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Programme

Sunday, 8 September 2019	
09.00 am – 09.30 am	Welcome Tea/Coffee
09.30 am – 10.45 am	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Opening remarks by the Chair <i>Mr Syed Manzur Elahi</i> Member, Board of Trustees, CPD Former Advisor (Minister), Caretaker Government of Bangladesh (1996 and 2001)</p> <p>Keynote presentation <i>Dr Fahmida Khatun</i> Executive Director, CPD</p> <p>Comments by <i>Dr Sachin Chaturvedi</i> Professor and Director General Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) New Delhi, India</p> <p><i>Professor Cheng Min</i> Institute for Bangladesh Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences Kunming, PR China</p> <p>Special comments by <i>Professor Rehman Sobhan</i> Chairman, CPD</p> <p>Remarks by the Guest of Honour <i>Mr Mahbub Uz Zaman</i> Bangladesh Ambassador-Designate to PR China</p> <p>Remarks by the Special Guest <i>Mr Md. Shahidul Haque</i> Senior Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Government of Bangladesh</p> <p>Remarks by the Chief Guest <i>Mr Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, MP</i> Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Industries Government of Bangladesh</p> <p>Closing remarks by the Chair</p>
11.00 am – 11.20 am	Refreshments
11.20 am – 01.00 pm	<p>Session 1: Economics of BRI</p> <p>Opening remarks by the Chair <i>Professor Mustafizur Rahman</i> Distinguished Fellow, CPD</p> <p>Intervention by Panellists <i>Mr Asif Ibrahim</i> Executive Council Member ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)</p> <p><i>Dr Liu Jinqian</i> Assistant Professor Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, PR China</p>

	<p><i>Dr Puspa Sharma</i> Deputy Executive South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p><i>Ms Sun Xiqin</i> Editor, South and Southeast Asian Studies Journal Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, Kunming, PR China</p> <p><i>Professor Nisha Taneja</i> Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) New Delhi, India</p> <p>Interactive floor discussion</p> <p>Remarks by the Special Commentator <i>Ambassador Tariq A. Karim</i> Consultant, South Asia Regional Integration, The World Bank Advisory Consultant, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI)</p> <p>Closing remarks by the Chair</p>
01.00 pm – 02.00 pm	Lunch
02.00 pm – 03.50 pm	<p>Session 2: Politics of BRI</p> <p>Opening remarks by the Chair <i>Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya</i> Distinguished Fellow, CPD</p> <p>Intervention by Panellists <i>Major General A N M Muniruzzaman, ndc, psc (Retd)</i> President Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS)</p> <p><i>Dr Lin Yanming</i> Associate Professor and Deputy Director Institute of South Asian Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences Kunming, PR China</p> <p><i>Dr Kalyan Raj Sharma</i> President, Nepal-China Friendship Forum Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p><i>Ms Guo Suiyan</i> Associate Professor and Deputy Director Institute for Bangladesh Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences Kunming, PR China</p> <p><i>Professor Lailufar Yasmin</i> Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka Deputy Director, Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA)</p> <p><i>Dr Sachin Chaturvedi</i> Professor and Director General Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) New Delhi, India</p> <p>Interactive floor discussion</p> <p>Observation by the Special Guest <i>Barrister Anisul Islam Mahmud, MP</i> Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Bangladesh</p> <p>Closing remarks by the Chair</p>
03.50 pm	<p>Wrap-up <i>Dr Fahmida Khatun</i> Executive Director, CPD</p>
04.00 pm	Refreshments