

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION 2025

Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC)  
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

1-3 September, 2025





Dear Sir/Madam

The Cabinet Division of the Government of Bangladesh requests the honour of your presence at the **National Conference on Social Protection 2025**, to be held during **1-3 September 2025** at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

The inaugural session, on Monday, **1 September 2025**, will be graced by **Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud**, Honourable Adviser for Planning, as Chief Guest. **Mr. Faruk E Azam, Bir Protik**, Honourable Adviser for Disaster Management and Relief, will join the session as Special Guest.

The closing session, on Wednesday, **3 September 2025**, will be graced by the presence of **Ms. Sharmeen S. Murshid**, Honourable Adviser for Social Welfare, as Chief Guest.

Both sessions will be chaired by **Dr. Sheikh Abdur Rashid**, Cabinet Secretary, Government of Bangladesh.

We would be deeply encouraged by your presence at this significant event and look forward to your valuable participation.

**Zaheda Parveen**

Secretary

Coordination and Reforms

Cabinet Division

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# Programme Outline

Day 1: 1 September 2025

## Inaugural Session : Hall of Fame

- 10:00 Registration and Tea
- 10:30 Guests Taking Seats
- 11:00 Welcome Address by  
**Ms. Zaheda Parveen**  
Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division
- 11:10 Keynote Presentation
- 11:30 Speech by Guests of Honour  
**Mr. Stefan Liller**  
Resident Representative, UNDP  
**Mr. Clinton Pobke**  
Deputy High Commissioner, Australian Government  
**H.E. Mr. Michael Miller**  
Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh  
**Dr. Monzur Hossain**, Member (Secretary)  
General Economics Division, Bangladesh Planning Commission  
**Dr. Md. Mokhles ur Rahman**  
Senior Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration
- 12:00 Speech by Special Guest  
**Mr. Faruk E Azam, Bir Protik**  
Honourable Adviser for Disaster Management and Relief  
Government of Bangladesh
- 12:10 Inaugural Speech by Chief Guest  
**Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud**  
Honourable Adviser for Planning, Government of Bangladesh
- 12:30 Speech from the Chair  
**Dr. Sheikh Abdur Rashid**  
Cabinet Secretary, Government of Bangladesh
- 12:45 Vote of thanks
- 13:00 Lunch

## Afternoon Sessions : Hall of Fame

- 14:00 **Session 1: Institutional Perspectives: Social Protection Progress and Future Priorities**  
Chair: **Ms. Zaheda Parveen**  
Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division
- 15:30 **Session 2: Strengthening Governance of Social Protection**  
Chair: **Dr. Md. Khairuzzaman Mozumder**  
Secretary, Finance Division
- 17:10 Refreshment and Closing of Day 1

**Day 2: 2 September 2025**

## Working Session : Carnival Hall

- 09:00 Registration and Tea
- 09:30 **Session 3: Expanding Horizon of Social Protection**  
Chair: **Dr. Monzur Hossain**, Member (Secretary)  
General Economics Division, Bangladesh Planning Commission
- 11:15 **Session 4: Urban Poverty and Inclusive Social Protection Strategies**  
Chair: **Mr. Md Rezaul Maksud Jahedi**  
Secretary, Local Government Division
- 13:00 Lunch and Prayer Break
- 14:00 **Session 5: Adaptive Social Protection and Mitigation: Bangladesh Perspective**  
Chair: **Ms. Zaheda Parveen**  
Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division
- 15:30 **Session 6: Towards Sustainable Social Protection**  
Chair: Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 17:00 Refreshment and Closing of the Day 2

**Day 3: 3 September 2025**

## Parallel Sessions

- 09:00 Registration and Tea
- 09:30 **Parallel Session 1: Gender in Social Protection**  
Venue: **Carnival Hall**  
Chair: **Ms. Mamtaz Ahmed, NDC**  
Senior Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

09:30 **Parallel Session 2: Voices from the Ground:  
NGO Perspectives on Social Protection Reform**

Venue: **Media Bazar**

Chair: **Dr. Mohammad Abu Yusuf**

Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare

11:00 Tea Break

## **Closing Ceremony : Carnival Hall**

### **Building an Inclusive Future: Reflections & Conference Declaration**

11:20 Guests Taking Seats

11:30 Opening Remarks from

**Ms. Zaheda Parveen**

Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division

11:40 Presentation on-

**Salient Features of National Conference on Social  
Protection 2025 and Conference Declaration**

12:00 Speech by Guests of Honour

**Ms. Sonali Dayaratne**

Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP

**Mr. Syed Haider**

First Secretary and Head of Development

Australian High Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Dr. Mohammad Abu Yusuf**

Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare

**Dr. Monzur Hossain**

Member (Secretary), General Economics Division

Bangladesh Planning Commission

**Ms. Mamtaz Ahmed, NDC**

Senior Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

12:30 Speech of Chief Guest

**Ms. Sharmeen S. Murshid**

Honorable Adviser for Social Welfare, Government of Bangladesh

12:45 Closing Remarks from the Chair

**Dr. Sheikh Abdur Rashid**

Cabinet Secretary, Government of Bangladesh

13:00 Vote of Thanks

13:10 Closing of the National Conference on Social Protection  
2025 with Lunch



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