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**Arrival of Guests, Registration, Welcome Tea**  
9:00 a.m.–10 a.m.  
(doors will close at 10 a.m.)

**Special Documentary Screening: 30 Million**  
10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  
Moderator: Mr. Gregorio Rafael P. Bueta, Legal and Policy Specialist (Consultant), ADB  

*The documentary 30 Million, on the impacts of climate change in Bangladesh, will be screened by the producers of the film. They will share their thoughts and insights on making the documentary, and how people’s daily lives are affected by climate change.*

*All participants and guests are to be seated by 10:30 a.m. for the Inaugural Session.*

### INAUGURAL SESSION  
11 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Arrival of His Excellency Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, the Honourable President, People’s Republic of Bangladesh and National Anthem**  
11 a.m.

**Recitation from the Holy Quran**  
11:01 a.m.

**Opening Speech by Mr. Justice Md. Abdul Wahhab Miah, the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Appellate Division and Chairman, Preparatory Committee for the Conference**  
11:04 a.m.

**Welcome Remarks by Mr. Christopher Stephens, General Counsel, Asian Development Bank**  
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**Speech by Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju, the Honourable Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests**  
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11:34 a.m.
Speech and Inauguration of the Conference by the Chief Guest, His Excellency, Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Honourable President, People’s Republic of Bangladesh
11:46 a.m.

National Anthem
11:59 a.m.

Departure of the Honourable President
12:00 p.m.

Photo Session
12 p.m.–12:30 p.m.

Friday Juma Prayers
12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Lunch Break
1:45 p.m.–2:25 p.m.

TECHNICAL SESSION 1
Introduction to Climate Change
2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Session Chair: Hon. Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, Supreme Court of India
Facilitator: Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association

This Session will introduce the participants to the science and legal regime of climate change. Particular focus will be on the Paris Agreement, which came into force last 5 November 2016. The impacts and effectivity of the Paris Agreement moving forward will also be examined. A discussion on climate vulnerable groups will highlight a key issue in this ongoing debate.

1. The Science of Climate Change in South Asia
   Dr. Ahsan Uddin Ahmed, Executive Director, Centre for Global Change, Bangladesh (20 minutes)

2. International Legal Regime of Climate Change and Implications for South Asia
   Ms. Briony Eales, Consultant – Environmental Lawyer, ADB (20 minutes)

3. Climate Change Justice After Paris
   The Rt. Hon. Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill, CVO, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom (30 minutes)

4. Is Climate Change Enhancing Vulnerabilities?
   Ms. Irum Ahsan, Senior Counsel, ADB (20 minutes)

Q&A (30 minutes)
AGENDA

REMARKS BY CHIEF JUSTICES 1
4:30 p.m.–5 p.m. (10 minutes for each Presentation)

Moderator: Mr. Gregorio Rafael P. Bueta, Legal and Policy Specialist (Consultant), ADB

- Hon. Mrs. Chief Justice Shushila Karki, Supreme Court of Nepal
- Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk, Supreme Court of Bhutan
- Hon. Mr. Chief Justice K. Sripavan, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

The Chief Justices in attendance will be asked to give remarks, particularly as regards their respective judiciaries’ efforts on environmental law and climate change.

Tea Break and Prayers
5 p.m.–5:25 p.m.

INTERACTIVE SESSION 1
Discussion on Climate Induced Displacement and Migration
5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Moderator: Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, Judge, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Panelists:
- Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui, RMMRU, University of Dhaka
- Mr. Hammad Naqi Khan, CEO, World Wildlife Fund Pakistan
- Dr. Ramamurthi Sreedhar, Environics Trust, India
- Mrs. Wardani Karunaratne, Environmental Foundation, Ltd., Sri Lanka

This special panel discussion will discuss the pressing issue of climate induced displacement and migration, particularly in Bangladesh and other countries in South Asia.

Dinner hosted by the Honourable Minister, Ministry of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs at Radisson Blu Dhaka
6:30 p.m.–9 p.m.
Outside the lavish halls where international gatherings discuss how to deal with climate change impacts, the reality is that it affects peoples’ lives and their very existence. Basic needs such as water, forests, and food source bear the brunt of the impacts of climate change. It also brings about the legal debate on the issue of loss and damage. This session will discuss these issues, and present solutions and best practices.

Video presentation (10–15 minutes) on impacts of climate change/success stories
Ms. Sarah Jahaan Khan, filmmaker and founder, Jugnu Foundation, Pakistan

1. **Water and Climate Change: Challenges and Solutions**
   Mr. Hammad Naqi Khan, CEO, World Wildlife Fund Pakistan

2. **Legal Aspects of Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Change**
   Mr. M. Hafijul Islam Khan, Executive Director, Centre for Climate Justice – Bangladesh

3. **Legal Challenge to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs): Presentation of Regional Case Studies**
   Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association

**Tea Break**
10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

**INTERACTIVE SESSION 2**
Judicial Perspectives on the Role of Specialized Courts in Rendering Environmental Justice
10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
(15 minutes for each Presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A)

**Session Chair:** Hon. Mr. Chief Justice K. Sripavan, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

**Facilitator:** Mr. Ronaldo Gutierrez, Executive Director, Upholding Life and Nature, Phils

**Panelists:**
- Hon. Mr Justice A.F.M. Abdur Rahman, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
- Hon. Mr. Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
- Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk, Supreme Court of Bhutan
- Hon. Mr Justice Swatanter Kumar, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal, India
- Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Supreme Court of Malaysia
- Hon. Ms. Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Lahore High Court, Pakistan
The past decade has seen an unprecedented increase in specialized courts and tribunals which deal with environmental cases. This has resulted in increased access to the courts, and the rendering of environmental justice. This session will discuss the perspectives and experiences of different countries as regards specialized courts, most especially during this period of climate change.

