Located in Dhaka, Bangladesh, this forum seeks to catalyse conversations on what is fast emerging as one of the most important and dynamic political and growth geographies of the world. The Indo-Pacific region is already at the forefront of the global response to two important processes. The first process necessitates a dramatic shift in our collective approach towards human development, environmental protection, and prosperity. The Indo-Pacific may indeed be where the new alignment between nature and humans will be fashioned, and pathways for mainstreaming billions into the economic processes will be fashioned. The second process, though less agitated, has far-reaching consequences for the world order. Existing governance structures are failing, and new institutions and arrangements that can help manage the Asian Century and the Indo-Pacific are yet to be discovered. If the future is this region, that its management is frail and contested should be a cause of concern to all. The rules for the road ahead, the actors who underwrite them, and the regulators who govern the processes will have to be discovered and created in the region along with other stakeholders. In both of these processes it is clear to most observers that the role of Bangladesh is seminal. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be achieved largely due to the efforts of countries such as Bangladesh – countries which are scripting significant transitions, and are responding to their people’s aspirations in a manner that is sustainable, equitable and scalable. Bangladesh, through its notable achievements in economic growth, social development and women’s empowerment, has already emerged as a role model for development in the region and across the globe. Despite multiple constraints, the country, through its determination and leadership, has presented a blueprint of its transition to a developed nation in its overarching national “Vision 2041”. Its transition by the power of example will implicate the dimensions of growth for the entire region and beyond. Similarly, the politics of the Bay of Bengal and the larger Indo-Pacific region will dynamically shape the emerging political order in this century. Bangladesh will be one of key actors of the Asian century and therefore creating an ‘ideas arena’ to discuss key developments and challenges in Dhaka is an acknowledgement of its role.
I am delighted that the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), India, are co-hosting the Dhaka Global Dialogue in Bangladesh from November 11 to 13, 2019. I am positive that this would emerge as a flagship forum to catalyze conversations emerging regional and global socio-economic and political order as well as the institutional framework associated with it.

The Indo-Pacific region is evolving as one of the most important and dynamic political and growth areas in the globe. To realize the vision of an Indo-Pacific, this is vital to construct a roadmap that would consist of rules, institutions and arrangements scripted by the actors in the region along with relevant stakeholders. The collective efforts of all the stakeholders can create a pluralistic, inclusive and uncontested Indo Pacific. As a responsible stakeholder of this region, Bangladesh has always actively participated and initiated programs to accelerate such initiatives. Through its notable achievements in economic growth, social development and women’s empowerment, Bangladesh has emerged as a role model for development in the region and across the globe. Despite multiple constraints, the country, through its determination and leadership, has presented a
blueprint of its transition to a developed nation in its overarching “Vision 2041”. The sustainable, equitable and scalable manner of Bangladesh’s development is a reflection of growth and potential of the region. By hosting the Dhaka Global Dialogue, Bangladesh seeks to create an ‘ideas arena’ of diverse voices to deliberate on topics pertaining to the development and challenges of the emerging political order of this century.

The Dhaka Global Dialogue would be structured around five pillars. The first pillar Norms and the Region: ‘Towards a Collective and Cooperative Future’ would address issues surrounding the political stability, social transformation and environmental future of the region and would attempt to formulate innovative and feasible norms and approaches for the consideration of all stakeholders. The second pillar ‘Leveraging Demography in the 4th IR: Fuelling and Investing in a Billion Dreams’ shall seek to discover innovative healthcare financing models, developed education and skilling ecosystem and appropriate regulations for start-up and techno-entrepreneurships in order to respond to the new and dynamic labour markets of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The third pillar ‘Blue, Green and Chrome: Planet, People and Profit’ would highlight shared experience, challenges and opportunities for strengthening the political economy of green transitions and new formats of engagement with the blue economy of the Indo-Pacific. In the fourth pillar, ‘Her Digital Age: Reclaiming Half the Sky’, the dialogue will address the necessity of adopting a gender-based approach to the new digital ecosystem and discuss ways and means to facilitate a women-led industrial revolution. The fifth pillar - A Region Mapped: Connecting Countries, Communities and Economies would engage experts, businesses, policymakers, civil society, and academia to discover options and ideas for sustainable linkages and equitable growth for this region. I am confident that the discussions on these pressing global imperatives would discover new ideas and propose innovative solutions that would serve an emerging human-centric world order.

I thank BIISS and ORF for co-hosting this initiative and hope that the Dhaka Global Dialogue will be a unique platform to bring together diverse voices across sectors and geographies to join the brightest minds in Bangladesh.

