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# Safe Water for All | High-Level Symposium

Thursday 12 April 2018 | FARS Hotel, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka

You are cordially invited to attend a High-Level Symposium on REACH: Improving Water Security for the Poor Programme, a DFID-funded global programme of research, led by University of Oxford and implemented in Bangladesh by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), University of Dhaka, icddr,b and UNICEF Bangladesh. The Symposium will be held on 12 April 2018 at FARS Hotel & Resorts, 212 Shahid Syed Nazrul Islam Sharani (Bijoy Nagar), Dhaka.

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, Bangladesh is providing global leadership in understanding and responding to achieve safe water for all. With new insights and actionable approaches, REACH aims to collaborate with government, practitioners, enterprise, and communities to guide the policy choices to ensure interventions benefit the poor. The High-Level Symposium convenes key stakeholders to discuss the latest results from REACH Bangladesh along with insights from Kenya and Ethiopia.

The event will be graced by the presence of Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator for SDG Affairs, Prime Minister's Office; Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman at Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC); Prof. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, Brac University; Mr. Jim McAlpine, Acting Head of DFID Bangladesh (TBC); Mr. Edouard Beigbeder, UNICEF Bangladesh Representative; and Katharine Stewart, Ethical Trade and Environmental Sustainability Director, Primark.



Prof. Robert Hope  
University of Oxford, UK  
& Director, REACH Programme

Mr. Dara Johnston  
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& Country Director, REACH Bangladesh

REACH

Improving water security for the poor



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# HIGH-LEVEL SYMPOSIUM: PROGRAMME

9:00 Registration

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## INAUGURAL SESSION

9:30 Welcome address by Prof. Mashfiqus Salehin, IWFM, BUET

9:40 Opening remarks:

- Mr. Edouard Beigbeder, UNICEF Bangladesh Representative (TBC)
- Mr. Jim McAlpine, Acting Head of DFID Bangladesh (TBC)

10:00 Introducing the REACH programme by Prof. Robert Hope and Dr. Katrina Charles, University of Oxford

10:10 High-Level Panel Discussion: Safe Water for All

Session Chair: Prof. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, Brac University

- Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator for SDG Affairs, Prime Minister's Office
- Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman at Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)
- Mr. Dara Johnston, Chief, WASH, UNICEF Bangladesh
- Dr. Nilufa Islam, Vice President, Bangladesh Water Partnership
- Katharine Stewart, Ethical Trade and Environmental Sustainability Director, Primark

11:15 Tea Break

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## TECHNICAL SESSION

Session Chair: Prof. Jim Hall, University of Oxford

11:45 REACH Programme Risk Science and Poverty Research

- Understanding Bangladesh's coastal risks to design investments which benefit the poor  
Prof. Mashfiqus Salehin, IWFM, BUET, Prof. Jim Hall and Dr. Sonia Hoque, University of Oxford
- Managing river water quality risks for the urban poor and industrial growth in Dhaka  
Prof. Abed Hossain, BUET, Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen and Prof. Md. Abu Eusuf, University of Dhaka
- Delivering safe water in rural Bangladesh  
Dr. Sirajul Islam, icddr,b, Tazrina Ananya, BUET, Prof. Robert Hope, University of Oxford
- Hydro-climatic risks and river basin development in Ethiopia  
Dr. Katrina Charles, University of Oxford
- Small towns and fragile environments in Kenya  
Prof. Daniel Olago and Dr. Maggie Opondo, University of Nairobi

13:00 Plenary discussion and closing remarks, by Prof. Mashfiqus Salehin, BUET

13:45 Lunch

14:45 Close

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