**Lunch Break**
12:15 p.m.–1:25 p.m.

**TECHNICAL SESSION 3**
Evolving Jurisprudence: From Environment to Climate Change
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
(20 minutes for each Presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A)

**Session Chair:** The Rt. Hon. Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill, CVO, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom

**Facilitator:** Ms. Briony Eales, Consultant – Environmental Lawyer, ADB

This session will trace the evolution of jurisprudence—from purely environmental cases to the increasing climate change angle—in the context of South Asia’s legal framework. The Nexus between environment and climate change will be examined, with particular cases and examples from outside the region, and the impact of urbanization will be presented. Discussion will follow how cases once seen as only dealing with national environmental laws and rules are now linked to the regional and international issues of climate change.

1. **Developing Environment and Climate Change Jurisprudence: Philippine Case Study**
   Mr. Ronaldo Gutierrez, Executive Director, Upholding Life and Nature, Philippines

2. **The Nexus Between Environment and Climate Justice: Practical Examples**
   Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forest and the Environment, India

3. **Livable Cities: A Proactive Approach to Urbanization, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resilience**
   Ms. Ramola Naik Singru, Urban Development Specialist, ADB

**REMARKS BY CHIEF JUSTICES 2**
3 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Moderator:** Mr. Gregorio Rafael P. Bueta, Legal and Policy Specialist (Consultant), ADB

- Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Supreme Court of Malaysia
- Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Said Yusuf Halem, Supreme Court of Afghanistan
- Chief Justice of the Maldives (TBC)

The Chief Justices in attendance will be asked to give remarks, particularly as regards their respective judiciaries’ efforts on environmental law and climate change.
INTERACTIVE SESSION 3
A Dialogue Between the Public and the Judges
3:30 p.m.–5 p.m.

Moderator: Ms. Irum Ahsan, Senior Counsel, ADB

Panelists (Judges): Hon. Mr Justice Imman Ali, Supreme Court of Bangladesh; Hon. Ms. Justice Hima Kohli, Delhi High Court, India; Hon. Dr. Justice Ananda Mohan Bhattarai, Supreme Court of Nepal; Hon. Ms. Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Lahore High Court, Pakistan; Hon. Mr Justice Priyantha Jayawardena, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

Panelists (Public): Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association; Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forest and the Environment, India; Mr. Dina Mani Pokharel, Advocate, Nepal; Mrs. Wardani Karunaratne, Environmental Foundation, Ltd., Sri Lanka

This Special Session, featuring international participants, will host a dialogue between lawyers, advocates, and activists who are often petitioners in court; and the judges, who are called upon to adjudicate on environment and climate change cases. Both sides will be able to ask questions and elicit responses, and share their thoughts on environment and climate change adjudication in a cordial and relaxed atmosphere, outside the confines of courtrooms and tribunals. The Session hopes to provide insights on how both petitioners and judges can help in facilitating each other’s work.

Tea Break
5 p.m.–5:25 p.m.

Demonstration of the new Asian Judges Network on Environment Website and Follow-Up Commitments
5:25 p.m.–5:45 p.m.

Moderator: Ms. Irum Ahsan, Senior Counsel, ADB

VALEDICTORY SESSION
5:45 p.m.–6:15 p.m.

Moderator: Ms. Irum Ahsan, Senior Counsel, ADB

Closing Remarks
Mr. Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, the Honourable Chief Justice of Bangladesh

Closing Remarks
Ms. Deborah Stokes, Vice-President for Administration and Corporate Management, ADB

Departure for the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
6:30 p.m.

Farewell Dinner and Cultural Soirée hosted by the Hon. Chief Justice of Bangladesh at the Winter Garden of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
7:30 p.m.–10 p.m.
R-CDTA 7735: Building Capacity for Environmental Prosecution, Adjudication, Dispute Resolution, Compliance, and Enforcement in Asia

I. Background

1. Since 2010, ADB, through OGC’s Law and Policy Reform Program, has been working with Asian judiciaries to strengthen their capacity for deeper understanding of environmental law issues and for strengthened environmental adjudication.

2. During the First Asian Judges Symposium on Environment in July 2010, the participants (almost 150 judges) discussed ways for effective environmental adjudication and law enforcement, particularly through an Asian judicial network on environment. Implementation of this project began with the judiciaries of ASEAN and SAARC through regional Roundtables and national activities.

II. Outcomes and Achievements

3. Annual Regional Roundtables have been held in Southeast Asia in Indonesia (2011), Malaysia (2012), Thailand (2013), Viet Nam (2014), and Cambodia (2015). South Asia has also hosted Roundtables in Pakistan (2012), Bhutan (2013), Sri Lanka (2014), and Nepal (2015). The Philippines and Bangladesh will host this year’s roundtables.

