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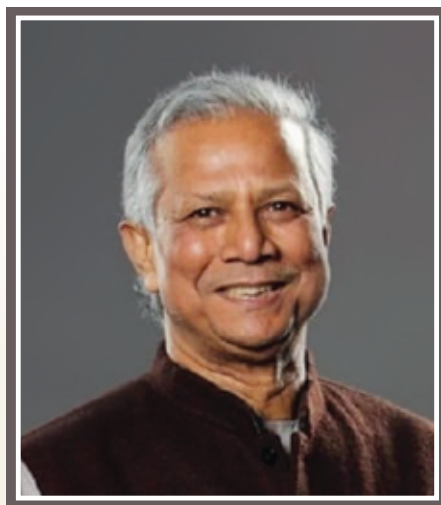
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INAUGURAL SPEAKER



DR. MUHAMMAD YUNUS

Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh

**MD. TOUHID HOSSAIN**

Adviser for Foreign Affairs
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

As Adviser for Foreign Affairs of the Interim Government of Bangladesh, it is my honour to celebrate the commencement of the third edition of the Bay of Bengal Conversation. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) for its remarkable dedication to hosting this significant forum over the past three years. At this critical juncture in our nation's history, this conference has become an indispensable platform for addressing the pressing challenges that face both our region and the world. Guided by the leadership of Dr. Muhammad Yunus, the Interim Government is committed to fostering a transparent, accountable, and resilient Bangladesh. The recent transformations within our country reflect the people's profound desire for democratic reform and social progress. In response, we are focused on advancing sustainable development, strengthening human rights protections, and promoting social justice as the foundation of a stable and thriving nation. Bangladesh is also embracing its potential as a role model for climate action, sustainable economic growth, and respect for international law. We are committed to leading by example, with initiatives in green energy, equitable economic policies, and a firm dedication to international cooperation. In an increasingly interconnected world, Bangladesh stands ready to contribute to regional stability and build partnerships that prioritize peace, sustainability, and prosperity.

As the Bay of Bengal Conversation 2024 unfolds, I am confident that the dialogue and collaboration it fosters will inspire meaningful progress for Bangladesh, our region, and beyond. This conference is a timely opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to a future rooted in justice, cooperation, and sustainability. My sincere thanks to all participants and organizers for making this possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Md. Touhid Hossain'.

(Md. Touhid Hossain)



MESSAGE FROM CHAIR

Centre for Governance Studies

As Chair of the Centre for Governance Studies, I am honoured to welcome you to the Bay of Bengal Conversation 2024. In just three years, this gathering has become an essential platform to address critical global challenges—especially the preservation of human rights, the sanctity of elections, and the protection of democratic institutions.

We are witnessing a troubling erosion of rights and freedom around the world. Political repression, attacks on free speech, and threats to civil liberties are escalating, threatening the very foundations of democratic societies. Elections, the core of any democracy, are increasingly vulnerable to interference and manipulation, undermining public trust and the legitimacy of governance. Equally concerning is the weakening of independent institutions, from judiciaries to the media, which are essential for holding power to account.

At this year's Bay of Bengal Conversation, we gather to explore these pressing issues, driven by a commitment to find solutions that can help steer our societies toward justice, accountability, and equity. With its five thematic pillars, the conference provides a platform for diverse voices and perspectives to come together, discuss, and generate actionable insights for protecting human rights, promoting climate justice, addressing growing economic inequality, safeguarding democracy, and building resilient societies.

I look forward to the exchanges and ideas that will emerge from this year's conference, and I am confident that, together, we can inspire meaningful progress toward a more just, secure, and democratic world.

Munira Khan
Munira Khan



CHAIR'S NOTE

Executive Director, Centre for Governance Studies

On behalf of the Centre for Governance Studies, it is my profound privilege to welcome you to the Bay of Bengal Conversation 2024. Now in its third year, this conference has swiftly evolved into a dynamic space for addressing some of the most pressing issues facing our region and the world. While still in its early stages, the Bay of Bengal Conversation has already earned a reputation as a vital forum for those committed to collaborative solutions and meaningful dialogue. When we first embarked on this initiative, we envisioned a platform to address regional challenges; today, it has become a pivotal gathering for shaping the trajectory of geopolitics, sustainable development, and human rights in the Bay of Bengal region and beyond.

This year, as Bangladesh finds itself at a crossroads, our discussions take on a heightened significance. The recent governmental upheaval and the public demand for meaningful reform have underscored an urgent need for transparency, justice, and democracy. Yet, the importance of these values extends far beyond our national borders. Across the globe, we see a fractured world grappling with complex crises and opportunities. In this defining moment, the Bay of Bengal Conversation seeks to explore ways in which we can collectively steer the future toward resilience, equity, and peace.

At the core of this year's conference are five thematic pillars, each a critical area for advancing sustainable progress and promoting a just global order:

1. Freedom of the Press and the Rising Spread of Misinformation

In an era dominated by digital information flows, the role of a free and responsible press is more vital—and more vulnerable—than ever. This theme examines the double-edged sword of modern communication, where freedom of the press is under siege, and misinformation and disinformation have proliferated. These discussions will focus on strategies for strengthening media integrity, safeguarding press freedom, and building societal resilience

against misinformation. We aim to explore ways to empower media institutions and ensure that access to factual, reliable information is protected as a pillar of democracy.

2. Green Energy and Climate Change

The Bay of Bengal region, like much of the world, is on the frontlines of climate change, facing rising sea levels, extreme weather, and ecosystem degradation. This theme addresses the urgent need for a shift to green energy, recognizing the vital role that sustainable practices play in safeguarding our environment. Our conversations will focus on scalable green energy solutions, policies for reducing emissions, and regional cooperation for climate adaptation. We have a shared responsibility to create an environmentally resilient future, balancing economic development with the preservation of our natural resources.

3. Global Trade and Economic Issues

As economic landscapes evolve amid global disruptions, ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth is a critical challenge. This theme explores ways to strengthen global and regional trade, support economic recovery, and build resilient supply chains that can weather crises. We will delve into the opportunities and obstacles facing emerging markets, including digital trade, labour mobility, and the importance of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in driving economic stability. Our goal is to promote economic models that are not only growth-oriented but also equitable and adaptable in an increasingly interconnected world.

4. The Landscape of Global Conflict and Geopolitics

Geopolitical tensions are reshaping alliances and power dynamics across the world. This theme investigates the current landscape of conflict, power shifts, and the implications for regional and global stability. As nations navigate a multipolar world marked by competition, this pillar will focus on how regional actors can advocate for peace, security, and cooperation, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. By fostering diplomatic dialogue and examining strategies for conflict prevention, we hope to contribute to a more stable and inclusive global order.

5. Human Rights

Human rights are the bedrock of democratic governance and social progress, yet they are under threat in numerous places worldwide. This theme addresses the need to protect civil liberties, promote equality, and safeguard the fundamental rights of all individuals. Our discussions will cover the importance of independent democratic institutions, the integrity of electoral

processes, and the protection of vulnerable populations. This pillar underscores our commitment to justice and equity, recognizing that true development and peace are impossible without upholding human dignity.

