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WELCOME TO THE BANGLADESH CLIMATE ACTION FORUM 2023, A TRANSFORMATIVE GATHERING OF VISIONARY LEADERS, EXPERTS, AND CHANGE-MAKERS DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING THE URGENT CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

This landmark event aims to foster dialogue, collaboration, and tangible action towards building a sustainable future for Bangladesh. As the nation grapples with the impacts of climate change, this forum provides a platform to explore innovative solutions, share knowledge, and forge partnerships across diverse sectors. Together, we will navigate the complexities of climate action, driving transformative change and laying the foundation for a resilient and low-carbon economy.

MOVING TOWARDS A NET-ZERO-CARBON FUTURE

About

BANGLADESH'S INDUSTRIES ARE FACING THE REALITIES OF CLIMATE ACTION ON A REGULAR BASIS, WITH HEAT WAVES, CYCLONES, AND FLOODS DISRUPTING BUSINESSES AND IMPACTING COMMUNITIES.

Decarbonization has emerged as a pressing business imperative to maintain partnerships with key stakeholders. The introduction of stringent legislation in the EU and USA further underscores the urgency for rapid decarbonization efforts. As a vital sector of Bangladesh's economy, our industries are taking a proactive stance in leading the nation's green transition and embracing sustainable practices. By prioritizing sustainability, we are committed to building a resilient and environmentally conscious future for our nation, aligning with global climate goals and driving positive change across diverse sectors.

DRIVING CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND COLLABORATIVE FINANCING FOR A JUST TRANSITION.

This theme is focused on the power of technology and innovation to enable sustainable solutions, as well as the importance of collaborative financing to scale up climate action efforts, promote green jobs, and ensure a just transition for all. With the goal of inspiring and empowering climate shapers to drive change in their respective fields, the forum will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders from multiple industries including government, business, civil society, and academia. Through sharing best practices and innovative ideas, participants will collaborate on concrete solutions to address the climate crisis and ensure climate justice in all aspects.



FORUM OBJECTIVES

Objectives

- 1** Igniting Action for Climate Solutions
- 2** Driving Investments for A Sustainable Future
- 3** Cultivating Collaboration and Partnerships
- 4** Influencing Policy and Governance for Climate Action
- 5** Taking Concrete Steps towards Climate Pledges
- 6** Empowering Climate Justice for A Sustainable Future

KEY AUDIENCES FOR THE FORUM: UNITING LEADERS DRIVING CLIMATE ACTION

Key Audiences

Government Officials and Policymakers

Business Leaders and Executives

Academics, Researchers, and Scientists

Financial Institutions and Investors

Development Agencies and NGOs

Environmental Organizations and Activists



SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

- Grand Opening Ceremony
- Welcome and Keynote Address
- 5 Panel Sessions
- Presentations and Case Studies
- One Pledge
- Networking Opportunities



KEY ISSUES DRIVING THE CLIMATE ACTION AGENDA

CLIMATE IMPACTS

CLIMATE CRISIS

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

CLIMATE JUSTICE

DECARBONISATION

POLICY LANDSCAPE

FINANCE & INVESTMENT

JUST TRANSITION

PROGRAMME

AGENDA

09:00 – 10:00	ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN
10:00 – 10:45	OPENING & WELCOME ADDRESS
10:45 – 11:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS - CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE CHALLENGE FOR HUMANITY
11:00 – 11:10	PRESENTATION 01: BANGLADESH CLIMATE RESPONSE
11:10 – 11:30	COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK
11:30 – 11:40	KEYNOTE ON DECARBONISATION
11:40 – 12:25	PANEL 1: DECARBONISATION - OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR BANGLADESH RMG INDUSTRY
12:25 – 13:10	PANEL 2: POLICY LANDSCAPE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITATE CHANGE