4. Working directly with chief justices and senior judges has proven to be a success due to quick and effective implementation and clearly measureable results. Enhanced judicial understanding has led to an improved enforcement of environmental laws, the protection of peoples’ rights to a clean and healthy environment, as well as the potential for a better legal and policy environment for ADB projects and operations.
5. The Asian Judges Network on Environment (AJNE) was established through annual regional Roundtables and was formally launched in December 2013. It is an information- and experience-sharing arrangement among senior judges for judicial capacity building. A few AJNE members have also become founding members of the Global Judicial Institute for the Environment.

6. The TA supported participation of AJNE judges in international fora and gatherings, including: (i) World Congress of Justice, Governance, and Law for Environmental Sustainability in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Judicial Colloquium on Biodiversity in Hyderabad, India (2012); (ii) Rule of Law and Climate Change Symposium in London (2015); (iii) Rule of Law for Supporting the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in New Delhi, India (2016); and (iv) World Environmental Law Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2016), which led to the establishment of the Global Judicial Institute for the Environment.

7. **National Activities** and achievements include the following:
   
   a. **ASEAN** – Judiciaries Working Group on Environment
   b. **Indonesia** – Judicial Certification Program on Environment
   c. **Malaysia** – green benches (environmental crimes courts)
   d. **Philippines** – green courts and Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases
   e. **Viet Nam** – needs assessment and review of penal code on environmental crime
   f. **Thailand** – draft law on better environmental adjudication
   g. **Pakistan** – green benches; environmental justice committee; and institutionalization of environmental law training in judicial academies
   h. **Sri Lanka** – South Asian Judges Training Centre on Environmental Rule of Law and Sustainable Green Development and training for high court judges
   i. **Bhutan** – bench book and establishment of a green bench in the High Court
His Excellency Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Honourable President, People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid obtained his Bachelor of Law degree from Central Law College under Dhaka University. Afterwards, he started his profession as a Lawyer. He was imprisoned by the then Pakistan Government in 1962 for his active participation in the student movement. In the Pakistan National Assembly Election of 1970, Mr. Hamid was elected the junior most member from Mymensingh-18 Constituency.

On receiving the historic proclamation of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu for independence, he instantly joined the Liberation War. For his outstanding contribution to the Independence and Liberation War, Mr. Hamid was conferred the Independence Award-2013, the highest award of the country.

Mr. Md Abdul Hamid is an ardent social worker and a patron of education and culture. He established a good number of schools, colleges and madrashas in his constituency. He was a member of the Executive Committee for Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Sustainable Development Committee of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Md. Hamid sworn in to the office of the President of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on 24 April 2013.

Mr. Hamid is married and a father to three sons and a daughter. Reading books on history and the constitutions of different countries is his favorite pastime.
Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Hon. Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha obtained his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) under Chittagong University, and was enrolled as an Advocate of the District Court, Sylhet in 1974. He obtained the permission to practice before the High Court Division and Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in 1978 and 1990, respectively. Justice Sinha was elevated as Judge of the High Court Division on 10 October 1999 and as Judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 16 July 2009. He assumed the office of the Chairman of the Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission on 12 June 2011 and the office of the Chief Justice of Bangladesh on 17 January 2015. He has visited India, Nepal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada.

Hon. Mr. Justice Md. Abdul Wahhab Miah, Appellate Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Justice Md. Abdul Wahhab Miah is the senior most Judge in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Before being elevated to the Bench, he was a Senior Advocate and an enthusiastic practitioner in the Supreme Court for over 25 years. He got the opportunity to lead the Bar Association of the Supreme Court as an elected Secretary for two successive terms in 1988–1989 and 1989–1990, and as Assistant Secretary from 1982–1983. He acted as a member of the Tribunal and Election Tribunal of the Bangladesh Bar Council. He was appointed Additional Judge of the High Court Division on 24 October 1999 and as a Judge of the same Division on 24 October 2001. His Lordship was elevated to the Appellate Division on 23 February 2011.

Justice Wahhab Miah has vast experience in dealing with cases involving Civil, Criminal, Constitutional and Environmental issues both as a lawyer and as a Judge.
Anisul Huq, M.P., Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Bangladesh

Anisul Huq was born on 30 March 1956 to Advocate Serajul Huq, a reputed lawyer and former Member of Parliament, and Mrs. Jahanara Huq, a distinguished freedom fighter and a former educationist.

Anisul Huq completed his O-Levels under the Cambridge University from the prestigious St. Joseph High School, Dhaka. Thereafter, he completed the Advanced Level (A-Level) through the British Council. On completion of the A-level he undertook BA (Hons) in English Literature from Dhaka University. He also completed his Masters in English Literature from the same university and secured a position in the merit list. Thereafter, Anisul Huq completed his LL.B from Dhaka University and stood first in the merit list and completed his LL.M from King’s College, University of London. Anisul Huq was enrolled as a lawyer in the Dhaka District Court in November 1985 and in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in November 1987. In 2001, he was enrolled in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh as a lawyer.
Anwar Hossain Manju, M.P., Minister for Environment and Forest, Government of Bangladesh

Anwar Hossain Manju is a graduate of the University of Dhaka where he completed his Honors in Geography with Physics and Mathematics. He pursued further studies in International Relations at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He is the current Minister of Environment and Forest. He was the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resource of Bangladesh from 1985 to 1988. Hossain then served as Minister of Communications (1988–1990) and also served as Minister of Communications (1996–2001).