These pillars provide the framework for what promises to be a transformative gathering. Each theme represents both a challenge and an opportunity, calling on us to engage in conversations that go beyond national interests and reflect a shared vision for the future. As we bring together diverse voices and perspectives, I am hopeful that this year's Bay of Bengal Conversation will inspire actionable insights, stronger alliances, and innovative solutions that resonate across borders.

In closing, let us remember that the future is a collective endeavour. The challenges we face demand resilience, commitment, and a shared sense of purpose. I invite you all to bring your ideas, expertise, and dedication to this conversation as we strive to shape a world that embraces peace, justice, and equity, not just for Bangladesh but for all.



Zillur Rahman



PROGRAM

PROGRAM

DAY ONE

Saturday
November 16
09:30 - 10:30
Grand Ballroom

INAUGURAL SESSION

SPEAKERS

Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser of the Interim Government of Bangladesh

Jorge Fernando Quiroga Ramírez, Former President of Bolivia
Member, Club de Madrid

Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia

Md. Touhid Hossain, Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Interim Government of Bangladesh

Munira Khan, Chair, Centre for Governance Studies, Bangladesh

Zillur Rahman, Executive Director, CGS
Chair, Bay of Bengal Conversation, Bangladesh

10:30 - 11:00
Oasis

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:20
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Shifting Tides: The Impact of Trump's America on Asia and the Global South

With Trump back at the helm, U.S. foreign policy is poised for a shift that could reshape alliances and strategic priorities across Asia and the Global South. This panel will explore potential policy reversals, from trade relations to security commitments, and their implications for regional actors. Key examples include the anticipated impact on U.S.-China relations, which could intensify tensions in the South China Sea, and potential shifts in U.S. trade agreements with Southeast Asia. Panelists will discuss how these changes might alter the Indo-Pacific strategy, creating new opportunities and challenges for both allies and emerging economies in a fractured global landscape.

SPEAKERS

Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Chairman, Sanobar Institute, Islamabad
Former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan

Ali Riaz, Distinguished Professor, Illinois State University, USA
Head of the Constitutional Reform Commission
Interim Government of Bangladesh

Ashok Sajjanhar, Former Ambassador; President
Institute of Global Studies, India

Christine C. Fair, Professor, Security Studies
Georgetown University, USA

Liping Xia, Professor, Department of Diplomatic Studies
China Foreign Affairs University

Charlie Campbell, Senior Correspondent
TIME Magazine (*Moderator*)

12:20 - 12:30
Grand Ballroom

MINISTERIAL SPEECH

Ali Imam Majumder, Adviser, Ministry of Food
Interim Government of Bangladesh

12:30 - 13:50
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

From Crisis to Opportunity: Redefining Climate Leadership in a Changing World

As Asia battles rising sea levels, more intense typhoons, and extreme heat, the urgency of climate action has never been clearer. Bangladesh, a country acutely vulnerable to climate change, is developing innovative solutions to adapt, from floating farms to building more resilient infrastructure. At the same time, countries like China and India must balance industrial growth with aggressive emissions targets. This session will highlight how emerging economies in the Indo-Pacific can turn climate crises into opportunities for leadership. It will focus on how nations can spur economic growth through green energy transitions, build climate-resilient cities, and take a leading role in global climate action while navigating domestic economic pressures.

SPEAKERS

Arjan De Haan, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre, Canada

Ghanshyam Bhandari, Ambassador, Embassy of Nepal in Bangladesh

Muhammad Azeem Ali Shah, Chief of Party, International Water Management Institute, Pakistan

Narayan Adhikari, Co-founder and South Asia Representative Accountability Lab Nepal

Pyrou Chung, Director, East-West Management Institute, USA

Monzima Haque, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (*Moderator*)

13:50 - 14:00
Grand Ballroom

MINISTERIAL SPEECH

M. Sakhawat Hussain, Adviser, Ministry of Shipping; Ministry of Labor and Employment, Interim Government of Bangladesh

14:00 - 15:00
Oasis

LUNCH

15:00 - 16:10
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Resilient Banking, Inclusive Growth: Tackling Inequality and Poverty in a Divided World

The gap between rich and poor is widening, making poverty reduction more challenging and financial systems more vulnerable. This panel will examine the potential of resilient banking and inclusive growth strategies, looking at examples such as Pakistan's Ehsaas Program for social protection and Japan's regional economic revitalization efforts. Panelists will discuss how these and similar approaches can create pathways out of poverty, emphasizing the importance of equitable financial systems that address the fractures within economies and societies.

SPEAKERS

Ana Maria Paraschiv, Founder, Ubuntu World Consulting, Romania

Karori Singh, Former Director and Emeritus Fellow
South Asia Studies Centre, University of Rajasthan, India

Kyle Inan, CEO, KI Asset Management Company, Turkiye

Mashrur Arefin, Managing Director, City Bank, Bangladesh

Selim R.F Hussain, Managing Director
BRAC Bank Limited, Bangladesh

Faris Hadrovic, Managing Director, CBD d.o.o. Bosnia and
Herzegovina (*Moderator*)

16:10 - 16:20
Grand Ballroom

MINISTERIAL SPEECH

Asif Nazrul, Adviser, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary
Affairs; Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment
Bangladesh

16:20 - 17:30
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Truth in the Crossfire: Navigating Journalism in the Age of Disinformation

In the Indo-Pacific region, disinformation has increasingly become a strategic tool for shaping public opinion and destabilizing political landscapes. The Philippines, for instance, saw waves of disinformation campaigns during its 2022 elections, with fake news targeting candidates and manipulating voter sentiment. Similarly, in Myanmar, disinformation on social media platforms exacerbated ethnic tensions, contributing to the Rohingya crisis. This session will dive into how state and non-state actors in Asia are using disinformation to influence electoral outcomes, stoke unrest, and destabilize societies. Attendees will learn how news organizations and platforms across the region can enhance their resilience, deploy fact-checking mechanisms, and preserve the integrity of information in an increasingly hostile digital environment.

SPEAKERS

Leo Wigger, Director, South Asia and Eurasia at Candid Foundation
Editor, Zenith Magazine, Germany

Miraj Ahmed Chowdhury, Managing Director
Digitally Right, Bangladesh

Raju Mahajan, Principal & Managing Attorney
Mahajan Law LLC, USA

Sheela Tasneem Haq, Senior Governance Specialist
UNDP-Bangladesh

Siddharth Varadarajan, Founding Editor, The Wire, India

Laura Larocchia, Marketing & Operations Manager
Disal Consulting, Italy (*Moderator*)

17:30 - 18:30
Oasis

TEA / COFFEE

20:00 - 23:00
Grand Ballroom

GALA DINNER (BY INVITATION ONLY)

DAY TWO

Sunday

November 17

09:30 - 10:30

Surma

CONVERSATION OVER TEA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Money Trails and Broken Promises Fighting Corruption in Public Service

Illicit finance, bribery, and corruption have long undermined the effectiveness of public service delivery in many regions, diverting resources meant for vital services such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure. These corrupt practices weaken trust in government institutions, exacerbate inequality, and stifle economic growth. In this session, experts will delve into the complexities of illicit finance networks, explore how bribery impacts service delivery, and identify practical solutions to combat these issues. This session will focus on strategies for strengthening governance, improving transparency, and enhancing accountability in public service sectors. Attendees will learn about cutting-edge approaches to detecting and preventing illicit financial flows, best practices for curbing corruption, and case studies from countries that have made significant strides in safeguarding public service integrity.

