

Final Programme

International Civil Society Forum 2005

FOR ADVANCING LDC INTERESTS IN THE SIXTH WTO MINISTERIAL

3-5 October 2005

Dhaka Sheraton Hotel

DAY 1: Monday, 3 October 2005

10:00 – 15:00 : *Registration*
Venue: Forum Secretariat, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ground Floor (Next to the Ballroom)

15:00 – 17:00 : **INAUGURAL SESSION**
Venue: Winter Garden, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel

Introductory Statement

- *Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya*, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

Statements by the Co-organisers

- *Mr Aftab Alam Khan*, Food Rights Campaign Coordinator, Action Aid International, Pakistan
- *Ms Emma Harison*, Global Trade Campaign Co-ordinator, Consumers International
United Kingdom
- *Mr Cheikh Tidiane Dieye*, Trade Programme Officer, ENDA Tiers Monde, Senegal
- *Dr Floor Smakman*, Member, Secretariat, EU-LDC Network, the Netherlands
- *Mr Ricardo Melendez-Ortiz*, Executive Director, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable
Development, Switzerland
- *Mr Anil Prabhakar Tambay*, Country Representative, Oxfam GB, Bangladesh
- *Mr Pradeep S Mehta*, Chairman, Advisory Board of South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and
Environment, Nepal
- *Mr Nathan Irumba*, Advisor, Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations
Institute, Uganda

Messages

- *Mr Dipak Patel*, Hon'ble Minister for Trade and Industry, Government of Zambia, and LDC
Spokesperson at the World Trade Organisation (to be delivered by
Ambassador H E Mr Love Mtesa, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the WTO)
- *Mr Pascal Lamy*, Director General, World Trade Organisation (to be delivered by
Ms Annet Blank, Counsellor and Head, Least Developed Countries Unit, WTO)
- *Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi*, Director General, United Nations Conference on Trade and
Development (to be delivered by *Ambassador H E Dr Toufiq Ali*, Permanent
Representative of Bangladesh to the WTO)

Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest

- *Air Vice Marshal(Retd) Altaf Hossain Choudhury*, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce,
Government of Bangladesh

Report on Preparation of the Forum Declaration

Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson

- *Mr Mahbubur Rahman*, Chairman, National Advisory Committee of the LDC Forum 2005, and
President, International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh

17:00 – 17:30 : *REFRESHMENT*

9:00 -11:00 : Plenary I: STATE OF THE DOHA ROUND

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom

Co-chairs:

1. *Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya*, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
2. *Dr Sothi Rachagan*, Vice President, Nilai International College, Malaysia

Speakers:

1. *Ambassador Dr Toufiq Ali*, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the WTO, Switzerland
2. *Mr Chien Yen Goh*, Representative, Third World Network, Switzerland
3. *Ms Annet Blank*, Counsellor and Head, Least Developed Countries Unit
World Trade Organisation, Switzerland
4. *Dr David Luke*, Senior Trade Adviser, United Nations Development Programme, Switzerland
5. *Mr Tofail Ahmed*, Former Minister of Commerce and Industries, Government of Bangladesh

Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 : REFRESHMENT

11:30 – 13:00 : Plenary II: STATE OF THE DOHA ROUND (Contd)

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom

Co-chairs:

1. *Professor Mustafizur Rahman*, Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
2. *Ms Ann Weston*, Vice President & Research Co-ordinator, North-South Institute, Ottawa, Canada

Speakers:

1. *Ambassador Mr Love Mtesa*, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the WTO, Switzerland
2. *Mr Ricardo Melendez-Ortiz*, Executive Director, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Switzerland
3. *Mr Kasote Singogo*, Research Advisor, Trade and Investment Association
Zambia Research for Development
4. *Mr Pradeep S Mehta*, Chairperson, Advisory Board of South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, and Secretary General, Consumer and Unity Trust Society, India
5. *Mr Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury*, MP, Former Minister of Commerce
Government of Bangladesh

Discussion

13:00 - 14:00 : LUNCH (Hosted by FBCCI)

14:00 - 16:00 : WORKING SESSION I [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom

AGRICULTURE

Co-Chairs:

1. *Mr Mahfuz Ullah*, Secretary General, Centre for Sustainable Development, Bangladesh
2. *Mr Demba Moussa Dembele*, Director, African Forum on Alternatives, Senegal

Speakers:

1. *Mr Buba Khan*, Food Rights Campaign Coordinator, ActionAid International, Zambia
2. *Mr Cheikh Tidiane Dieye*, Trade Programme Officer, Enda Tiers Monde, Senegal
3. *Mr Mouhamet Lamine Ndiaye*, Regional Trade Campaign Officer, Oxfam GB, Senegal
4. *Mr AKM Masoud Ali*, Integrated Community and Industrial Development in Bangladesh

Presentation of Declaration:

Dr Uttam Kumar Deb, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

Discussion

DAY 2: Tuesday, 4 October 2005

14:00 - 16:00 : WORKING SESSION II [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Marble Room

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Co-Chairs:

1. *Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury*, President, Consumer Association of Bangladesh
2. *Ms Emma Harrison*, Global Trade Campaign Manager, Consumers International, United Kingdom

Speakers:

1. *Dr Sachin Chaturvedi*, Fellow, Research and Information System for the Developing Countries, India
2. *Mr Hafiz Aziz-ur Rehman*, Programme Coordinator, The Network for Consumer Protection, Pakistan

Presentation of Declaration:

Dr Fahmida Khatun, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 : REFRESHMENT