He served as Member of Parliament in Bangladesh for five consecutive terms. He was elected five times to Parliament. Anwar Hossain assumed the position of Editor and Publisher of the Daily Ittefaq in July 2010. The Daily Ittefaq is the first Bangla vernacular newspaper founded by Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani and Yar Mohammad Khan. Meanwhile, Tofazzal Hossain (Manik Miah) worked as an Editor.
Christopher Stephens, General Counsel, Asian Development Bank

Christopher Stephens has been the General Counsel of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) since the end of 2012. ADB’s legal team comprises 85 staff from 16 countries, and advises ADB’s Board of Governors, resident Board of Directors, and management, and its operations and administrative departments. In 2015, the legal team advised on loans and investments of more than $27 billion in more than 150 financing and investment transactions in 42 of the poorest—and most challenging—countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

The legal department also runs ADB’s Law and Policy Reform—or LPR—Program, in which the legal group leads teams that provide technical assistance (TAs) to ADB’s client countries in areas relating to the role of law in their development. In 2015, LPR TAs included (1) creation of a “Legal Literacy for Women” program to improve access to justice, social and other services for women in Islamic countries in Central Asia, and to improve financial literacy for women on home and small business economics, (2) convening high court judges from the 10 ASEAN countries and from 8 South Asia countries to share knowledge and to reform the performance of the judiciary, and (3) advising countries on reforms that will create a favorable climate for private enterprises, facilitate foreign investment and create or improve capital markets, including new companies laws and laws on commercial and financial transactions, insolvency, and public–private partnerships. Mr. Stephens’ 32 years of law practice include 16 in New York and 20 in Asia.
Deborah Stokes, Vice-President (Administration and Corporate Management), Asian Development Bank

Ms. Deborah Stokes is the Vice-President for Administration and Corporate Management of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She assumed the position in January 2016.

Ms. Stokes is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the Budget, Personnel, and Management Systems Department; Office of Administrative Services; Office of the General Counsel; Office of Information Systems and Technology; Office of the Secretary; and Operations Services and Financial Management Department.

Prior to this, Ms. Stokes was a senior official in Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australian Agency for International Development. She was most recently High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea, and has served as Australia’s Ambassador to Austria and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna, and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo. She also held positions at the Australian Embassy in Yangon and the United Nations Development Programme in New York. Ms. Stokes holds a Master of Philosophy in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Adelaide in Australia.
Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Said Yusuf Halem, Supreme Court of Afghanistan

Chief Justice Halem was appointed in 2015. He served as Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs (2010–2015). He began his career in the Afghanistan Institute of Legislative Affairs, until 2008 as General Director. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Political Sciences from Kabul University and Master of Arts in the field of Public Law, Islamic Azad University, Kabul.

Hon. Mrs. Chief Justice Shushila Karki, Supreme Court of Nepal

Rt. Hon. Sushila Karki is the first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal. She completed her Post Graduate in Political Science from Banaras Hindu University, India and Bachelor in Law from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. She started her career as a Law Practitioner and continued it for 30 years before being appointed as a Justice in the Supreme Court of Nepal. She was awarded with Mahendra Bikram Smarak Trust and Sambhav Kanoon Puraskar for her contribution in human rights particularly in women’s issues.
Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Kanagasabapathy Sripavan, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

Chief Justice Kanagasabapathy Sripavan joined the Attorney General’s Department as a State Counsel in 1978 and continued to serve there until he was promoted to the post of Deputy Solicitor General in 1996. Subsequently, he was appointed as a Judge of the Court of Appeal in May 2002, as President Court of Appeal in March 2007 and elevated to the Supreme Court in March 2008. He was appointed as the Chief Justice on 30 January 2015. His Lordship holds a Master of Laws Degree from the University of London.

Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk, Supreme Court of Bhutan

Chief Justice of Bhutan, Tshering Wangchuk, graduated from George Washington University, Washington, DC, United States, with a LL.M (International & Comparative Law) degree. He was elevated as one of the Justices of the First Supreme Court of Bhutan on 21 February 2010 and was appointed as the Chief Justice of Bhutan by His Majesty the King, on 28 November 2014.

Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Supreme Court of Malaysia

Tun Arifin bin Zakaria holds a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom and LL.M degree from the University College, London. Prior to His Lordship’s elevation to the bench, His Lordship has held various judicial and legal positions in the ministries and government departments for 18 years. Tun Arifin bin Zakaria was appointed as the 13th Chief Justice of Malaysia in 2011. His Lordship is currently the Co-Chair of the World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability and a member of the International Advisory Council for Environmental Justice (IACEJ) under UNEP. Chief Justice Tun Arifin is also an Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn, London.
The Rt. Hon. Lord Robert Carnwath of Notting Hill, CVO

Lord Carnwath has been a Justice of the UK Supreme Court since April 2012, having been a judge of the High Court and Court of Appeal since 1994. He had previously practiced as a barrister specializing in planning and environmental law, including a period as Attorney-General to HRH the Prince of Wales (for which he was made a Companion of the Victorian Order). From 1999 to 2002, he was Chairman of the Law Commission for England and Wales, and from 2004 to 2012 he was the first Senior President of Tribunals, responsible for reform of the specialist tribunal system. Since 2004, he has worked as an adviser to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on judicial training, and is currently a member of their International Advisory Council on Environmental Justice.