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in human and youth development through smart planning, thorough implementation, robust monitoring and evaluation of the latest health and education interventions. Driven by widespread digitization in the public and private sectors, it is well on track to become a technologically advanced middle income nation by 2021. The country has made remarkable progress in economic and political empowerment of women also. However, the prosperous journey is not without challenges and threats. Violent extremism and terrorism are among the primary threats to peace, development and security in the country. In response, since 2009, Hon’ble Prime Minister has adopted ‘zero tolerance policy, which has resulted into commendable success in countering terrorism and violent extremism. Indeed, such kind of transition to development of Bangladesh will not only contribute to the growth of Indo-pacific region but also would catalyze the Asian Century.

The Indo-pacific region today is becoming the centerpiece of numerous geo-strategic, geo-economic and geo-political plays. Both Bangladesh and India are important actors in the Indo-pacific region and are maneuvering towards sustainable, equitable and scalable economic growth, including through emphasizing on social, human, women and infrastructural development. By cooperating with each other, Dhaka and Delhi can benefit from all the initiatives surrounding the region. Thus, this is the appropriate time for such kind of a Dialogue. The Dialogue has chosen five important themes that are significant to manage the Asian Century and Indo-Pacific region through a human-first growth and development policy paradigm. First, as the existing governance structure is breaking down, it tries to trace a new form of cooperative governance based on shared and inclusive rules and norms. Second, as the region contains 60 per cent of the world’s youth population, it analyzes various aspects of human phase of development, e.g., health coverage, nutrition, sanitation, clean air, youth radicalization etc. to grab leadership role and the new and dynamic labour markets of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Moreover, it also maps experiences around public health service delivery. Third, in response to an international compulsion to ‘green’ and ‘blue’ the global economy, it also explores new forms of investment and engagement with a calibrated focus on trade, shipping, ocean resources, protections of sea lanes of commerce and most importantly, catalyzing the solar revolution. Finally, in order to connect countries, communities, people and economies of Indo-Pacific region across land, seas and water and the digital domain, the dialogue emphasizes on innovative, sustainable, transparent and non-discriminatory investment in soft and physical infrastructure and regimes.

These are the big ideas that have influenced the design of the Dhaka Global Dialogue 2019. I am optimistic that the Dialogue would emerge as a regular unique multi-stakeholder policy forum with the enhanced participation of global statesmen, thinkers, and leaders across politics, government, business, media, civil society and academia. I am confident; the outcome of the Dialogue will certainly help us to collectively address the challenges of Indo-Pacific region through constructive views and insights as well as creative and innovative solutions.
We are delighted to welcome our distinguished guests to the inaugural edition of the Dhaka Global Dialogue. Hosted in partnership with the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, the objective of this forum is to emerge as the Indo-Pacific region’s premier annual conference on global growth and development.

The Indo-Pacific has today become the definitive fulcrum balancing the variegated and diverse geo-economic landscape of the 21st century. Several inter-related developments across the globe have been at work, shaping this new reality. Even as economic power has shifted eastward, the global value chains cobbled together over the last few decades are set to be re-configured under pressure on two fronts. On the one hand, we face faltering multi-lateral trade arrangements; on the other, technological disruption is set to unleash new modes of manufacturing, services and economic growth in the form of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Meanwhile, the biggest economy in the world having the largest carbon foot-print has given notice of stepping back from the Paris Accord – a decision that will test the resilience of a region that has time and again borne the brunt of the worsening effects of climate change in the form of large scale disaster and suffering borne out of extreme weather events across fragile ecosystems.

The Asia Pacific region, home to 60% of the world’s population, a region of growing heft and weigh, is no longer a passive recipient of changes induced by other actors. It is today a growing voice, keen to shape and lead the way to new arrangements for a new world order.

The Dhaka Global Dialogue reflects this process.

This Dialogue, designed around five overarching thematic pillars, will serve as a platform for intense dialogue and discussions across 20 carefully chosen themes. More than 140 experts and practitioners from over 45 countries will share their ideas as well as debate the framing of the new norms, institutions and solutions required to script a model for development and growth that can put us all on the pathway to achieving the SDGs.

To that end, we bring together a diverse pool of talent that includes senior government officials, representatives of embassies and high commissions, CEOs and directors of technology platforms who will rub shoulders with thought-leaders from think tanks and academia.

