of Delhi; IUCN India and InsPIRE Network for Environment, prior to joining ICLEI. Currently, she is working on developing the biodiversity portfolio for ICLEI South Asia.

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**Md. Jubaer Rashid**  
Senior Project Officer  
(Sustainability Management)  
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South Asia

Md. Jubaer Rashid is an Urban Planner and has extensive professional records in the field of urban planning, climate change and development research. With more than 9 years of experience, he has conducted many projects on climate change adaptation, preparation of municipality master plans and development of GIS database with the funding from Rockefeller Foundation, GoB, LGED, JICA, World Bank and DFID. He has worked with both the government and non-government organizations e.g. Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Local Government Engineering Department and Development Design Consultants Ltd. Currently he is dealing with ICLEI ACCCRN Process in various cities of Bangladesh and providing leadership with other sustainability works which are based in Bangladesh.

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**Md. Abdul Baten**  
President of MAB & Mayor of  
Bera Municipality, MAB

Md. Abdul Baten born in 1957 and has more than 17 years of extensive experience in his position as a Mayor of Bera Municipality. He is the President and one of the founding members of Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB). Under his leadership, he has been taking major roles in strengthening the local government institutions. Keeping in vision to establish good local governance, this person is focused nationally. Moreover, he is working to build tie up among the municipalities in Bangladesh.

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**Md. Zulfikar Ali**  
Mayor  
Mongla Port Municipality,  
Bangladesh

Md. Zulfikar Ali born in 1965 and has more than 6 years of extensive experience in his position as a Mayor of Mongla Port Municipality. Under his leadership, Mongla city is now committed in building towards resilience with many disaster and climate related projects. He attended in many national and international conferences and presented his thoughts on how to deal with natural disasters they are facing up to. Mr. Zulfikar is also a reputed businessman.

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**Mr. Ashraful Haque**  
Chief Engineer  
Rajshahi City Corporation

Mr. Ashraful Haque is the Chief Engineer of Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi. He is the key resource person of Rajshahi working with ICLEI South Asia in climate change and sustainability issues. Not only with ICLEI South Asia, GIZ and other development partners are fully guided by his leadership that he has been taking up to. He has very successful history to make Rajshahi city green and more resilient. He made Rajshahi number one of the world that has led the way globally in ridding itself of harmful air particles and featured in the Guardian. He is also a city beautification expert.

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**Dr. Md. Matiur Rahman**  
Chief Health Officer  
Barisal City Corporation

Dr. Md. Matiur Rahman is the Chief Health Officer of Barisal City Corporation, Barisal, Bangladesh. He is coordinator of Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) Project of Barisal City Corporation, Bangladesh funded by Rockefeller Foundation and implemented by ICLEI-South Asia. He is public health expert especially of environmental health. He has two international publications on waste management and climate and has many articles national and internationally published. He is responsible for waste management and public health management of Barisal city. He attended many overseas training courses on environment and climate change.

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**Adv Fazilatunnesa Bappy,**  
Member of the Parliament,  
Member, Standing Committee of  
Privileges

**Adv Fazilatunnesa Bappy** is performing as a member of the parliament and also the member of Standing Committee of Privileges. She completed her masters of Law from University of Dhaka and enroll as an advocate in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. She performed as Asst. Attorney general in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and also holding the position of Prosecutor in International War Crime Tribunal.

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**Kazi Reazul Hoque**  
Chairman- National Human Rights  
Commission

The government has appointed National Human Rights Commission Member Kazi Reazul Hoque as the body's chairman. Kazi Reazul Hoque has been intensely & actively involved with different human rights activities, with special priority on child rights, rights of the persons with disabilities including autistic children, women empowerment, Rights of Migrant workers & Older persons and ethnic communities for more than a decade. Being appointed as the Chairman of National Human Rights Commission by the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Hoque has been leading the Commission since August 2, 2016. Prior to this role he also served the Commission as Full Time Member and played the Key Role in structuring & institutionalize the new commission since 2010. After his retirement from public service, Hoque had also served as the executive director of the Legal Education and Training Institute (LETI) at Bangladesh Bar Council.

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**Mubasshar Hussein, Architect**

Mubasshar Hussein is an architect, urban planner and educator. He is currently the president of Commonwealth Association of Architects and Institute of Architects Bangladesh. He also served as the president of Architects Regional Council, Asia ARCASIA.