SPEAKERS

Anurag Acharya, Director, Policy Entrepreneurs Incorporated, Nepal

Fayyaz Yaseen Bhidal, Executive Director
Accountability Lab Pakistan

Mushtaq Khan, Professor, Department of Economics, SOAS South
Asia Institute, UK

Tanvir Mahmud, Senior Governance Specialist
UNDP Bangladesh (*Moderator*)

09:30 - 10:30

Meghna

CONVERSATION OVER TEA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Choking on Progress: Air Quality and Fossil Fuel Dilemmas in a Growing Indo-Pacific

As the Indo-Pacific region experiences rapid economic growth and urban expansion, it also faces an escalating crisis in air quality, with fossil fuel dependency at the heart of the issue. This panel will explore the environmental and health impacts of fossil fuel emissions, the competing pressures of industrialization and climate action, and the socio-political challenges of implementing cleaner energy solutions. Panelists will discuss pathways toward sustainable

development that balance growth with the urgent need for cleaner air, addressing the fractured priorities of economies, communities, and governments across the region.

SPEAKERS

A R M Meherab Ali, Executive Director
ARCED Foundation, Bangladesh

Tanzeem Chowdhury, CEO, Omera Petroleum Limited and Omera
Cylinders Limited, Bangladesh

Touseef Mehraj Raina, Founder, JK Policy Institute, India

Judith Mwaniki, Director, Development Programmes
Consortium of Economic Research and Development Studies
Kenya (*Moderator*)

09:30 - 10:30
Chitra

CONVERSATION OVER TEA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Supply Chain Disruptions Navigating Economic Recovery in a Fragile World

Asia is home to some of the world's most critical supply chains, from electronics manufacturing in Taiwan and South Korea to garment production in Bangladesh. However, the region has seen significant disruptions, from semiconductor shortages to shipping bottlenecks, as geopolitical tensions between China and the U.S. escalate. The impact of these disruptions on economies such as Japan, Malaysia, and India underscores the fragility of global supply networks. This session will provide insights into how Indo-Pacific economies are addressing these vulnerabilities and rebuilding stronger, more resilient supply chains, from reshoring production to investing in automation and technology.

SPEAKERS

David Morris, CEO, Australia China Business Council

Mamun Rashid, Economic Analyst; Chairman
Financial Excellence Ltd, Bangladesh

Simon Kofi Tettey, Shipping Management Business Analyst, World
Health Organization (WHO), Global Service Centre, Malaysia

Krzysztof Zalewski, President, Michał Boym Institute for Asian and
Global Studies, Poland (*Moderator*)

11:00 - 11:20
Grand Ballroom

SPECIAL ADDRESS

Moussa Mara, Former Prime Minister of Mali
Member, Club de Madrid

11:20 - 12:40
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Turbulent Waters: Navigating Maritime Security in a Divided Indo-Pacific

The Indo-Pacific's maritime corridors are vital for global trade but increasingly fraught with security challenges, from territorial disputes to piracy and environmental threats. This panel will explore pressing security issues, such as tensions in the South China Sea and illegal fishing in the Bay of Bengal. Panelists will discuss collaborative approaches, including ASEAN's maritime security initiatives and the Quad's naval cooperation, to promote stability in these contested waters and safeguard economic lifelines in a fractured world.

SPEAKERS

David Brewster, Senior Research Fellow
National Security College, Australia

Dominique Rakotozafy, Former Minister of National Defense
Madagascar

Nardia Simpson, Acting High Commissioner
Australian High Commission in Bangladesh

Sanjay Kumar Bhardwaj, Professor
Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Syed Misbah Uddin Ahmad, Director General, Bangladesh Institute
of Maritime Research and Development

Leonardo Paz Neves, Researcher, International Intelligence Unit
Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil (*Moderator*)

12:40 - 14:00
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Power Shifts: The Geopolitical Chessboard in a Fragmented World

The Indo-Pacific is at the center of a global power struggle, with China's growing military presence in the South China Sea raising alarm among neighboring nations. India, with its expanding

influence in the region, is increasingly seen as a counterbalance to China's dominance. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) between the U.S., Japan, Australia, and India is a key strategic response to China's assertiveness. This session will dissect the shifting power dynamics in the Indo-Pacific, focusing on how nations are responding to China's rise and what it means for regional stability, diplomacy, and global governance.

SPEAKERS

A N M Muniruzzaman, President
Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS)

Aamna Khan, PhD Candidate, Jilin University, China

Gregory Simons, Associate Professor
Turība University in Riga, Latvia

Kazi Faisal Bin Seraj, Country Representative
The Asia Foundation Bangladesh

Sreeradha Dutta, Professor, OP Jindal Global University, India

Parvez Karim Abbasi, Senior Research Fellow
Centre for Governance Studies, Bangladesh (*Moderator*)

14:00 - 15:00
Oasis

LUNCH

15:00 - 15:10
Grand Ballroom

AMBASSADORIAL REFLECTIONS

Pranay Verma, Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh

15:10 - 16:30
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Breaking the News: Freedom of the Press vs. Weaponised Information

In India and Bangladesh, journalists have faced increasing pressure from both political actors and external threats as freedom of the press becomes a battleground. The use of state-controlled narratives, particularly in conflict regions such as Kashmir, highlights how

weaponized information can suppress dissent and silence journalists. In Southeast Asia, countries like Cambodia and Thailand are clamping down on press freedom, often by using state-run media to suppress opposition voices. This session will spotlight how authoritarian regimes across the Indo-Pacific are weaponizing information, the critical role independent media plays in challenging these tactics, and how global coalitions can bolster efforts to protect press freedom in the face of disinformation warfare.

SPEAKERS

Andre Carstens, Chargé D' Affaires, The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh

Biswas Baral, Editor, The Kathmandu Post, Nepal

Stephen Kovats, Director, Agency for Open Culture and Critical Transformation gGmbH, Germany

Suhashini Sherene Haidar, Diplomatic Editor, The Hindu, India

Tanvir Mahmud, Senior Governance Specialist, UNDP Bangladesh

Marcus Davies, Political Counsellor, Canadian High Commission in Bangladesh (*Moderator*)

16:30 - 16:40
Grand Ballroom

AMBASSADORIAL REFLECTIONS

Yousef S. Y. Ramadan, Palestine Ambassador in Bangladesh

16:40 - 17:30
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Fortifying Institutions in an Age of Populism Strategies for Democratic Resilience and Integrity

In an era marked by the rise of populist movements and leaders across the globe, democratic institutions are facing unprecedented pressures. Populism, often fueled by public dissatisfaction with the political establishment, economic disparities, and cultural anxieties, challenges the very foundations of institutional integrity. Whether in the form of attacks on the judiciary, the erosion of checks and balances, or the undermining of the free press, populism threatens to weaken the institutions that safeguard democracy and the rule of law. This session will explore how institutions can be reinforced

against these rising pressures through strategic reforms, innovations, and international cooperation needed to strengthen institutional integrity and ensure democratic resilience.