Hon. Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, Supreme Court of India

Adarsh Kumar Goel enrolled as an Advocate with the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh on 16 July 1974. He practiced for about 27 years at Chandigarh and Delhi. He was designated as Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court of India on 11 February 1999. He was elevated as Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on 2 July 2001. He later assumed the duties of Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court for about 10 years (2001–2011). His duties here include working as Acting Chief Justice for a few months.

He became Chief Justice of Gauhati for about two years (2011–2013) and Chief Justice of Orissa High Court for about a year (2013–2014). He was eventually elevated as Judge of Supreme Court of India and assumed charge on 7 July 2014.
Hon. Mr. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed was elevated to the High Court Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh in April 2003. He obtained degrees in Jurisprudence from Wadham College, University of Oxford and from the University of Dhaka. Justice Ahmed earned a Ph.D from The Fletcher School of Law And Diplomacy, Tufts University where he was a Ford Foundation Fellow in Public International Law. A third generation lawyer and Judge, Justice Ahmed previously worked in the City of London and with the UNHCR in Hong Kong and Washington, DC. His book “Forlorn Migrants: An International Legal Regime for Undocumented Migrant Workers” is one of his noteworthy publications. Justice Ahmed lectures at home and abroad on Constitutional Law, Judicial Reform and Refugee and Migration Affairs. He has attended conferences on Environment and Climate Change in Amritsar, Kathmandu and Manila. An aficionado collector, Justice Ahmed curates his personal archive of film, theatre and music memorabilia.

Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Kanagasabapathy Sripavan, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

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Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk, Supreme Court of Bhutan

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Ahsan Uddin Ahmed, Independent Technical Advisory Panel, Green Climate Fund

Dr. Ahmed is an internationally recognized professional on issues related to environmental management and climate change. He earned Ph.D from Clarkson University, United States in 1992. He pioneered in developing the concept of Community Based Adaptation (CBA). He developed and tested Participatory Vulnerability Assessment and Community Risk Assessment techniques towards determining climate-induced vulnerability of people, especially women. Dr. Ahmed developed programmes for implementation towards facilitating enhancement of coping abilities of climate change affected women and men in several countries. He facilitated formulation of adaptation programmes/projects in a number of developing countries including the Maldives, Cambodia, Peru, Myanmar, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bangladesh.

Dr. Ahmed is known as a member of national/international civil society engaged in advocacy for sustainable use of resources and environment. He took part in a number of global-level research initiatives and synthesis on climate related issues. He published over 90 scientific articles including 12 books/anthologies both nationally and internationally. Dr. Ahmed has been a member of IPCC since 1996. He is currently a member of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel of Green Climate Fund.
Irum Ahsan, Senior Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, ADB

Irum Ahsan completed her legal education from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Before joining ADB’s public sector legal team, she practiced as a contentious and non-contentious legal counsel in Pakistan, in addition to teaching law. At ADB, she has been working on multi-sector projects for inclusive growth. She has worked on several environmental improvement projects in Asia and the Pacific, especially in the People’s Republic of China. She is currently implementing a project in the South Asian region on environmental adjudication and enforcement. She organized South Asian judicial conferences on Environmental Justice in Pakistan, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, the Philippines and presented her work at several international forums like the Law, Justice and Development week, World Bank, Climate Change and Rule of Law Conference in UK Supreme Court, Rule of law, and SDGs Conference in Delhi, World Environmental Congress in Rio and 1st International Expert Forum on Climate Change at the Korea Legislation Research Institute. Irum is also an advocate for gender consciousness and for women’s rights.

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Ritwick Dutta, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, India

Ritwick Dutta is an Environmental Lawyer & Managing Trustee, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment. He has focused exclusively on environmental litigation and has supported communities, civil society groups and affected citizens in bringing environmental issues before the Court. His principle focus is the National Green Tribunal where he also serves as the Secretary of the National Green Tribunal Bar Association. Ritwick is an Ashoka Fellow and is the recipient of the Carl Zeiss Roll of Honour 2005, the Sanctuary ABN Amro Award 2007, the NDTV Green Hero Award 2010, the Balipura Foundation Award 2015. He is the Board member of NGO Platform on Shipbreaking and leads The Access Initiative – South Asia, the largest network of CSO’s working on access to information, public participation and access to justice. He has authored 13 books on environmental law including the Supreme Court on Forest Conservation and National Green Tribunal published by Universal Law Publishing.

Briony Eales, Consultant, OGC’s Law and Policy Reform Program, ADB

Briony Eales is a consultant attached to OGC’s Law and Policy Reform (LPR) program. Currently, Briony contributes to LPR’s work to build capacity for environmental prosecution, adjudication, dispute resolution, compliance, and enforcement in targeted Asian DMCs. In connection with LPR programs, Briony has worked on the ASEAN judicial working group to the Chief Justices’ Roundtable on Environment as well as on governance assessments for the energy and water sectors in the Pacific.
Ronaldo Gutierrez, Upholding Life And Nature, Philippines

Ronaldo Gutierrez is the Executive Director of Upholding Life And Nature (ULAN), a human-rights organization based in the Philippines advocating for environmental issues and the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs). He is currently a professor at the Philippine Judicial Academy (PhilJA) and also teaches Natural Resources Law, Environmental Regulation and Consumer Protection at the Ateneo Law School. He presently serves as an evaluation consultant to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

During the last elections in May 2016, Atty. Gutierrez worked directly under the Office of the Chairman of the Philippine Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to ensure the right to vote by PWDs and senior citizens in accessible polling places towards a more disability-inclusive electoral process.