There is every reason why these conversations should be taking place here in Dhaka. Bangladesh’s development trajectory today is evidence of a nation that has not just been greatly implicated by change but also one that has been responding most effectively to it. It typifies a nation where the State, communities and markets are all aligned behind the objective of digitising the economy and skilling the youthful workforce, and of investing in renewable energy in order that growth and development proceed in a manner that can deliver sustainable lifestyles to all citizens. In doing so, Bangladesh is also constructing the templates for growth and development that can be models best suited to other aspiring nations of the emerging world.

I am confident that the conversations and debates we have over the next two days will make a significant contribution to the trajectory of the Indo-Pacific and to the future of the international order.
The ‘Dhaka Global Dialogue 2019’ is being held at a time when Bangladesh is undergoing rapid economic development that necessitates deeper engagement with the rest of the world. The socio-economic progress of the country has been recognised as an economic miracle that placed it ahead of many other emerging economies. It has been possible due to sustained growth of over seven per cent for consecutive years, even at a time when the global economy suffered from the recession. This transformation has been possible owing to the prudent leadership of the Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who is the architect of modern Bangladesh. This has also put Bangladesh on the right trajectory to achieve the milestone of an upper middle-income country by 2021 and it is set to emerge, as indicators suggest, as a developed country by 2041.

Nevertheless, in addition to its internal transformation, the country’s global engagement and outreach will also require expanding cooperation for progress and prosperity. Bangladesh’s development is also tied closely with its greater neighbourhood. ‘Dhaka Global Dialogue 2019’ is such an initiative that will facilitate a discussion on the emerging norms, challenges and policy options for a framework of cooperation. It would provide a great platform to deliberate on the common future of the region which happens to be the confluence of two great oceans. Therefore, the future of the Indo-Pacific lies in conceiving conducive regional architectures that are broad-based and inclusive. The Dialogue will render an excellent opportunity to discuss and debate the core developmental issues in the Asian century where all nations gain from partnership and collaboration.

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) and Observer Research Foundation (ORF) of India are co-hosting this Dialogue to create a forum that would be useful to understand the impending challenges and charting the way forward for growth and development in this region. I believe the ‘Dhaka Global Dialogue 2019’ will be a great success and it will generate excellent discussion to help policymakers and practitioners to formulate a plan of action for a prosperous future.
The Indo-Pacific region is undoubtedly the world’s most dynamic geography. Home to 65 percent of the world’s population and generating 62 percent of the global GDP, the region will script 21st century designs for growth, development and prosperity. Through rapid industrialisation, digitisation and beneficial integration with the world economy, the Indo-Pacific is poised to determine the trajectory of the ‘Asian Century’. This process is underway amidst considerable churn in international politics. The arrangements of the post-war order are unravelling, and institutions of yore are struggling with contemporary developments. Indeed, as new countries and people emerge in Asia, their choices, preferences, norms and laws may well form the foundation of alternate governance mechanisms for the international order in this century.

Bangladesh is at the heart of this dynamic. Hailed as the new ‘Asian Tiger’, Bangladesh is a “bridge-nation”. It connects South Asia to South-east Asia; the third industrial revolution to the fourth, and 21st century governance templates with 20th century development imperatives. It is a place where the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are being realised and responded to with a fair degree of success. Its vibrant civil society has exploited the ‘density dividend’ to impart and improve skills, education and health. Women empowerment in the household and public sphere has been key to these achievements. Buffeted by floods and high tides, Bangladesh has fought climate battles with innovation, flexibility and resilience. Through ‘Digital Bangladesh’ it is now embracing digital technologies to move up the industrial value chain and create new opportunities for its aspirational and tech savvy workforce.

At a time when the rest of the world confronts a period of uncertainty about the relationship between technology, globalisation and development, Bangladesh’s unique model of growth and development can serve as template to address challenges in both the developing and developed world.

The Dhaka Global Dialogue, a Bangladesh-based global platform, is designed for this imperative. The exchange of ideas between emerging and established actors, and between communities, industry and government at this platform will make available a buffet of solutions, policies and processes from around the world to those who seek them. The three-day Dialogue will address local, regional and international governance posers that will implicate growth and development in the Indo-Pacific region. It will host discussions, debates and explorations across three political spheres.

First, it will seek to examine how nation states can respond to the human needs of their constituents. Rapid digitisation and industrialisation will alter social, political and economic relations, creating new opportunities for inclusive growth. Political and social capital must be invested in creating sustainable linkages across the economic, environmental and digital domains. These efforts must be supported by policy that challenge patriarchal norms and models for growth, and is engendered by design.

