



Public Dialogue on

Bangladesh's Graduation from the LDC Group *Pitfalls and Promises*

Date: Saturday 10 March 2018 **Time:** 9.30 am to 2.00 pm | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Detailed Programme

09.00 am - 09.30 am	Welcome Tea/Coffee
09.30 am - 10.30 am	Session One Graduation Paradigm: Concepts and Comparisons Welcome and Introductory Remarks <i>Dr Fahmida Khatun</i> Executive Director, CPD Presentation Bangladesh's Graduation from the LDC Group: Concepts and Comparisons <i>Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya</i> Distinguished Fellow, CPD Remarks by the <i>Guest of Honour</i> <i>Ms Mia Seppo</i> Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Remarks by the <i>Chief Guest</i> <i>Professor Dr Gowher Rizvi</i> International Affairs Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of Bangladesh Closing Remarks by the <i>Chair</i> <i>Professor Rehman Sobhan</i> Chairman, CPD
10.30 am - 12.00 pm	Session Two Pathways to Graduation and Beyond Presentations Structural Transformation and Export Diversification in Bangladesh: Role of Smooth Transition from the LDC Group <i>Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem</i> Research Director, CPD Pathway to Bangladesh's Sustainable LDC Graduation: Prospects, Challenges and Strategy <i>Professor Mustafizur Rahman</i> Distinguished Fellow, CPD Comments by <i>Discussants</i> <i>H E Ms Charlotta Schlyter</i> Ambassador, Embassy of Sweden



Dr Zahid Hussain
Lead Economist, World Bank, Bangladesh

Floor Discussion

Remarks by the *Guest of Honour*

Mr Md. Shahidul Haque
Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Government of Bangladesh

Closing Remarks by the *Chair*

Dr A B Mirza Azizul Islam
Former Advisor to the Caretaker Government

12.00 pm - 12.30 pm

Refreshments

12.30 pm - 02.00 pm

Session Three

Graduating in a Brave New World

Presentations

Bangladesh's Pursuit of the 2030 Agenda: Will It Facilitate Smooth Transition after LDC Graduation?

Dr Fahmida Khatun
Executive Director, CPD

Pursuing a Graduation Strategy within the Global and Regional Environment: What are the Pitfalls for Bangladesh?

Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan
Research Fellow, CPD

Comments by *Discussants*

Ms Nahida Sobhan
Director General (MEA), Economic Affairs Wing, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Mr Keith Thompson
Team Leader – Growth and Private Sector Development, DFID
Bangladesh

Dr Ahmad Ahsan
Director, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh

Floor Discussion

Closing Remarks by the *Chair*

Dr Mohammed Farashuddin
Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank

02.00 pm

Lunch