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**Farah Kabir**  
Country Director, ActionAid  
Bangladesh

Farah Kabir started her career in the field of development and research; at present she is the Country Director of ActionAid Bangladesh. She has research experience and a host of publications especially on Women in Politics and Climate Change and Gender to her credit. Farah started her career with the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) in 1990 as research assistant and worked as the Editor for Asia Pacific Women in Politics (APWIP) Newsletter and managed the APWIP Secretariat for two years under Centre for Analysis and Choice (CAC). She worked with the British Council for close to ten years both in Bangladesh as Assistant Director and in the United Kingdom (UK) as a member of the Governance Team in the post of Consultant Participative Democracy. In UNFCCC, she has been involved in negotiation on behalf of Bangladesh Government on the issue of Gender Balance in participation. She is a board member of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs). She is also a member of LDC Independent Expert Group supported by International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) which is contributing towards strengthening LDC engagement and leadership in the post-2015 process. She plays a significant role as a member of Regional Funding Committee of Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF), and Education Watch. As an active member of many professional societies, she was as a member of the Governance Board of Napier University, Edinburgh; Board of Trustees for Zero Tolerance, Scotland and Beijing Plus Five National Review Committee.



**Palash Mondal**  
Coordinator: Resilience and  
Climate Change  
Team Leader – Building Resilience  
of the Urban Poor (BRUP) project

Palash Mondal has over 17 years of strategic and management experience at the interface of rights based disaster risk management and climate change adaptation – gained through senior level jobs and consulting services to various organisations in Bangladesh. He has broad understanding on disaster/climate resilience, national and international priorities/frameworks, public policies & humanitarian standards, and role of civil society & private sector across South East Asia. He gained expert level skills in defining and redefining global and national strategy, policy, guidelines with regard to DRR/CCA, and setting-up and lead implementation of management processes. He has broad geographical experience, and extensive knowledge and skills of designing and implementing DRR/CCA programs, humanitarian responses in both rural and urban contexts. He has outstanding presentation and facilitation skills, frequently selected to speak at conferences and high level forums home and abroad. With proven experience of collaborative work with UN bodies, international academic institutions, donor agencies and partners, have excellent written, analytical, communication and teaching skills - authored wide range of academic, policy-oriented and issue specific articles.



**Jamie Terzi**  
Country Director, CARE  
Bangladesh

Jamie Terzi has been Country Director of CARE Bangladesh since 2012. She is also currently the Chairperson of JITA, a social enterprise and a member of the Advisory Board of the Alliance for Bangladeshi Worker Safety. She manages the strong and innovative leadership team, and steers the strategic direction of the CARE Bangladesh Country Office, working towards the implementation of programs that align with CARE's Vision and Mission and the specific needs and challenges of the Bangladesh context. She previously spent three years at CARE Bangladesh as Assistant Country Director – Programs. Before moving to Bangladesh, Jamie spent four years as Assistant Country Director – Programs at CARE Afghanistan, and was Deputy Director and Program Manager for the Afghan Women's Educational Center from 2002 to 2005. With almost 30 years of work experience, Jamie has spent over a decade in significant senior management posts at large, complex international humanitarian and development programs, after more than 10 years in the Australian community and health sector, specializing in women's health, psychiatric disability, counseling and family violence prevention. Throughout her career she has demonstrated a commitment to gender equity, diversity and women's empowerment including women's economic empowerment and social enterprise development as well as humanitarian action. Jamie graduated with Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology and a Masters of Arts in Cognitive Science.



**Dr. Muhammad Abdus Sabur**  
Public Health Professional and  
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Dr. Muhammad Abdus Sabur is well-known public health physician of Bangladesh. He had been trained in Bangladesh (MBBS and Post-Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management) and UK (Masters in Community Health). In his long 35 years career, he worked for Government of Bangladesh (both as staff and advisor), UN agencies (WHO, Unicef and UNDP), international NGOs (Save the Children UK, CARE and WaterAid) and (UK) DFID. He was Country Representative of WaterAid in Bangladesh during 2006-2007. He was also the Team Leader of Program Support Office in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Government of Bangladesh during 2007-2010. He was involved in preparation of many policy documents like National Health Policy, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan health section, and preparation of all the health sector programs in Bangladesh. Currently he is engaged in teaching at University of Dhaka, Brac University, North South University etc. and as free-lance consultant.