Second, it will explore a plethora of innovative ideas and arrangements for regional approaches to development and growth. Home to the youngest populations in the world, the Indo-Pacific will become an incubator of technological, financial and social solutions that will improve the quality of lives, combat climate change, create jobs and livelihoods, and ensure implementations of the SDGs. These efforts will require new forums for regional cooperation, institutional mechanisms to foster the flow of technology and finance between markets and communities in the region.

Third, the Dialogue will focus on creating equitable global regimes that can respond to digital disruptions, to environmental hazards and to development imperatives. In the 20th century, these arrangements were catalysed by a small set of actors, often to their material benefit. Countries like Bangladesh, and those in the Indo-Pacific, will democratise this process and will script new norms, incubate new institutions and ideate new arrangements for the 21st century.
Accordingly, the Dhaka Global Dialogue focuses on three themes: development, growth and the Indo-Pacific. It is bringing together over 140 international speakers from 45 countries to join the brightest minds in Bangladesh to discuss, ideate, debate and discover sustainable pathways to our common and prosperous future. We hope the Dhaka Global Dialogue is enriching for all participants who have joined us online and here in Bangladesh and we hope this arena will help incubate partnerships and friendships that help us discover order and stability in these interesting times.

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Nahim Razzaq
MP, Member,
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**Programme**

**Day-1 Monday, November 11, 2019**

08:30 - 09:30 **Registration**

10:00 **Participants are seated**

10:30 – 11:30 **Inaugural Session**

- Welcome Remarks by Maj. Gen. AKM Abdur Rahman, ndc, psc Director General, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (5 minutes)
- Welcome Remarks by Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (5 minutes)
- Inaugural Address by Dr. AK Abdul Momen, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh (10 minutes)
- Address by Chief Guest – Sheikh Hasina, Honorable Prime Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh (40 minutes)

Master of Ceremonies: Tanoubi Ngangom, Chief of Staff and Programmes, Observer Research Foundation

11:30 – 11:45 **Photo session**

11:45 – 12:00 **Tea/Coffee Break**

12:00 – 13:00 **The Dhaka Consensus: Growth and Development in the Indo-Pacific**

- Md. Shahidul Haque, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
- Ram Madhav, General Secretary, Bhartiya Janata Party, India
- Julia Niblett, Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh
- Veerle Nouwens, Research Fellow, International Security Studies Department, Royal United Services Institute
- Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)

13:00 – 14:00 **Climate Security and Migration**

- Md. Shahidul Haque, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
- Beatrice Mosello, Senior Project Manager, Adelphi
- Mechthild Becker, Scientific Assistant, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
- Sudipto Mukerjee, Country Director, UNDP Bangladesh
- Zafar Sobhan, Editor, Dhaka Tribune (Moderator)

**Lunch Sessions**

14:00 – 15:30

**The Future of Work and Workspaces**

- Md. Shahidul Haque, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
- Pelian Janine Teo, CEO, Solve Education
- Josephine Romero, Senior Advisor and Lead for Digitalisation, Philippine Centre for Entrepreneurship GoNegosyo
- Shelley Thakral, Head of Policy Programmes, India, South and Central Asia Facebook
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15:30 – 15:45 **Keynote Address: Towards Development and Growth**

Hossain Toufiq Imam, Advisor to the HPM, Bangladesh on Political Affairs

15:45 – 16:45 **iRegulate: Towards a Digital Community for the Bay of Bengal**

- Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, Minister of State for ICT Division, Bangladesh
- Ankhi Das, Public Policy Director, Facebook - India, South and Central Asia
- Damian Mapa, Asia Advisory Board Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Amandeep S. Gill, Project Lead, International Digital Health & AI Research Collaborative
- Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)

16:45 – 16:55 **Speed Talk: Cyber Safe: You’ve Got Mail**

Jiten Jain, Director, Voyager Infosys Pvt Ltd.

16:55 – 17:10 **Tea/Coffee Break**

**Day-2 Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

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14:00 – 15:00 **Health and Nutrition: Responding to the Dual Disease Burden**

- Katherine McManus, Director, Department of Nutrition, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital
- Bhavani Ramanathapuram Vaidyanathan, Director, Agriculture Nutrition Health Programme, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation
- Ujwala Salvi, Founder and CEO, Nucleon Therapeutics LLP
- Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, BRAC JPG School of Public Health
- Mike Briers AO, CEO, Food Agility CRC (Moderator)