13:10 – 13:20	PRESENTATION 02: DECARBONISATION BEST PRACTICE FROM BANGLADESH RMG INDUSTRY
13:20 – 13:30	CASE STUDIES 02 - BY DB SCHENKER
13:30 – 14:20	LUNCH BREAK
14:20 – 15:05	PANEL 3: COLLECTIVE ACTION
15:05 – 15:15	CASE STUDIES 02 - BY LAFARGEHOLCIM
15:15 – 16:00	PANEL 4: FINANCE AND JUST TRANSITION
16:00 – 16:15	PRESENTATION 03: DECARBONISATION GLOBAL BEST PRACTICE
16:15 – 16:25	CASE STUDIES 03 - BY TEAM GROUP
16:25 – 16:40	COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK
16:40 – 17:25	PANEL 05: CLIMATE JUSTICE, RESILIENCE, EQUITY AND JUST TRANSITION
17:25 – 17:30	WRAP UP

PANEL SESSIONS

Sessions

PANEL 01

**DECARBONIZATION – OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES
FOR BANGLADESH RMG INDUSTRY**

PANEL 02

**POLICY LANDSCAPE AND IMPROVEMENTS
TO FACILITATE CHANGE**

PANEL 03

COLLECTIVE ACTION

PANEL SESSIONS

Sessions

PANEL 04

FINANCE AND JUST TRANSITION

PANEL 05

CLIMATE JUSTICE, RESILIENCE, EQUITY AND JUST TRANSITION

OPENING & WELCOMING SPEECH

4TH OCTOBER, 2023

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM



CHIEF GUEST

MD. SHAHRIAR ALAM, MP

State Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh



THIJS WOULDSTRA

Deputy Ambassador of the
Netherlands to Bangladesh



MICHAL KREJZA

Head of Development Cooperation,
Delegation of the European Union
to Bangladesh



PALLAK SETH

Founder & Executive Vice
Chairman, PDS Limited



MOSTAFIZ UDDIN

CEO & Founder,
Bangladesh Apparel Exchange

PANEL 01
DECARBONIZATION – OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES FOR BANGLADESH RMG INDUSTRY

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11:40 AM – 12:25 PM



AKILA FERNANDO

Assistant Vice President
- Engineering, Epic Group



AMER SALIM

Director, Aurum Sweater Ltd.
& Knit Asia Ltd.



INAMUL HAQ KHAN

Director, BGMEA & Managing
Director, Ananta Companies



SHAFIUR RAHMAN

South Asian Operations Head,
G-Star RAW



MODERATOR

PAULINE OP DE BEECK

Environmental Portfolio Lead,
Apparel Impact Institute



PETER FORD

Program Lead, Climate,
H&M Group

PANEL 02 POLICY LANDSCAPE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITATE CHANGE

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12:25 PM – 01:10 PM



MODERATOR

ASIF IBRAHIM

Director, BGMEA & Vice Chairman,
Newage Group of Industries



AZIZUR RAHIM CHOWDHURY

Managing Director, J.M. Fabrics Ltd.
& Director, New Asia Ltd.



AMBREEN TABASSUM

Operational Process Manager,
Decathlon Bangladesh



BUDDHI PARANAMANA

Group Sustainability & Innovation
Director, PDS Limited



GIHAN PALIHENA

Director, Asia Product Supply
South Asia, Kontoor Brands Inc.



M. SHAHIDULLAH AZIM

Vice President, BGMEA &
Managing Director, Classic Group



NAFIS UD DOULA

Director, Impress-Newtex
Composite Textiles Ltd.