**Dr. Dipak K Mitra**

Associate Professor and Head of the School of Public Health, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB)

Dr. Dipak Kumar Mitra is a physician-epidemiologist with more than 25 years of experience in conducting health, environment and nutrition program and research in Bangladesh. He is presently an Associate Professor and Head of the School of Public Health in Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). He obtained his MPH and PhD from the Harvard School of Public Health and the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health respectively. He is also an adjunct faculty in the JGU School of Public Health and BSMMU. Dr. Mitra has an illustrious career in the field of Public Health. He started his career with Dhaka Community Hospital and was actively engaged in clinical care and research on urban health in slums and garments workers. Then he joined CARE Bangladesh's flagship Training Immunizers in Community Approach (TICA) project and worked for 4 years. He spent next twenty years in icddr, conducting research on maternal and child health, sexually transmitted diseases, urban health and implementation research. Between 2012 and 2015, he worked as a fulltime faculty in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



**Ms. Atia Hossain**

Health Financing Expert, Urban Health System Strengthening Project

Ms. Atia Hossain is trained as an Economist, and has been practicing Health Economics. With over 16 years of experience, Atia is an expert in healthcare financing. Her experience comes with a combination of technical and practical understanding of the health system strengthening issues together with management, supervision and implementation of health-financing projects with technical oversight and ongoing planning-budgeting-monitoring and evaluation; supporting policy development; providing strategic direction, professional technical advice and implementation of project using multilevel approach; review and recommendations on broad policy documents; working directly with and capacity building of the clients; stakeholder coordination and supervision at the national and sub-national levels; policy dialogue and facilitation; knowledge management and staff development; use of national and international networks to gain leverage on experience and network actors; liaising with crucial partners, and identifying opportunities for organization to work and/or partner with others; identification of "champions" in the sector.



**Dr. Jahirul Alam Azad**, Team Leader-Urban Health, CARE Bangladesh

Dr. Jahirul Alam Azad is a physician-demographer with more than 15 years of experience in conducting health, nutrition and adolescent development program in Bangladesh. He is presently working as Team Leader – Urban Health in CARE Bangladesh. He obtained his MPS and MBA from the Dhaka University and the Asian University of Bangladesh respectively. He passed MBBS for Khulna Medical College in 2001. Dr. Jahir has an illustrious career in the field of Public Health. He started his career with Smiling Sun Clinic and was actively engaged in clinical care on urban health in slums and extreme poor people for 4 years. Then he joined Save the Children International in adolescent empowerment projects and worked for 6 years. He has been working in CARE Bangladesh since 2013 in multi diverse projects in maternal, newborn, urban health and ICT related initiatives.



**Mr. Shamim Al Razi**  
Secretary General, Local Government Network (LGNET)

Shamim Al Razi is a social worker and policy advocate on Local Government Issues. He is the Founder and General Secretary of Local Government Network-LG Net and he found it in 2012. Beside this he is also the Editor of online based daily news name [rupashibanglanews.com](http://rupashibanglanews.com) and the Editor of another newsletter focused on local government issues name Local Voice. Mr. Razi did his Graduation and Post Graduation degree from Rajshahi University on Sociology. He has effective role on social, cultural and political activities. He has been elected as a Mayor from Singra Paurashava of Natore District and he played this role for 17 years from 1999 to 2016. From the very beginning to become public leader, he has actively participated on Local Government issues that elect him as Secretary General of Municipal Association of Bangladesh-MAB from 2003 to June 2016. He has participated lots of LG activities in home and abroad and achieved the membership of United Nations Advisory Committee on Local Authorities-UNACLA, City Net, UCLG ASPAC, ICLEI SA, CNC, New Delhi etc.



**Sarder Shafiqul Alam**  
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Sarder Shafiqul Alam is the Coordinator, Urban Climate Change Programme of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) at Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB). Previously he worked as the field research coordinator of Action Research for Community Adaptation in Bangladesh (ARCAB). He has over 26 years of experience of research, capacity building, project implementation, monitoring and organizing international conference. He's gathered wide ranging experiences of designing and implementation of research projects on natural resources management, climate change adaptation, review LDCs prepared NAPA documents, poverty alleviation and livelihood promotion, agricultural development, stakeholder analysis and consensus building of local capacity, partnership building, policy and institutional analysis. He has coordinated and supervised more than 25 field base research projects. He has developed Training Manual and Handout on CCA, and facilitated over thirty Training workshops for INGOs, NGOs, Govt. Officers, LGIs and local communities in Bangladesh.



**Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidul Ameen**  
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Dr. M. Shahidul Ameen is a Professor of Architecture at the Department of Architecture, (Faculty of Architecture & Planning), Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Dhaka. He served as Head of the Department and Dean of the Faculty for five years. Ameen did his M.Phil Dipl. In Housing in Developing Countries (1984) and PhD in Housing for Low income community from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, U. K. His academic involvements include development of large scale housing projects and theoretical aspects of Informal Sector Housing in undergraduate and post-graduate level. He was responsible for the development of Bangladesh chapter of an ODA sponsored international research on “ Extending Themselves : Resident Transformation of Government Built Housing in Developing Countries (covering four countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Ghana, Zimbabwe) undertaken by CARDO, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, under Dr. A. Graham Tipple (1995 – 96). He was a visiting teacher in the school of Architecture, Rotterdam, The Netherlands in 1989. Presented papers and participated in about thirty national and international forums. Apart from low income housing, his research area also includes Heritage Architecture of Bangladesh. He has also designed various academic and administrative buildings, for Jessore University (including its Master Plan), Dhaka University and BSMRKB (Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University), and other private sector projects in Bangladesh. He was responsible for drafting two documents—Bangladesh National Building Code 1993 (as a co-author) and National Housing Policy 2015—for the Government of Bangladesh. His research papers appeared in Journal of Civil Engineering, Dhaka; Journal Architecture and Planning, Karachi, and Environment and Urbanization, London.