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17:10–18:10 | Norms for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Maritime Commons for All
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• Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khursheed Alam, BN Secretary (MAU), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
• Hideaki Shinoda, Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
• Veerle Nouwens, Research Fellow, International Security Studies Department, Royal United Services Institute
• Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation
• Alex Pykett, Head of Foreign and Security Policy Team, Political Department, British High Commission, India (Moderator)

18:30 – 20:00 | Transition/ Travel Time to Gala Dinner
20:00 – 21:30 | Opening Gala Dinner to be hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

**DAY-2 Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

08:30 – 09:30 | Registration
09:30 – 10:30 | Connecting the Indo-Pacific: Infrastructure and Influence
• Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
• Manish Tewari, Member of Parliament, India
• Minwang Lin, Professor, Institute of International Studies, Fudan University
• Riva Ganguly Das, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh
• Mohamed El Dashan, Managing Director – OXCON Frontier Markets & Fragile States Consulting (Moderator)

10:30 – 11:30 | The Coast and Communities: A New Framework for Prosperity and Resilience
• JM Mauskar, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation
• Saleemul Huq, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Independent University Bangladesh
• Shouraseni Sen Roy, Professor, University of Miami
• Natalie Toms, Economic Counsellor, British High Commission to India
• Oliver Keetch, Head, Strategy, Corporate and Global Partnerships, UK’s Department for International Development India (Moderator)

11:30 – 11:45 | Tea/Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:45 | Destination Blue: Unlocking the Potential of the Oceans
• Robert Chatterton Dickson, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh
• Sheikh Fazle Fahim, President, FBCCI
• SM Daud Hassan, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Western Sydney
• Ryosuke Hanada, Research Fellow, Japan Institute of International Affairs
• Malshini Senaratne, Lecturer, University of Seychelles (Moderator)

12:45 – 13:05 | Keynote Address: Honing Legislative Innovation: Parliamentary Diplomacy for the Future
Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Speaker, Bangladesh National Parliament
### Day-2 Tuesday, November 12, 2019

#### 13:15-14:30 Lunch Sessions

**Time to Regulate: How can we respond to Tech Misogyny?**  
**Venue:** Crystal Ballroom  
- Marina Paula Benitez Demtschenko, Founder and CEO, Digital Feminist Activism Foundation  
- Gabriele Costa B. Garcia, Co-Founder, Instituto Think Twice Brasil  
- Maliha Quadir, Managing Director, Shohoz  
- Farzana Chowdhury, Managing Director and CEO, Green Delta Insurance  
- Regina Sipos, Founder and Director, Social-Digital Innovation Initiative (Moderator)

**Digi Health: Universal Healthcare and Technology**  
**Venue:** Pearl Room  
- Yi Moon, Founder, Klenic  
- Alex Emms, Head, Blockchain Ever Medical Technologies  
- Amandeep S. Gill, Project Lead, International Digital Health & AI Research Collaborative  
- Asif Saleh, Executive Director, BRAC  
- Tatiana Turcuilet, Compliance Officer, European Investment Bank Group (Moderator)

#### 14:30 – 15:30

**Renewable Energy in the Indo-Pacific**  
- Nasrul Hamid, MP, State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Bangladesh  
- Saiful Huque, Director at Institute of Energy, Dhaka University  
- Rathin Roy, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy  
- Maliha Muzzamil, Researcher, Environmental Change Institute, Oxford University  
- Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)

#### 15:30 – 15:45 Tea/Coffee Break

#### 15:45 – 16:40

**On & Offline: Countering Violent Extremism and Hate Crimes**  
- Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh  
- Madan Mohan Oberoi, Executive Director, INTERPOL  
- Mariam Wardak, Founder, Her Afghanistan  
- Shyamsunder Tekwani, Professor, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies  
- Samia Huq, Associate Professor, BRAC University (Moderator)

#### 16:40 – 17:15

**In Conversation - Digital Money: Borderless Payments, Borderless Innovation**  
- Mustafa Jabbar, MP, Ministry of Post, Telecommunication & Information Technology, Bangladesh  
- Kamal Kadir, CEO, bKoS  
- Lindsay Nuon, CEO, Empir Equal (Moderator)

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**Trust in Tech: Preventing Misuse of the Digital Ecosystem**  
- Gulshan Rai, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation; Chief Information Security Officer at the Prime Minister's Office, Government of India  
- Zara Mahboob, Country Director and CEO, Kazi IT  
- Benazir Ahmed, BPM (BAR), Director General, RAB Force  
- Dmitri Teperik, Chief Executive, International Centre for Defence and Security  
- Rachel Rizzo, Adjunct Fellow, Center for a New American Security (Moderator)

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