



Digital Finance for Inclusive Growth

# BANGLADESH DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION CONFERENCE 2018

November 20, 2018  
Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

09:00 am – 10:00 am

Registration

10:00 am – 11:15 am

Venue : Carnival Hall

### Opening Plenary Session

Accelerating Digital Financial Inclusion by 2021: Emerging Frontiers for Bangladesh

#### Moderator

KAM Morshed, Director, Advocacy for Social Change, BRAC

#### Chief Guest

Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Principal Coordinator (SDG Affairs) Honorable Prime Minister's Office, GoB

#### Panel Speakers

Md. Rashadul Islam, Additional Secretary, ICT Division, GoB

Arijit Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Financial Institutions Division, Ministry of Finance, GoB

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman, Association of Bankers, Bangladesh and MD & CEO, Dhaka Bank Ltd

Rajeev Kumar Gupta, Programme Manager, SHIFT ASEAN & SAARC, UNCDF

11:15 am – 11:30 am

Inauguration of DFS Innovation Fair

11:30 am – 01:00pm

Session Organizer:  
Business Finance for the  
Poor in Bangladesh  
(BFP-B)

Venue : Media Bazar

### Discussion Session: 01

Digital Finance for Agro based Micro and Small Enterprises

#### Moderator

Md. Eunusur Rahman, Senior Policy Adviser, Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh

#### Panel Speakers

Md. Arfan Ali, President and Managing Director, Bank Asia Ltd.

Syed Moinuddin Ahmed, Additional Managing Director and Company Secretary, Green Delta Insurance

Sharawat Islam, Managing Director, Truvalu Group

Dr. Mustafa K. Mujeri, Executive Director, Institute for Inclusive Finance and Development (InM)

11:30 am – 01:00 pm

Session Organizer:  
BRAC Social  
Innovation Lab

Venue : Carnival Hall

### Discussion Session: 02

The future of Microfinance in the era of digital disruptions: How Bangladesh should respond?

#### Moderator

Dr. Ananya Raihan, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, iSocial

#### Panel Speakers

Shameran Abed, Senior Director, Microfinance and Ultra Poor Graduation Programmes, BRAC

Main Uddin Ahmed, Director, Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA)

Imran Ahmed, Senior Director, Programs & Initiatives, Shakti Foundation

11:30 am – 01:00 pm

Session Organizer:  
UN Capital  
Development Fund

Venue : Windy Town

### Discussion Session: 03

Closing the gender gap in DFS: Innovations and Solutions

#### Moderator

Ana Klincic Andrews, PhD, Financial Inclusion Expert, UNCDF

#### Panel Speakers

Sonia Bashir Kabir, Managing Director, Microsoft Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan & Laos

Ayesha Hossain, Chief Operating Officer, iSocial

Dilruba Haider, Programme Specialist, UN Women Bangladesh

Farzana Chowdhury, Managing Director & CEO, Green Delta Insurance



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01:00 pm – 02:00 pm

Lunch

02:00 pm – 03:15 pm

**Discussion Session: 04**

**Rise of the micro-merchant economy: The business case for digitizing supply chains**

**Session Organizer:**  
UN Capital  
Development Fund

**Moderator**

**Rajeev Kumar Gupta**, Programme Manager, SHIFT SAARC & SHIFT ASEAN, UNCDF

**Venue : Carnival Hall**

**Panel Speakers**

**Mominul Islam**, MD and CEO, IPDC Finance

**Khandaker Samina Afrin**, Commercial Leader, The Nielsen Company (Bangladesh) Limited

**Mir Haque**, Founder & CEO, Fairbanc

02:00 pm – 03:15 pm

**Discussion Session: 05**

**Remittance for real economic growth: Formalization and digital use cases**

**Moderator**

**Md. Ashrafal Alam**, Country Project Coordinator, UNCDF

**Venue : Windy Town**

**Panel Speakers**

**Md. Shariful Islam Hasan**, Programme Head, Migration at Brac

**Mohammed Masud Parvez**, Vice President, Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd

**Audrey Misquith**, Amarante Consulting

03:15 pm – 03:30 pm

Tea Break & Networking

03:30 pm – 05:00 pm

**Promoting Digital Finance Innovations: Way Forward**

**Session Organizer:**  
Access to Information  
(a2i)

**Moderator**

**Md. Tohurul Hasan**, Programme Manager, Digital Financial Service Lab, a2i

**Venue : Carnival Hall**

**Panel Speakers**

**Rajeev Kumar Gupta**, Programme Manager, SHIFT SAARC & SHIFT ASEAN, UNCDF

**Md. Rashed**, Joint Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank

**Farmina Hossain**, Deputy Director Program, Buro Bangladesh

**Professor M Harunur Rashid**, Chairperson, Healthcare Information System Ltd

**Kazi Mahfuz Mamtazur Rahman**, Team Leader, Sarathi, Swisscontact

**Rezwatul Haque Jami**, EM Solutions Architect & e-Commerce Team Lead, a2i

05:00pm – 05:30 pm

Conference Summary & Way Forward

**Venue : Carnival Hall**