16:30 - 18:00 : WORKING SESSION III [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom

SPECIAL & DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

Co-Chairs:

1. *Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed*, President, Proshika, Bangladesh
2. *Ms Bernice Lee*, Policy Analysis and Strategy Advisor, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Switzerland

Speakers:

1. *Mr Kazi Mahmudur Rahman*, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
2. *Mr Samar Verma*, Policy Advisor, Oxfam India
3. *Mr Onesmus Mugenyi*, Research Fellow and Programme Manager, ACODE, Uganda
4. *Mr Manzur Ahmed*, Advisor, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Presentation of Declaration:

Mr Navin Dahal, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal

Discussion

16:30 - 18:00 : WORKING SESSION IV [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Marble Room

WTO RULES

Co-Chairs:

1. *Mr Mir Nasir Hossain*, President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry
2. *Dr Chandrakant Patel*, Representative, Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute, Switzerland

Speakers:

1. *Mr Sayed Alamgir Farouk Chowdhury*, Advisor, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, and Former Secretary Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh
2. *Mr Prabhash Ranjan*, Research Officer, Centre for Trade and Development, An Oxfam GB Initiative, India

Presentation of Declaration:

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

Discussion

16:30 – 18:30: MEETING OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE [PARALLEL EVENT]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Forum Secretariat

9:30 – 11:30 : WORKING SESSION V [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom

NON-AGRICULTURAL MARKET ACCESS (NAMA)

Co-Chairs:

1. *Mr Annisul Huq*, President, Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association
2. *Ms Janet Mbene*, Programme Specialist, Joint Oxfam Livelihoods Initiatives for Tanzania

Speakers:

1. *Professor Mustafizur Rahman*, Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
2. *Mr Chien Yen Goh*, Representative, Third World Network, Switzerland
3. *Ms Moushumi Mahapatra*, Coordinator, Action Aid, Bangladesh

Presentation of Declaration:

Mr Gideon T Mwenifumbo, Deputy Director, National Association of Business Women, Malawi

Discussion

9:30 – 11:30 : WORKING SESSION VI [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Marble Room

TRADE FACILITATION

Co-Chairs:

1. *Mr Kutubuddin Ahmed*, President, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh
2. *Mr Ahmed Naseem*, Former Director General of Foreign Investments, Ministry of Trade and Industries, Maldives

Speakers:

1. *Mr Syed Saifuddin Hossain*, Research Associate, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
2. *Dr Mostafa Abid Khan*, Deputy Chief, Bangladesh Tariff Commission
3. *Mr Farooq Ahmed*, Secretary, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Bangladesh

Presentation of Declaration:

Ms Yesly Chen Chen Lham, Trade Officer, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 : REFRESHMENT

12:00 – 14:00 : WORKING SESSION VII [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES (GATS)

Co-Chairs:

1. *Mr Abdul Mueeed Chowdhury*, Executive Director, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
2. *Mr Kibre Moges*, Head, Trade and Industry Division, Ethiopian Economic Policy Institute

Speakers:

1. *Ms Emma Harrison*, Global Trade Campaign Coordinator, Consumers International, UK
2. *Ms Sabrina Varma*, Team Leader, Trade in Services, South Centre, Geneva
3. *Mr Ziaul Hoque Mukta*, Director, Karmojibi Nari
4. *Mr Swarnim Wagle*, Programme Specialist, UNDP Asia Pacific Trade Initiative, Regional Centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka
5. *Mr Amanur Rahman*, Associate Coordinator, Action Aid Bangladesh
6. *Mr Shamsuddoha*, National Council, Shushashoner Jonnyo Procharavijan, Bangladesh

Presentation of Declaration:

Dr Ananya Raihan, Executive Director, D-Net, Bangladesh

Discussion

12:00 – 14:00 : WORKING SESSION VIII [PARALLEL SESSION]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Marble Room

TRADE-RELATED CAPACITY BUILDING, TRADE, FINANCE & DEBT

Co-Chairs:

1. *Mr Suhel Ahmed Choudhury*, Former Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh
2. *Mr Nathan Irumba*, Advisor, Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute, Uganda

Speakers:

1. *Dr Manuel F Montes*, Regional Programme Coordinator, UNDP Asian Pacific Trade Initiative, Regional Centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka
2. *Ms Indah Suksmaningsih*, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Indonesian Consumers Association

Presentation of Declaration:

Ms Christabel Phiri, Trade Programme Officer, Civil Society Trade Network of Zambia

Discussion

12:00 – 14:00 : MEETING OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE [PARALLEL EVENT]

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Forum Secretariat, Ground Floor (Next to the Ballroom)

14:00 – 15:00 : LUNCH (Supported by MCCI)

DAY 3: Wednesday, 5 October 2005

15:00 – 17:30 : CLOSING SESSION (PLENARY)

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom

Opening Statement

*Ms Khushi Kabir, Co-chair, National Advisory Committee of the LDC Forum 2005
and Co-ordinator, Nijera Kori, Bangladesh*

Presentation of the Forum Declaration

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

Discussion and Adoption of the Forum Declaration

Closing Statements by the Co-organisers

Address by the Special Guest

Mr Faruq Ahmad Siddiqi, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh

Address by the Chief Guest

Mr Reaz Rahman, Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh

Concluding Remarks

*Mr Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman, National Advisory Committee of the LDC Forum 2005
and President, International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh*

17:30 -18:00 : REFRESHMENT

Forum Secretariat: 2-5 October 2005: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Ground Floor (Next to the Ballroom)