He was appointed as National Officer of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 2010 to 2011 and was part of the Philippine delegation to the UNFCCC Conference of Parties in 2009.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Executive Director, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association

Syeda Rizwana Hasan is an enrolled lawyer with the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. She is working for the cause of environment as the Chief Executive of the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) focusing on the promotion of the notion of environmental justice in Bangladesh.

Rizwana did her masters and graduation in law from the University of Dhaka with distinction. She has filed cases on various environmental issues most of which have received favorable orders/judgments. Rizwana is a visiting faculty in the University of Asia Pacific, State University and Easter University.
Rizwana has received the ‘Annanya Top Ten Award’ given by a reputed journal of Bangladesh. She is also amongst the first five South Asian women to receive the ‘Celebrating Womenhood’ award (2008) given by the Creative Statement and South Asia Partnership based in Nepal. Rizwana has received the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for the year 2009, has been named as one of the 40 Environmental Heroes of the World by TIME magazine, and has been awarded with the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2012.

**M. Hafijul Islam Khan**, Executive Director, Climate Justice-Bangladesh

M. Hafijul Islam Khan is an environmental lawyer, who has been working on legal issues related to the environment and climate change for the past 15 years. Mr. Khan has been a climate negotiator and a member of the core negotiating team for the Least Developed Countries Group with the Bangladesh Delegation since 2011. He is the Executive Director of Climate Justice-Bangladesh (CCJ-B) and teaches Environmental Law at both North South University and Independent University, Bangladesh. Mr. Khan has LL.M degrees from University of Dhaka and Central European University. He has also completed a number of diplomas and short courses on climate law from a number of reputed universities including the University of Oxford. Mr. Khan has published several papers on climate change legal issues, including ‘Exploring the Structures and Functions of the WIM to Address Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Impacts’ published by World Scientific in 2015.
Hammad Naqi Khan, CEO, WWF-Pakistan

Hammad Naqi Khan is the Director General/CEO of WWF-Pakistan since 1 September 2014. He worked for WWF-International’s Market Transformation Initiative (MTI) as the Global Cotton Leader from August 2011 to July 2014.

Hammad possesses more than 27 years of professional experience and of which 19 years have been with WWF family. His experience includes policy review and strategic planning, programme development, resource mobilization, media engagement and assessment, management and supervision of projects. Hammad also worked at the regional and international forums on various issues. As the former Director of Programmes at WWF Pakistan, he managed Freshwater, Sustainable Agriculture, Environmental Assessment and Climate Change Programmes. He has been a core member of WWF Int’ls Global MTI, Freshwater and Toxics Teams.

He has an MSc Engineering degree in Water and Environment Management from the University of Birmingham, UK, Diploma (International Environmental Law) from UNITAR, Switzerland; Programme for Executive Development from IMD Business School, Lausanne, Switzerland and is a Fellow of Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Program.

Sarah Khan, Founder/Film Maker, Jugnoo Foundation, Pakistan

Sarah Jahaan Khan is a student filmmaker whose work focuses on the impact of climate change on women, and solutions to such issues. Her films have won awards at nine international film festivals, and she was featured in BBC’s list of the Top 100 Women of 2014 for her work. She is currently holding workshops in Pakistan aimed at providing rural women and girls with the knowledge and skills required to deal with the impacts of climate change.
Ramola Naik Singru, Urban Development Specialist, ADB

Ramola Naik Singru is an architect, urban designer, and planner with over 17 years of international experience in integrated urban development spanning project management, technical advisory services, research, knowledge management, and capacity building. At ADB, she leads projects on climate-resilient urban environmental infrastructure and services. Prior to joining ADB, she was a consultant to the Un-Habitat, the Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA), think tanks, and the private sector. She was an adjunct faculty member of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and the program director for the CDIA–AIM urban management program. She has designed operational and analytical products and delivered urban management training programs for government officials, development practitioners, and urban managers from over 18 countries in Asia and the Pacific. At ADB, she jointly led the GrEEEn Cities Initiative, the formulation of national urban assessments, and the Enabling Inclusive Cities toolkit under ADB’s Urban Operational Plan 2012–2020. She has authored several publications including GrEEEn Solutions for Livable Cities (ADB 2016); Manual for Undertaking National Urban Assessments (ADB 2016); and Mumbai: Spatial Segregation in a Globalising City in Globalizing Cities: Inequality and Segregation in Developing Countries (Rawat Publications 2007). She holds a master’s degree in city design and social science from the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom and a bachelor’s degree in architecture from the University of Mumbai in India.
PANELISTS

DISCUSSION ON CLIMATE INDUCED DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION

Tasneem Siddiqui, University of Dhaka

Tasneem Siddiqui is Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Refugee and Migrating Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) of the University of Dhaka. She received her PhD from Griffith University, Australia. Her recent publications includes ‘Adaptation to Climate Change in Bangladesh: Migration, The Missing Link’ (2014), Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd; Climate-related migration in rural Bangladesh: a behavioural model, *Population and Environment*, 2014; ‘Migratory Flows in Bangladesh in the Age of Climate Change’ in *Panorama: Insights into Asian and European Affairs*; and ‘International Labour Migration and Remittance,’ *Routledge*, 2016. She was one of the key members that drafted the National “Overseas Employment Policy 2006” of Bangladesh; and “Overseas Employment and Migration Act 2013”. In the past she served as chair of the Asia Pacific Migration Research Network, South Asia Migration Resource Network and also served as one of the directors of Migrant Welfare Bank of Bangladesh. *The Daily Star* honored Dr. Siddiqui in 2015 as one of 22 Bangladeshi nationals for their contribution in initiating change in different social sectors since the country’s independence.

Hammad Naqi Khan, CEO, WWF-Pakistan

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Sreedhar Ramamurthi, IIT Roorkee and Managing Trustee of Environics Trust

Sreedhar Ramamurthi is a Geologist from IIT Roorkee and Managing Trustee of Environics Trust. He worked with mainstream exploration organisations, Atomic Minerals Division, Government of India and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Since 1985 he has been working with communities on environmental and alternate technology issues. He co-founded the Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change (‘94)—one of the earliest network on Climate Change, mines minerals and PEOPLE (‘99)—the largest alliance of mining affected communities, the Environics Trust (‘03) and the EIA Resource and Response Centre (‘08). He is founding Executive Member of the National Green Tribunal Bar Association. He has been actively involved in institutional and network development, research, implementation of alternate technologies and providing techno-legal support for Human Rights and Environmental Litigations. Currently, he is also the Director of the Environics School of Management Sciences and a visiting faculty at the NALSAR Law University.

Wardani Karunaratne, Environmental Foundation Ltd. (EFL), Sri Lanka

Wardani Karunaratne is an Attorney-at-Law and holds an LL.B from University of Colombo. She is presently serving as a Consultant-Legal at Environmental Foundation Ltd (EFL) and has been with the Organization in different capacities since 2006. She is a Trustee of Federation for Environmental Organizations (FEO) and also providing services to the Born Free Foundation (Sri Lanka) as a Legal Consultant. She is a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Moratuwa (Department of Civil Engineering) on environmental law & policy for Postgraduate Studies. She has also served as a Non-Executive Director of the Provincial Waste Management Authority–Western Province, Sri Lanka.
and also a Committee Member of the National Wetland Steering Committee of the Central Environmental Authority. She has wide experience in handling Public Interest Litigation, providing legal aid, conducting advocacy and awareness programs in the field of Environmental Law over the period of last 10 years. She has also engaged in various publications on environmental law & policy including “Judges & Environmental Law—A Handbook for Sri Lankan Judiciary.” Further she maintains a practice in Environmental law as well as in the spheres of Public Law, Fundamental Rights and Labour Law.

JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE ROLE OF SPECIALIZED COURTS IN RENDERING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Hon. Mr. Justice AFM Abdur Rahman, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

While actively engaged in the law practice for 20 years as an Advocate and Barrister-at-Law in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, his Lordship was elevated to the bench in the year 2003 and since then has made diversified contribution in the constitutional jurisdiction, admiralty jurisdiction, company matters, tax and revenue matters, civil and criminal matters. His Lordship contributed in the environment issue in different field especially against the filling up of water bodies around Dhaka in the celebrated Modhumoti Model Town Case.

His Lordship is author of a number of publications on various subjects including law, and recently in the international conference on Environmental Justice held in March 2016 at Delhi. His Lordship born on 5 July 1951 and shall retire on 4 July 2018 and achieved academic qualification in the science discipline up to M.Sc in Applied Chemistry, LL.B Dhaka, LL.B (Hon’s) London and LL.M (California, US).
Hon. Mr. Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif was elevated as the Judge of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, High Court Division in 2010. He delivered various constitutionally important judgments and orders touching on human rights, child rights, environmental issues and fiscal law. He participated in various international conferences including the SAARC Law Conference, Dhaka 1996; Bangladesh Human Rights Convention 2005, London; AIJA ‘Child Protection Conference, Brisbane, 2011; and 2nd International Summit of the High Courts, Istanbul 2013. Justice Arif now serves as member of the Special Committee of the Supreme Court on Child Rights. He is the co-editor of ‘Supreme Court Online Bulletin’. Justice Arif did his LL.B (Honors) from the University of Wolverhampton, UK and Bar Vocational Course (Diploma) from the City University, London before being called to the Hon’ble Society of Lincoln’s Inn, London, UK as a Barrister-At-Law.

Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk, Supreme Court of Bhutan

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Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria, Supreme Court of Malaysia

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Hon. Mr. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal, India

Justice Swatanter Kumar is the Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), India and a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India. As a Judge of the Delhi High Court, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and Judge of the Supreme Court of India, he has disposed of highest number of cases in a day in all jurisdictions. He took over as the Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal as a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court of India and gave a number of landmark judgments in environmental jurisprudence, including in the field of International Law. He disposed of 209 cases in a day by 51 different judgments. He evolved a new technique for dispensation of environmental justice by invoking stakeholders’ consultative process in adjudication.

