



## Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS)

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### Seminar on Bangladesh and BIMSTEC: Way Forward

BISS Auditorium  
Tuesday, 13 January 2015

#### Programme

0930 -1015	:	<b>Inaugural Session</b>
		<p>Welcome Address <b>Major General AKM Abdur Rahman, ndc, psc</b> Director General, BISS</p> <p>Address by the Special Guest <b>H E Mr Sumith Nakandala</b> Secretary General, BIMSTEC</p> <p>Address by the Chief Guest <b>H E Mr Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, MP</b> Honourable Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Summing up by the Chair <b>Ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad</b> Chairman, Board of Governors, BISS</p>
1015 -1045	:	Tea/Coffee
1045 -1245	:	<p><b>Working Session I</b> <b>BIMSTEC: Cooperation for Development and Economic Advancement</b> <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dr Mohammed Farashuddin</b>, former Governor, Bangladesh Bank</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr Mahfuz Kabir, Senior Research Fellow, BISS <i>Trade, Investment and Poverty Alleviation</i></li> <li>2. Professor Dr Ijaz Hossain, BUET <i>Energy and Technology</i></li> <li>3. Ms Marufa Ismat, Chief Transport Economist, Roads &amp; Highways Department, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges <i>Transport and Communication</i></li> <li>4. Professor Dr AK Enamul Haque, Department of Economics, East West University <i>Agriculture and Fisheries</i></li> <li>5. Mr Mohammad Farhad, Research Fellow, Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute <i>Tourism</i></li> </ol> <p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Summing up by the Moderator</p>
1245 - 1345	:	Lunch
1345 - 1545	:	<p><b>Working Session II</b> <b>BIMSTEC: Cooperation in Cross-Cutting Issues</b> <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mr Md Shahidul Haque</b> Foreign Secretary, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Dr Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University <i>Environment, Disaster Management and Climate Change</i></li> <li>2. Dr Syed Abdul Hamid, Associate Professor and Ms Suzana Karim, Lecturer, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka</li> </ol>

		<p><i>Public Health</i></p> <p>3. Mr Shahab Enam Khan, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of International Relations, Jahangirnagar University</p> <p><i>Cultural Cooperation and People-to-People Contact</i></p> <p>4. Mr M Ashique Rahman, Research Fellow, BIIS</p> <p><i>Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime</i></p> <p>5. Mr Abdul Motaleb Sarker, Director General (SAARC &amp; BIMSTEC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh</p> <p><i>Other Emerging Organisations, Challenges and Way Forward</i></p>
		Open Discussion
		Summing up by the Moderator
1545 - 1600		Tea/Coffee
1600 - 1615		<p><b>Concluding Session</b></p> <p>Address by the Chief Guest</p> <p><b>H E Mr Md Shahriar Alam, MP</b></p> <p>Honourable State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p>