SPEAKERS

Hadza Min Fadhli Robby, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Islamic University of Indonesia

Hallelujah Wondimu, PhD Researcher, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, UK

Selma Obarcanin, Chief Marketing Officer, SO. Quantum Growth Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tanyel Bedia Taysi, Country Director-Bangladesh, The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

Touseef Mehraj Raina, Founder, JK Policy Institute, India

Jovan Ratkovic, Senior Fellow, Agora Strategy Group AG Germany (*Moderator*)

17:30 - 18:30
Oasis

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

18:30 - 20:00
Surma

SYMPOSIA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Beyond the Belt and Road: China's Strategic Ambitions and the Future of BRICS

China's Belt and Road Initiative has already transformed connectivity in Asia, yet its ambitions extend far beyond infrastructure. This session will delve into China's broader goals, from securing supply chains to exerting soft power across the Indo-Pacific. Panelists will discuss the evolving dynamics within BRICS, particularly following the inclusion of new members and how this expansion impacts global power structures. Examples include BRICS' stance on global financial reform and China's increasing influence within the bloc, examining if BRICS can create a cohesive strategy in a fragmented world.

18:30 - 20:00
Meghna

SPEAKERS

Smruti S Pattanaik, Research Fellow, Manohar Parikkar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, India

Wu Lin, Associate Professor, Institute of Asian Studies (IAS), China Foreign Affairs University

Yoshikazu Kato, Research Fellow, Rakuten Securities Economic Research Institute, Japan

Victoria Panova, Head, BRICS Expert Council, Russia (*Moderator*)

SYMPOSIA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Emerging Threats: Hybrid Warfare and the Future of Global Security

The Indo-Pacific has become a focal point for hybrid warfare, with cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns, and economic coercion increasingly employed as strategic tools. Recent cyberattacks on Indian and Australian critical infrastructure, along with China's use of disinformation to influence narratives in Hong Kong and Taiwan, exemplify these threats. This session will unpack how hybrid warfare is reshaping the security landscape in the region and what nations can do to counter these multifaceted threats. Panelists will explore strategic defenses, multilateral cooperation, and the future of security in an increasingly connected and volatile Indo-Pacific.

SPEAKERS

Arun K Sahni, Former General Officer Commanding in Chief, Indian Army

Imtiaz Gul, Executive Director, Center for Research and Security Studies, Pakistan

Petr Topychkanov, Head of the Section for New Challenges in South and Southeast Asia, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russia

Shafqat Munir, Senior Research Fellow and Head
Bangladesh Centre for Terrorism Research (BCTR) (*Moderator*)

18:30 - 20:00
Chitra

SYMPOSIA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

The New Global Marketplace: Economic Power, Trade Wars, and Cooperation

With China asserting itself as a dominant force in the global marketplace, trade relations within the Indo-Pacific are being redefined. India has been taking steps to increase its self-reliance, particularly in the tech and pharmaceutical sectors, as part of its "Make in India" initiative. Meanwhile, the U.S.-China rivalry continues to drive global tensions, leading to economic realignment across the region. In this session, panelists will explore how the trade dynamics between emerging Asian economies and global powers are shaping the future of the international economic order. How will these shifting alliances impact industries and supply chains? And how can nations within the Indo-Pacific harness these changes to enhance their economic standing?

SPEAKERS

Anil Trigunayat, President, Millennial India International Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture, India

Pramod Jaiswal, Research Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Nepal

Sriparna Pathak, Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Northeast Asian Studies, OP Jindal Global University, India

Suthikorn Kingkaew, Advisor, KBU Research Institute
Thailand (*Moderator*)

20:30 - 22:30
Pool Cafe

DINNER (BY INVITATION ONLY)

DAY THREE

Monday

November 18

09:30 - 10:30

Surma

CONVERSATION OVER TEA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Silenced: The Rise of Internet Shutdowns in a Divided World

Internet shutdowns and communication blackouts are increasingly used as tools of censorship, stifling dissent and isolating communities. This panel will explore the impact of these shutdowns on democracy and human rights, using examples like India's prolonged shutdowns in Kashmir, Myanmar's internet blackouts during military crackdowns, and Bangladesh's manufactured internet outage during the July mass uprising. Panelists will discuss the social, economic, and human rights costs of these shutdowns, as well as the urgent need for international responses to protect freedom of expression and the right to information in fractured societies.

SPEAKERS

ABM Shamsud Doza, Journalist, The Daily Star, Bangladesh

Leonardo Paz Neves, Researcher, International Intelligence Unit
Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil

S. M. Shameem Reza, Professor, Department of Mass
Communication & Journalism, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

David Patrician, Journalist and International Event Moderator
Poland (*Moderator*)

09:30 - 10:30

Meghna

CONVERSATION OVER TEA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Learning for Liberty: Education as a Pillar of Democracy and Human Rights

Education shapes societies and is crucial for nurturing democratic principles and human rights awareness. This panel will examine how programs like India's constitution-focused school initiatives and Brazil's youth civic engagement projects have empowered young citizens to participate in democratic processes. Panelists will discuss how similar educational reforms can be adopted to foster a more informed, engaged populace capable of safeguarding democracy and standing up for rights in an increasingly polarised world.

09:30 - 10:30
Chitra

SPEAKERS

Abdullah Rasheed Ahmed, Former State Minister, Ministry of Education, Maldives

Andrés Chiriboga Zumárraga, Former Vice Minister of Education Ecuador

Suvojit Bagchi, India Correspondent, Prothom Alo

Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, Professor, Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka (*Moderator*)

CONVERSATION OVER TEA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

Defending the Defenders: Solutions for a Safer World for Human Rights Advocates

Description: As authoritarianism rises and civic spaces shrink, protecting human rights defenders has become more urgent than ever. This panel will focus on practical solutions to support activists under threat, discussing cases like the detention of human rights defenders in Egypt, media restrictions in Myanmar, and restrictions on protest rights in Hong Kong. Experts will examine how governments, NGOs, and the international community can collaborate to provide legal protections, emergency aid, and mental health support to those risking their lives to uphold justice and human dignity.

SPEAKERS

Huma Khan, Senior Human Rights Adviser, UN Resident Coordinator's Office, Bangladesh

Rani Yan Yan, Advisor of the Chakma Circle Chief, Bangladesh

Shanthie Mariet D'Souza, Founder, Mantraya Institute for Strategic Studies (MISS), India

Tasneem Khalil, Editor-in-chief
Netra News, Sweden (*Moderator*)

09:30 - 10:30
Padma

CONVERSATION OVER TEA (BY INVITATION ONLY)

The Great Game Reloaded: Power, Policy, and Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific

Description: In a region where economic and military interests overlap, the Indo-Pacific has become a hotspot for strategic rivalry and evolving alliances. This panel will discuss the foreign policy challenges faced by countries navigating between competing influences, such as the U.S., China, and regional players like Japan and Australia. Using examples like the Quad (U.S., Japan, India, Australia) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), panelists will explore how countries can foster connectivity and strengthen security partnerships while managing the complexities of geopolitical competition.

