National Dialogue
“Sustainable Blue Economy in Bangladesh through Sustainable Blue Bond”
Media Bazar, Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka
March 28, 2021

Programme Agenda

09:30 AM – 10:00 AM  REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENT

Chief Guest  Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member (Senior Secretary), General Economics Division (GED), Bangladesh Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Special Guests  Mr. Ashadul Islam, Senior Secretary, Financial Institutions Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Rear Admiral (Retd.) Mr. Md. Khurshed Alam, Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Professor Shibli Rubayat-Ul-Islam, Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission

Chair  Mr. Md. Mafidul Islam, Chief, General Economics Division (GED), Bangladesh Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Guest of Honour  Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Van, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM  Welcome Address by Mr. Md. Mafidul Islam, Chief, General Economics Division (GED), Bangladesh Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

10:05 AM – 10:40 AM  Trigger Presentation by Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member (Senior Secretary), General Economics Division (GED), Bangladesh Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh
10:40 AM – 10:50 AM  Speech by **Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Van**, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM  Speech by **Professor Shibli Rubayat-Ul-Islam**, Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM  Speech by **Rear Admiral (Retd.) Mr. Md. Khurshed Alam**, Secretary, Maritime Affairs Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

11:10 AM – 11:20 AM  Speech by **Mr. Ashadul Islam**, Senior Secretary, Financial Institutions Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

11:20 AM – 11:35 AM  Presentation on “Supporting the Establishment of a Blue Economy in Bangladesh” by

**Dr. Melissa Walsh**, Ocean Finance Manager, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank

**Mr. Kosintr Puongsophol**, Financial Sector Specialist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank

**Mr. Thomas Kessler**, Principal Finance and Insurance Specialist, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank

11:35 AM – 12:50 PM  Open Discussion

12:50 PM – 01:00 PM  Closing Remarks by **Dr. Shamsul Alam**, Member (Senior Secretary), General Economics Division (GED), Bangladesh Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

**01:00 PM – 02:00 PM**  **LUNCH**