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**AGENDA**  
**International Conference on**  
**Gas and Development: Learning from Experience**

**Venue: Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka**

**Date: 28-29 June 2000**

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**Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) USA**

**Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) Dhaka**

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**Day -1 (Wednesday, 28 June 2000)**

**Inaugural Session: (9:15-11:00)**

Chair : **Dr. Tawfique Elahi Chaudhury**, Secretary, Energy Division, and Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resource, Government of Bangladesh

9:15-9:30 Guest take their seats

9:30-9:40 Welcome Address : **Dr. A. Atiq Rahman**, Director, BCAS and Chairperson CEN

9:40-9:50 Overview of Conference : **Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer**, Director of South Asia, CSIS, Washington, USA

9:50-10:00 Speech by : **H.E. Mr. John C. Holzman**, Ambassador, Embassy of the United States of America, Dhaka

10:00-10:10 Address by Special Guest : **Mr. Kazi Zafarullah**, Chairman, Privatization Board, Government of Bangladesh

10:10-10:25 Address by the Chief Guest : **Dr. Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir**, Honble. State Minister for Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

10:20-10:30 Address by the Chair

10:30-11:00 Tea/Coffee

**Session I (11:00-12:30): Organizing the Gas Sector**

Chair : Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue

**Papers**

11:00-11:30 The Argentine Experience : **Mr. Raul Garcia**, Energy Consultant; Formerly President, National Gas Regulatory Agency, Argentina (1993-98) and Undersecretary of Fuels, Ministry of Economics and Public Works, Argentina (1991-93)

11:30-11:50 Gas Development in : **Mr. Nuruddin M. Kamal**, Formerly Chairman, Bangladesh Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB)

11:50-12:20 Open Discussion

12:30-2-00 Lunch

### **Session II (2:00-3:30): Using Gas Domestically**

Chair : **Mr. Saifur Rahman**, MP

#### **Papers**

2:00-2:15 Gas Utilisation in Bangladesh : **Dr. Quader**, Head, Department of Chemical Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET)

2:15-2:35 Power and Rural Electrification: **Dr. M. I. Sharif**, Fellow, BCAS

2:35-2:50 Private Power Perspective : **Mr. Aziz Khan**, Chairman, Summit Group

2:50-3:20 Open Discussion

3:20-3:30 Speech by the Chair

3:30-3:45 Tea/Coffee

### **Session III (3:45-5:00): Boosting Development**

Chair : **Mr. Faroque Sobhan**, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of Bangladesh

#### **Papers**

3:45-4:05 Using Gas to Boost : **Mr. F. H. Abed**, Executive Director, BRAC Development

4:05-4:25 Regional Issues : **Mr. David Preston**, Canadian High Commissioner, Dhaka

4:25-4:50 Open Discussion

4:50-5:00 Concluding Speech by the Chair

### **Day -2 (Thursday, 29 June 2000)**

#### **Session I (9:30-11:00): Assessing the Export Option**

Chair : **Mr. A. M. A Muhith**, Chairman, POROSH

#### **Papers**

9:30-10:00 The Bolivian Experience : **Christian Iturri**, Total-Elf , formerly Adviser for Energy Policy, Ministry of hydrocarbons, Bolivia

10:00-10:20 Structuring a Decision on : **Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer**, Director for South Exports Asia, CSIS, Washington, USA

10:20-10:50 Open Discussion

10:50-11:00 Speech by Chair

11:00-11:30 Tea/Coffee

**Final Session (11:30-1:00): Panel Discussion**

Moderator : **Dr. A. Atiq Rahman**, Director, BCAS and Chairperson, CEN

11:30-12:40 (Panelists)

**Mr. Bruce McMullen**, Senior Energy Adviser, US AID, Baridhara, Dhaka

**Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya**, Executive Director, Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

**Ms. Khushi Kabir, Chairperson**, ADAB and Executive Director, Nijera Kori

**Dr. Kamal Hossain**

12:40-12:50 Speech by Chief Guest : **Mr. Mokammel Haque**, Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Board of Investment, Government of Bangladesh

12:50-1:00 Concluding Speech : **Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer**, Director for South Asia, CSIS, Washington, USA

1:00-2:00 Lunch