SPEAKERS

Amena Mohsin, Former Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Constantino Xavier, Senior Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), New Delhi

Jovan Ratkovic, Senior Fellow, Agora Strategy Group AG, Germany

Javad Heiran-Nia, Director, Persian Gulf Studies Group
Center for Scientific Research and Middle East Strategic Studies, Iran
(Moderator)

11:00 - 12 :30
Grand Ballroom

Driving Decarbonization in Bangladesh The Strategic Role of Corporate Power Purchase Agreements

Bangladesh, often called the “Silent Victim” of climate change, has been battling the global environmental issue. The threats are increasing daily as the sea level rises, frequent extreme weather events are occurring, and changing weather patterns are more visible than ever. With multifaceted strategies, Bangladesh is pioneering innovative solutions to address the pressing challenges. Energy is closely linked to climate change as it serves as both a driver and a solution to the challenges posed by a warming planet. Climate-resilient energy supply, diversified energy mix including solar and wind, improved energy efficiency, and cross-border

renewable energy trading are essential components to mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. By strengthening energy systems, transitioning to clean and renewable energy sources, and promoting energy-efficient technologies, communities can enhance their resilience to climate impacts. The session objectives are to highlight the need for Corporate Power Purchase Agreements in Bangladesh to enable a faster decarbonization pathway and to discuss the current challenges, opportunities, and recommendations for establishing a Corporate Power Purchase Agreement framework in Bangladesh.

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Abdullah Hil Rakib, Former Vice President, Bangladesh Garment
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Rezaul Karim, Chairman, Bangladesh Power Development Board

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Ziaur Rahman, Country Manager, H&M, Bangladesh

Shayan Shafi, Energy Team Leader, USAID Bangladesh (*Moderator*)

12:30 - 13:40
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

The Human Cost of Progress: Rights as Pillars of Sustainable Development

In many parts of Asia, development has led to substantial growth but has sometimes compromised essential rights, from labor protections to environmental safeguards. This session will explore examples like Indonesia's palm oil industry, which faces international scrutiny over human rights abuses, and China's Belt and Road projects in the Indo-Pacific, where community rights are often overshadowed. Panelists will discuss how centering human rights in development frameworks can lead to more stable, just, and inclusive societies that reflect the region's commitment to both progress and human dignity.

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Gwyn Lewis, UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh

Ishrat Hossain, Research Fellow
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Irfan Yar, Founder and Managing Director
Afghanistan Security Institute, Canada (*Moderator*)

13:40 - 14:00
Grand Ballroom

SPECIAL ADDRESS

Boris Tadic, Former President of Serbia
Member, Club de Madrid

14:00 - 15:00
Oasis

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13:40 - 14:00
Grand Ballroom

SPEED TALKS

Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow
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15:00 - 16:20
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Narratives of Hope: Media, Civil Society, and the Pursuit of Peace

Amid the fractures of our time, media and civil society serve as beacons of hope and agents of change. This panel explores how truthful reporting, constructive dialogue, and community-driven action can reduce tensions and foster peace. Panelists will discuss how these sectors can reshape narratives around conflict and security, influence public opinion, and advocate for policies that encourage reconciliation in fractured societies.

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16:20 - 16:30
Grand Ballroom

AMBASSADORIAL REFLECTIONS

Syed Ahmed Maroof, Pakistan High Commissioner in Bangladesh

16:30 - 17:40
Grand Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

Beyond Aid: New Models of Collaboration between the Global North and South

As the world becomes more polarised, development partnerships between the Global North and South are evolving from aid dependency to collaborative investment and knowledge exchange. This session will examine innovative examples like the EU's Global Gateway project, which aims to offer a sustainable alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative, and Africa's strategic alliances with both Western and Eastern partners for infrastructure and technology. Panelists will discuss how these new models can bridge development divides, promote equitable growth, and create resilience in a fragmented world.

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Stefan Liller, UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh

Corinne Henchoz Pignani, Deputy Head of Mission/Head of Cooperation-Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh (*Moderator*)

17:40 - 18:00
Grand Ballroom

CLOSING

Zillur Rahman, Executive Director, CGS
Chair, Bay of Bengal Conversation, Bangladesh

18:00 - 18:30
Oasis

TEA/COFFEE

20:00 - 23:00
Grand Ballroom

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SPECIAL SESSIONS

DAY ONE

Saturday

November 16

15:00 - 17:00

Roundtable

(Closed Door-

Media Only)

Padma

Bridging Divides: Navigating the Complexities of India-Bangladesh Relations

Session Overview: India and Bangladesh share a deep and multifaceted relationship shaped by geography, history, culture, and economics. However, despite common interests and a history of cooperation, the bilateral relationship faces a series of challenges that could strain ties if not carefully managed. This session will bring together diplomats, policy experts, and regional analysts to explore the key issues affecting India-Bangladesh relations, examine their implications for regional stability, and propose pathways for strengthened cooperation.

Key Discussion Points:

1. Border Management and Security Concerns:

Despite extensive efforts to manage the India-Bangladesh border, challenges persist in the form of illegal migration, smuggling, and trafficking. This session will examine how both nations can collaborate more effectively on border security while respecting the rights and livelihoods of local communities.

2. Water Sharing Disputes:

One of the most sensitive issues between the two countries is the sharing of transboundary rivers, particularly the Teesta River. Panelists will explore the dynamics of the water-sharing negotiations, the domestic pressures on both sides and the potential for innovative, equitable solutions to this longstanding issue.

3. Trade Imbalances and Economic Cooperation:

While economic ties between India and Bangladesh have grown, trade imbalances remain a source of tension. This discussion will focus on opportunities to enhance trade relations, reduce barriers, and foster more balanced economic cooperation, particularly in light of Bangladesh's emerging economic strength.

4. The Rohingya Refugee Crisis:

The influx of Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh from Myanmar has created a humanitarian crisis with implications for both Bangladesh and India. This session will analyze the geopolitical

ramifications of the crisis and how India and Bangladesh can collaborate to find sustainable solutions while managing their own security and economic concerns.

5. Cultural and Historical Bonds vs. Contemporary Politics:

India and Bangladesh share deep cultural and historical connections, but contemporary political realities can sometimes overshadow these ties. This session will explore how the two nations can leverage their shared history and culture to foster greater trust and understanding in their political and diplomatic engagements.

6. Climate Change and Environmental Cooperation:

Both India and Bangladesh are highly vulnerable to climate change, particularly in terms of rising sea levels and extreme weather events. Panelists will discuss opportunities for cross-border environmental cooperation, focusing on disaster management, climate resilience, and sustainable development.