NAUREEN CHOWDHURY

Head of Labour Rights
Programme, Laudes Foundation

PANEL 03

COLLECTIVE ACTION

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02:20 PM – 03:05 PM



DR. MOHAMMAD ASSADUZZAMAN

Senior Policy Advisor–Climate,
Embassy of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands in Bangladesh



MOYEEN CHOWDHURY

Country Manager,
Puma Bangladesh



MOHSINA YASMIN

Executive Member,
Bangladesh Investment
Development Authority



MD. TANVIR HOSSAIN

Executive Director (Investment
Promotion), BEPZA



MODERATOR

SIVA PARITI

Senior Technical Marketing
Officer, BlueWin



SADIA RAISA KHAN

Advisor and Country Representative,
Project Development Programme
(PDP), GIZ Bangladesh



VIDHURA RALAPANAWA

Executive Vice President,
Epic Group

PANEL 04

FINANCE AND JUST TRANSITION

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03:15 PM – 04:00 PM



ALAMGIR MORSHED

Executive Director & CEO, IDCOL



BOB ASSENBERG

Fund Director, Good Fashion Fund



DISHAN KARUNARATNE

Chief Representative, Bangladesh & Pakistan, Bestseller



ENAMUL HUQUE

Managing Director, Corporate, Commercial and Institutional Banking, Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh



DELWAR HOSSAIN

Joint Director, Sustainable Finance Department, Bangladesh Bank



MODERATOR

SIVA PARITI

Senior Technical Marketing Officer, BlueWin



SOHEL SADAT

Chairman & Managing Director, Shin Shin Group



ZIAUR RAHMAN

Regional Country Manager, Production (Bangladesh, Pakistan & Ethiopia), H&M

PANEL 05
CLIMATE JUSTICE, RESILIENCE, EQUITY
AND JUST TRANSITION

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04:40 PM – 05:25 PM



A. J. M. ZOB AIDUR RAHMAN

Head – Media, Communications & Stakeholder Engagement, RMG Sustainability Council



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DR. SALEEMUL HUQ

Director, ICCCAD & Professor, IUB



EDWIN KOEKKOEK

First Counsellor, Team Leader – Green Inclusive Development and Social Protection, Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh



MOHAMMAD EMRAN HASAN

Head of Climate Justice & Natural Resources Rights, Oxfam in Bangladesh



FAZLE SHAMIM EHSAN

Vice President, BKMEA



MAHMUDA SULTANA

Acting Country Director, Oxfam in Bangladesh



SEEMA JOSHI

Fashion & IT Campaigns Director, Stand.Earth

KEYNOTE 01

**CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE
CHALLENGE FOR HUMANITY**

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10:45 AM – 11:00 AM



DR. VIDHURA RALAPANAWA

Executive Vice President,
Epic Group

KEYNOTE 02

DECARBONIZATION

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PAULINE OP DE BEECK

Environmental Portfolio Lead,
Apparel Impact Institute

PRESENTATION 01

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**BANGLADESH CLIMATE
RESPONSE**



DR. SALEEMUL HUQ

Director, ICCCAD
& Professor, IUB

PRESENTATION 02

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**DECARBONIZATION BEST
PRACTICE FROM BANGLADESH
RMG INDUSTRY**



LAXMIKANT JAWALE

Regional Lead, South Asia & Southeast
Asia, Apparel Impact Institute

PRESENTATION 03

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04:00 PM – 04:15 PM

**DECARBONIZATION
GLOBAL BEST PRACTICE**



E NAND GOPAL

Director, Climate & Energy Practice,
Grant Thornton Bharat LLP

CASE STUDY 01

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03:05 PM – 03:15 PM

**DB SCHENKER'S GLOBAL
SUSTAINABILITY ENDEAVORS
AND IMPACT**



MOHAMMAD SAMS E TABRIZ

Managing Director,
DB Schenker Bangladesh

CASE STUDY 02

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01:10 PM – 01:20 PM

**LAFARGEHOLCIM'S
COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE
ACTION**



MR. KAUSHIK MUKHERJEE

Head of Geocycle Bangladesh,
LafargeHolcim

CASE STUDY 03

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**TEAM GROUP'S ROAD TO
DECARBONIZATION AND CLIMATE
RESILIENCE**



ABDULLAH HIL NAKIB

Deputy Managing Director,
Team Group

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