

Regional Consultation on
National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) for Bangladesh: Insights from Sylhet Regional Stakeholders



Sunday, 03 June 2018
Rose View Hotel, Sylhet



The UN Capital Development Fund and Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh (BFP-B) cordially invite you to the Digital Finance Consultative Group (DFCG) regional consultation on **'National Financial Inclusion Strategy for Bangladesh (NFIS-B) : Insights from Sylhet Regional Stakeholders'** to be held on 03 June 2018 from 10.00 am to 01:00 pm at the Rose View Hotel in Sylhet. NFIS-B has been drafted by the BFP-B project which is implemented by Bangladesh Bank and supported by DFID.

The purpose of the consultation is to understand views and expectations of regional stakeholders on the draft NFIS report.

Mr. Arijit Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Financial Institutions Division, Ministry of Finance has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest. **Mr. Md. Nazimuddin**, Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank Head office and **Mr. Md. Shah Alam**, Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank Sylhet will present as special guests to the consultation.

Your presence along with representatives from banks and NBFIs, MFIs, NGOs and academicians will help in prioritizing the recommendations for NFIS.

We look forward to your kind presence and active participation in the meeting.

Md. Ashrafal Alam
 Country Project Coordinator, SHIFT
 UN Capital Development Fund

Feisal Hussain
 Team Leader
 Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 09:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Welcome address by **Mr. Md. Ashrafal Alam**
Country Project Coordinator, UNCDF SHIFT in Bangladesh
- 10:10 am Strategic priorities and next steps for National Financial Inclusion Strategy for Bangladesh (NFIS-B)
Mr. Feisal Hussain, Team Leader, Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh (BFP-B) Project.
- 10:20 am **Presentation on National Financial Inclusion Strategy of Bangladesh (NFIS-B) by BFP-B**
- 11:00 am Open Discussion moderated by **Mr. Manoj Kumar Biswas**
General Manager, Sustainable Finance Department
Bangladesh Bank and Deputy Project Director, BFP-B Project.
- 12: 00 pm Address by **Ms. Afsana Islam**
Private Sector Adviser, DFID Bangladesh
- 12: 10 pm Address by Special Guest **Mr. Md. Shah Alam**
Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank Sylhet
- 12: 20 pm Address by Special Guest **Mr. Md. Nazimuddin**
Executive Director, Bangladesh Bank and Project Director, BFP-B Project
- 12: 30 pm Address by Chief Guest **Mr. Arijit Chowdhury**
Additional Secretary, Financial Institutions Division
Ministry of Finance and Chair of BFP-B Project Policy Working Committee (PWC)
- 12: 40 pm Way forward by **Mr. Manoj Kumar Biswas**
General Manager, Sustainable Finance Department
Bangladesh Bank and Deputy Project Director, BFP-B Project.
- 12: 55 pm **Closing**

About Digital Finance Consultative Group (DFCG)

Digital Finance Consultative Group (DFCG) is a knowledge sharing and consultative platform of public and private sector stakeholders to open up dialogue on the strengths, opportunities, challenges and gaps in accelerating digital financial inclusion in Bangladesh. DFCG works to accelerate innovations around product and services, encourage conducive and progressive regulatory regimes for facilitating growth of the DFS ecosystem in the country through consultative approach. UNCDF serves as the Secretariat of DFCG.

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