SPEAKERS

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Anil Trigunayat, President, Millennial India International Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (MIICCIA), India

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Smruti S. Pattanaik, Research Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, India

Sreeradha Datta, Professor, OP Jindal Global University, India

Suhasini Sherene Haidar, Diplomatic Editor, The Hindu, India

Parvez Karim Abbasi, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Governance Studies, Bangladesh (*Facilitator*)

DAY TWO

Sunday

November 17

15:00 - 17:00

Roundtable

(Closed Door-

Media Only)

Padma

SAARC and Beyond: New Pathways for South Asian Unity and Cooperation

As SAARC struggles to meet its goals due to political obstacles, the region is looking toward alternative cooperation models. This plenary session will dive into the structural and political roadblocks that have limited SAARC's impact, exploring the organization's potential to remain relevant in a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape. As South Asia's population grapples with common issues, including climate-induced disasters, cross-border migration, and poverty alleviation, panelists will assess the future of SAARC and ask critical questions: Can SAARC be revitalized, or is it time to shift focus toward alternative frameworks for collaboration? How can South Asia strengthen regional unity in an environment marked by national interests and unresolved conflicts? Panelists will also explore the role of track 2 diplomacy, using examples like cross-border environmental dialogues in the Himalayas, to reduce friction and identify opportunities for collective growth, ensuring that cooperation is achievable even in a fractured South Asia.

Key Discussion Points

1. **Reevaluating SAARC's Role:** Analyzing SAARC's achievements and limitations and exploring its potential for future relevance in a fractured region.
2. **Track 2 Diplomacy as a Bridge:** Showcasing successful unofficial diplomacy efforts that have reduced tensions, built trust, and provided solutions where formal mechanisms have faltered.
3. **Overcoming Political Barriers:** Identifying specific actions that governments and civil society can take to address divisive issues like cross-border trade restrictions, security concerns, and resource-sharing conflicts.

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18:30 - 20:00
Town Hall
(By Invitation
Only)
Padma

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Suvojit Bagchi, India Correspondent, Prothom Alo

Investing in Tomorrow: The Future of FDI in Bangladesh's Evolving Economy

Description: Bangladesh has seen impressive growth in recent years, but barriers like regulatory hurdles, infrastructure constraints, and political uncertainty continue to pose challenges to attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). This session will explore the future of FDI in Bangladesh, analyzing high-potential sectors such as renewable energy, ICT, and the pharmaceutical industry. Panelists will discuss case studies, including recent investments in the textile and power sectors, and assess how Bangladesh can create a more welcoming investment climate to achieve its vision of becoming a regional economic hub.

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STUDIO SESSIONS

DAY ONE

Saturday
November 16
Titas

11:00 - 11:30

Fragmented World Order: Rising Tensions
in a Multipolar Era

12:00 - 12:30

Economic Inequality as a Human Rights Issue
The Path to Justice

13:00 - 13:30

A Global Call to Action: Addressing Gender-Based
Violence Worldwide

15:00 - 15:30

Renewables Rising: A Roadmap to South Asia's
Green Energy Future

16:00 - 16:30

Emerging Economies, Expanding Influence
The Global Trade Outlook

17:00 - 17:30

Cross-Border Challenges: Refugees
Resources, and Regional Stability

DAY TWO

Sunday

November 17

Titas

STUDIO SESSIONS

11:00 - 11:30

Breaking Barriers: Reforming Trade to
Boost Equitable Growth

12:00 - 12:30

The Cost of Silence: Human Rights Violations
in Conflict Zones

13:00 - 13:30

Navigating the New Normal: Inflation, Interest Rates
and Global Trade

15:00 - 15:30

Competing Interests: Navigating the World's
Geopolitical Flashpoints

16:00 - 16:30

Borders Under Pressure: Conflict, Migration
and Resource Security

17:00 - 17:30

Energy for All: Overcoming Barriers to Clean
and Affordable Power

DAY THREE

Monday

November 18

Titas

11:00 - 11:30

The Path Forward: Collaborative Climate
Solutions in South Asia

12:00 - 12:30

Voices of Change: Upholding Rights in
Turbulent Times

13:00 - 13:30

Justice for All: Navigating Cultural Contexts
in Human Rights Protection

15:00 - 15:30

Equal Access: Leveling the Playing Field in
Global Commerce

16:00 - 16:30

Securing Peace in a Divided World: Diplomacy
and Defense in Modern Conflicts



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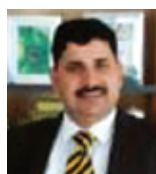
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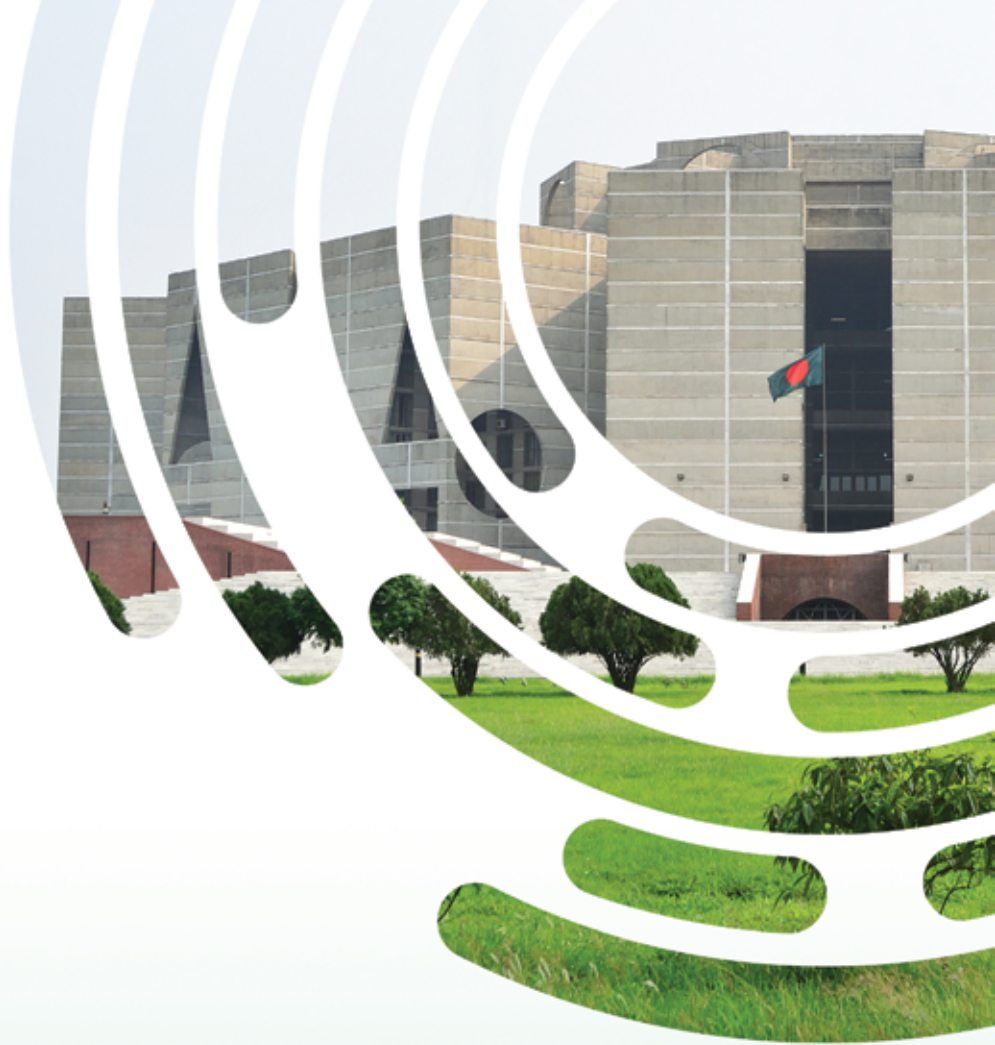
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CODE of CONDUCT

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE BAY OF BENGAL CONVERSATION

The Bay of Bengal Conversation is an impartial and diverse platform with participants from all walks of life. We priorities making the conference an inclusive and comfortable environment for all attendees, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, race, religion, or impairment. We ask that everyone involved with the Bay of Bengal Conversation, including participants, organisers, and hotel staff, obey our Participation Code of Conduct and understand the consequences of any infractions.