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**Dr. Nurul Islam Nazem**  
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Nurul Islam Nazem, Ph.D, is an Urban Geographer-Planner, graduated at Dhaka University, obtained Masters Degree in Urban Planning from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok and Ph.D. from University of Durham, UK. Dr. Nazem works as a Professor in the Department of Geography and Environment, University of Dhaka, and as Honorary Secretary of the Centre for Urban Studies, Dhaka. His field of specialization is urbanization, urban development and urban planning. Dr. Nazem has participated about 35 domestic and international research/ planning projects, with experience of being Team Leader in the preparation of Master Plan, Structure plan and Detailed Area Plan for Khulna City, Infrastructure Development for Poverty Alleviation in the Atolls of Maldives, Modernization of Land Records and Maps for Sustainable Environmental Management in Bangladesh, Study of Rural Towns Development of Bangladesh. City Cluster Economic Development in the Dhaka Capital Region, Mapping Urban Poor Settlements and Vacant Lands in 27 UPPR Towns and conducting an indicative baseline survey of land use in pilot areas and a Pilot Demonstration on Landuse Zoning for Palash Upazila for Sustainable Land Management. He published 28 papers (reviewed) in Journals and also published 4 Monographs and about 12 papers in edited books at home and abroad. He served as Secretary General, Bangladesh Geographical Society, Chief Planner, Dhaka University Housing and Member Master Plan Preparation Team of Dhaka University. Dr. Nazem is member of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, BAPA and Bangladesh National Geographical Association (Former Secretary General and later Treasurer) he visited about 12 countries of the world. Also worked as consultant of UNICEF, ADB and EU and UNDP. He has been the Honorary Secretary of CUS for last 15 years. Apart from day to day activities of the Centre. He plays a leading role in the Centres research and publication activities organizing seminars and conferences. He served a number national committee as expert members such as a member of Dhaka Detailed Area Plan Review Committee and as a member of Evaluation Committee for Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement Project. He has experience of managing projects and of working as team leader.





**John Armstrong**  
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John Armstrong, National Director, Habitat for Humanity International Bangladesh. John has over 30 years of demonstrated success in a variety of roles in international environments covering finance, program administration and business management: over 20 years of experience in non-profit management and 10 years in corporate business settings in finance, project management, and process improvement roles. He has been working with HFHIB since 2010 where he oversees projects related to Shelter, WaSH, Disaster Mitigation, Urban Resilience and Disaster Relief. Funding sources include KOICA, DFAT (AusAID), JOAC, GOAC, Sailor Society, Vitol as well as other smaller project sponsors

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Dr. Mallick has been a part of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) for over 18 years. With a background in Sociology and Ph. D in Anthropology, his field of expertise is in implementation of research projects on natural resources management, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, policy and institutional analysis, poverty alleviation and livelihood promotion, agricultural development, market promotion, stakeholder analysis and consensus building and institutional and capacity building and empowerment of the poor local capacity and partnership building and climate change adaptation. At BCAS, he is heading the Publication and Communication Division and is an editor of the Environmental Newsletters of BCAS and contributes articles to leading international and local papers.

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Shaila has joined ICCCAD as a visiting researcher from June, 2016. She is a young development practitioner who started her career in United Nations Development Programme, Bangladesh with the Poverty Reduction Cluster, upon completion of her Bachelors from Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. She takes keen interest on climate change adaptation and climate finance, and, hopes to collaborating climate change adaptation with mainstream development for marching towards a resilient Bangladesh. During her Bachelors, she participated in the 11th South Asian Economics Students' Meet (SAESM), held in Bhutan, as a research paper author under the sub-theme, "Linkages between Trade, Development and Poverty Alleviation". While working in United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), her works typically focused on inclusive trade and urban poverty reduction, and, assisted in a publication on inclusive trade for small market actors in Bangladesh, titled as, "Stories from the Market". She also lent her support to UNDP's innovation projects on environmental and gender based issues.



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