Throughout the conference, our team will also release house rules and updates, which we ask all stakeholders to observe.

The Code of Conduct is neither legal nor prescriptive. It enhances and does not supersede the implementation of any relevant policies, regulations, rules, and laws, including legislation governing the venue of the conference and any applicable host country agreements. Participants agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as well as all relevant event rules and procedures, including health standards.

VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

During the conference, we expect everyone to follow our anticipated behaviour rules and to respect our anti-harassment policy. This covers conference-related social gatherings as well as online social media participation. If conference organisers request that you stop engaging in banned behaviour, you must do so promptly. If unacceptable behaviour continues, the conference organisers may take any necessary action, including immediate ejection from the conference and/or reporting to appropriate authorities.

RESOURCES

Reporting Inappropriate Conduct

Please notify a conference organizer if you are subjected to harassment or other unacceptable behaviour. Event organisers will be accessible and present throughout the conference. If you witness or have a grievance and prefer to remain anonymous, please fill out and submit a handwritten/typed complaint and submit it to a member of the organising team.

Law Enforcement

If an emergency arises, please first proceed to notify a conference organiser of the issue. If then the need arises, participants should contact the Dhaka Police by dialling 999 (Emergency Number).

Medical Station

We have a doctor on call and at the station throughout the conference. In the event you need medical attention, please seek out our medical station.

Attendance and Dress Code

We restrict access to the Bay of Bengal Conversation to participants with valid confirmation cards. All participants must attend the conference in formal attire (business formal /national/uniform).

Conference Participation

Please respect fellow participants. You should frame conversations openly and inclusively. Profanity or slurs are prohibited. If you choose to attend a panel discussion, we request you stay seated for the duration.

Drugs and Alcohol

We abide by and enforce all local, state, and central laws and regulations surrounding the possession and/or use of illegal substances. In addition, please limit tobacco use to permitted areas and consume alcohol in moderation.

Safety

We hope our participants accept a shared responsibility for conference safety and notify conference organisers of any danger or misconduct they may witness. The possession of weapons or violence in any form is not permitted.

To ensure order throughout the conference, we do not permit organised demonstrations or disruptions of any kind.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

We do not tolerate any form of harassment at the Bay of Bengal Conversation. Our zero-tolerance policy prohibits all forms of harassment, including, but not limited to:

- Making derogatory or demeaning comments about someone's sexual orientation or gender identity;
- Name-calling or using slurs with a gender/sexual connotation;
- Making sexual comments about appearance, clothing, or body parts;
- Rating a person's sexuality;
- Repeatedly asking a person for dates or asking for sex;
- Staring in a sexually suggestive manner;
- Unwelcome touching, including pinching, patting, rubbing, or purposefully brushing up against a person;
- Making inappropriate sexual gestures, such as pelvic thrusts;
- Sharing sexual or lewd anecdotes or jokes;
- Sending sexually suggestive communications in any format;
- Sharing or displaying sexually inappropriate images or videos in any format;
- Attempted or actual sexual assault, including rape.

A participant should never knowingly make a false or misleading claim about prohibited conduct.

PROHIBITION OF RETALIATION

Threats, intimidation, or any other form of retaliation against a participant who has made a complaint or provided information in support of a complaint are prohibited. The organisers will take any reasonable and appropriate action needed to prevent and respond to retaliation in accordance with its applicable policy, regulations, and rules.

MEDIA ADVISORY

ELIGIBILITY

All accredited members of the media, as well as senior journalists, columnists, and commentators who are not accredited, are eligible for participation as long as they are registered.

VENUE AND AGENDA

The “Bay of Bengal Conversation” Dialogue will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from November 16-18, 2024, at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon, 107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka 1215, Bangladesh. The full agenda is available at <https://bayofbengalconversation.cgs-bd.com/>

Please bear in mind that session timings are subject to change.

CONFERENCE ACCESS

Media will have access to all public sessions.

Public sessions can also be viewed live on CGS’s web platform or our YouTube, X, LinkedIn and Facebook handle.

You can also visit our website for various updates on the conference.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Find us on X (@CGSbangladesh) and Instagram (@centreforgovernancestudiesbd), LinkedIn (@centerforgovernancestudies), YouTube (/@CGSBD), Facebook (/@cgs.org), and follow all conference updates with the hashtag <#BoBC2024>.

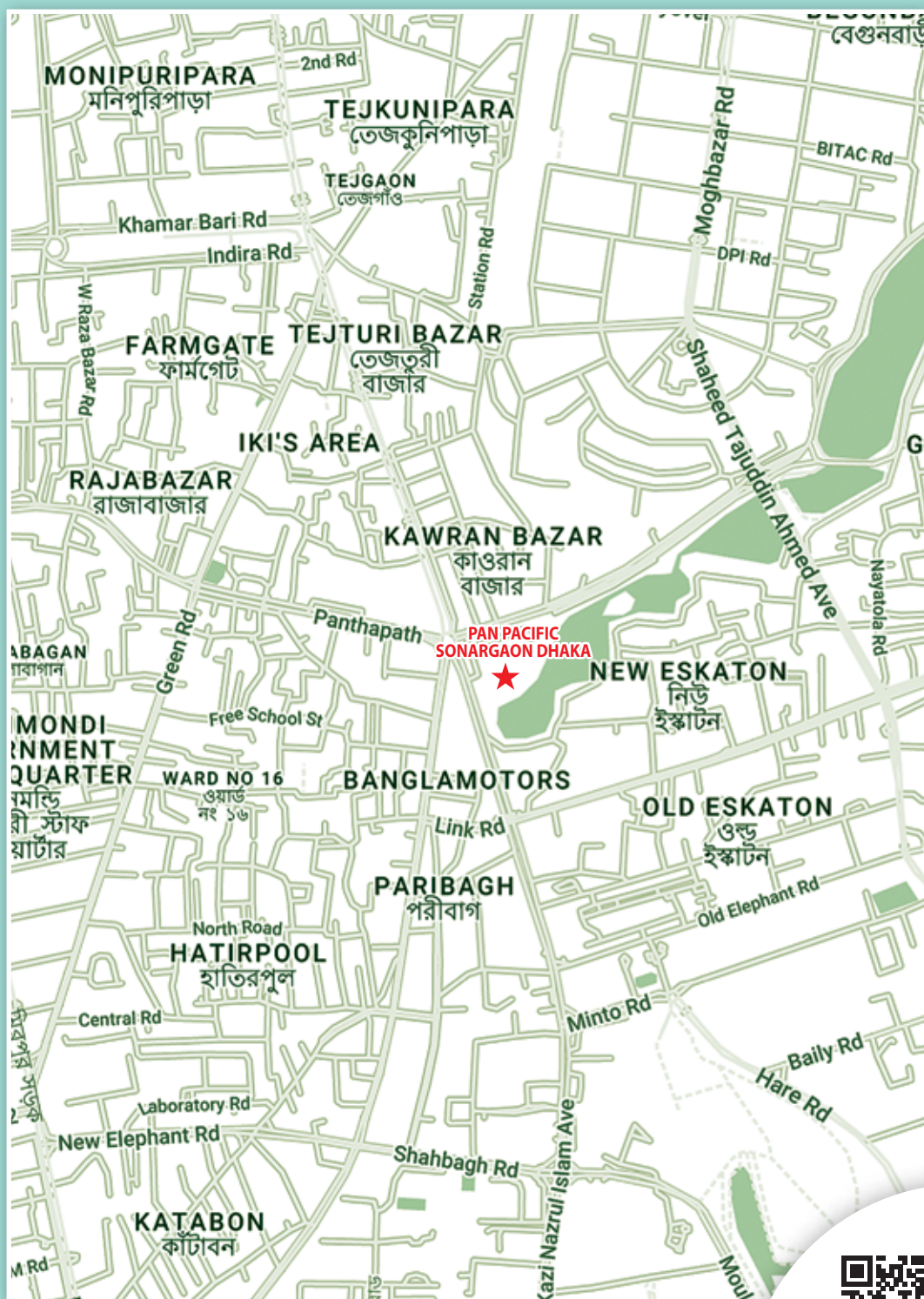
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MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT

The Bay of Bengal Conversation Charter of Participation applies to all members of the media. If any media members are found to be in violation of conference rules, their access may be revoked. We expect that the media will be transparent and accurate in its coverage of conference events. “The Bay of Bengal Conversation” and its hosts, “The Centre for Governance Studies,” must be fully acknowledged in all media coverage during and after the conference, including off-stage interactions with speakers and participants. Only active sessions and discussions, as well as mutually agreed-upon interviews, are expected to be covered by the media.

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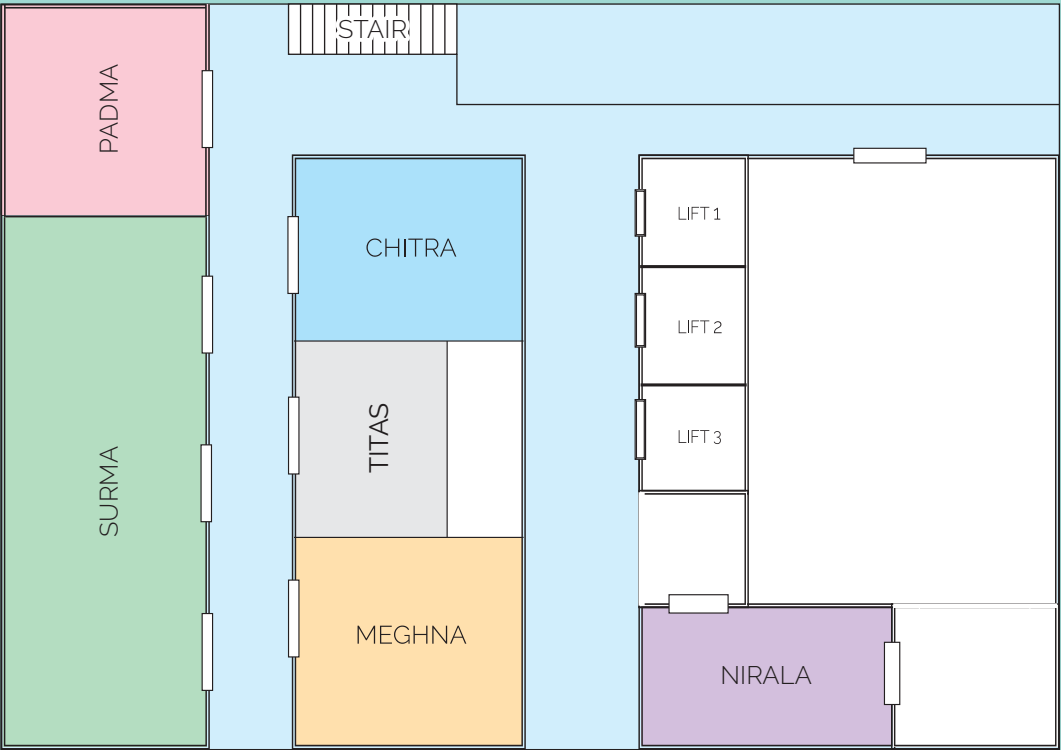
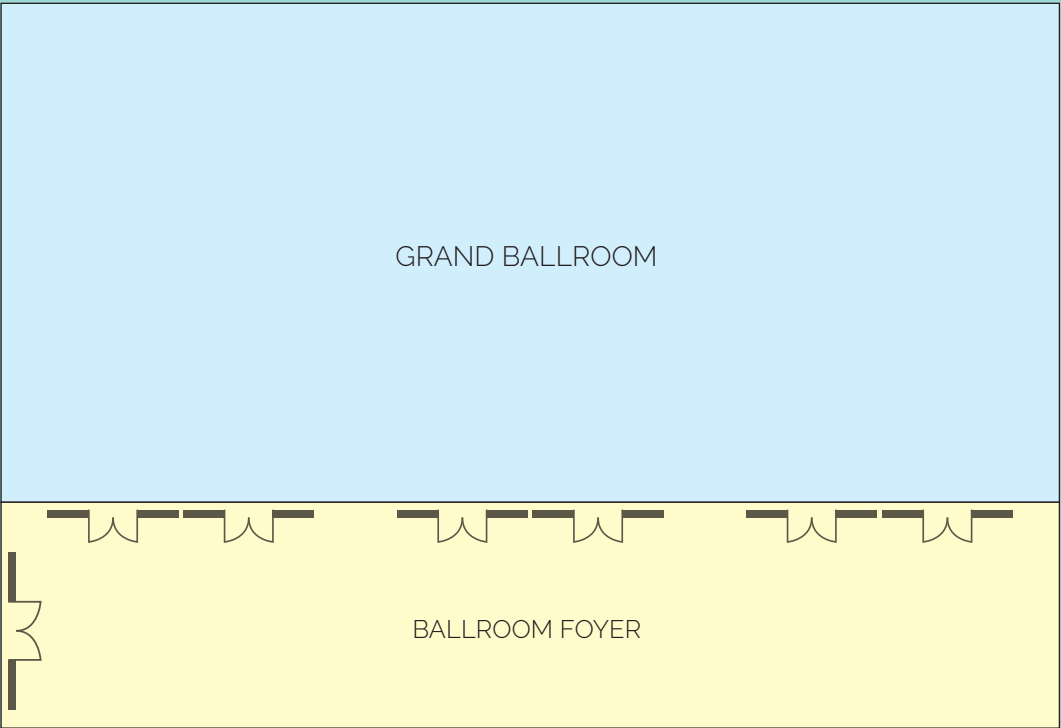
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