Hon. Ms. Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Lahore High Court, Lahore, Pakistan

Hon. Ms. Justice Ayesha A. Malik studied law at the Pakistan College of Law and did her LLM from Harvard Law School. Elevated as Judge Lahore High Court, Lahore on 26 March 2012, Justice Ayesha A. Malik presently heads the Committee on Case Management at the Lahore High Court which oversees the pace of litigation and the use of technology for effective and speedy dispensation of cases. She also supervises the use of information technology in the courts, working on automation at the Lahore High Court and within the District Judiciary of Punjab. She is a member of the Board of the Punjab Judicial Academy overseeing the academic developments at the Academy and currently she is the Inspection Judge for the Environment Tribunals in Punjab and sits on the Green Bench of the Lahore High Court.
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JUDGES

Hon. Mr. Justice Md. Imman Ali, Appellate Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Justice Ali obtained B.A. (Hons) Law, LL.M. and Barrister-at-Law. He enrolled as an Advocate of the District Court, the High Court Division and the Appellate Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court on 21 June 1979, 11 May 1982 and 21 August 1995 respectively. He elevated as Additional Judge of the High Court Division on 22 February 2001 and appointed Judge of the same Division on 22 February 2003. Mr. Ali was elevated to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 23 February 2011.

He published book “Towards a Justice Delivery System for Children in Bangladesh” and participated in the International Workshops, Conferences and Training Programmes held in South Korea, Austria, Indonesia and Czech Republic, Malaysia and New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Malawi, Turks and Caicos Islands, Australia, New Delhi, Bangkok, the United States, Scotland, Bulgaria and Kyrgyzstan.

He contributed as a resource person for training of Judicial Officers (JATI), Lawyers, Police Personnel and Social Welfare Officers (LETI). The International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) presented the Juvenile Justice without Borders International Award to him and through this award the IJJO distinguished Mr. Ali’s dedication to the protection of the Children’s rights.
Hon. Ms. Justice Hima Kohli, Judge, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi, India

Justice Hima Kohli was a practicing Advocate mainly in the High Court of Delhi, India till she was elevated as a Judge in the year 2006. During her practice as a Standing Counsel and Legal Advisor to the New Delhi Municipal Council and as an Additional Standing Counsel, Government of Delhi, she had appeared in a number of important Public Interest Litigations and issues of public importance including, enforcement of Fire safety norms in high-rise buildings, cleaning river Yamuna and its embankment, removal of unauthorized construction in Delhi, redevelopment and maintenance of ancient monuments and sites in Delhi, free flow of traffic in Delhi and removal of encroachment on public land.

Delhi High Court is the first court in India where Commercial Courts have been recently introduced. Presently, Justice Kohli is a Judge of the Commercial Division of the High Court of Delhi established in November 2015. Along with performing her official duties as a Judge, she takes a keen interest in environmental jurisprudence, mediation as emerging areas of law, and legislations relating to women.

Hon. Mr. Justice Ananda Mohan Bhattarai, Judge, Supreme Court of Nepal

Dr. Ananda Mohan Bhattarai, is currently a Judge at the Supreme Court of, Nepal. He holds LL.M and JSD from National Law School of India, Bangalore. He is also a Hubert Humphrey Fellow at MIT, Cambridge, US (2002–2003) and Alexander von Humboldt Fellow to Max Planck Institute of Comparative and Public International Law, Heidelberg (2005–2006). His writings are focused on Environmental Law, Justice and Human Rights. He has authored four books and contributed dozens of articles to National and International Law Journals. His book titled “Protection of Himalayan Biodiversity” published by Sage (2010) received wide reviews in Nepali and international journals.
Hon. Ms. Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Lahore High Court, Lahore, Pakistan

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Hon. Mr Justice Priyantha Jayawardena, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

Justice Jayawardena was appointed to the Supreme Court in May 2014. Jayawardena is an alumnus of Nalanda College. Having completed his primary and secondary education, he joined Sri Lanka Law College. He obtained his Master’s Degree in Commercial Law from the University of Aberdeen. He has previously worked in the Attorney General’s Office, as a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, and as a Director of the National Savings Bank and Lanta Electricity Company. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, he was appointed as a President’s Counsel by the President, and called to the inner Bar in the year 2012.
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**Dina Mani Pokharel**, Development Law Associates, Nepal

Mr. Dina Mani Pokharel is a practicing lawyer by training and Practice. He is Executive Director of Development Law Associates. He has completed Masters degree in Comparative Law from Delhi University in 1999. He has also obtained Masters Degree in Development Studies, specialization in International Political Economy and Development from Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands in 2007. Currently, he is serving as a legal adviser to the speaker, Legislature Parliament, Nepal.
As practicing lawyer he has represented in some of the landmark cases in the Supreme Court of Nepal including Godawari Marvel Industries Case. He has also served to the Constitutional Assembly – Natural Resources, Economic Rights and Revenue sharing committee as a legal expert. Mr. Pokharel is also engaged in teaching environmental and water law in Pokhara and Tribhuvan University as a visiting Faculty. He published a book on *Legal Aspects of Biodiversity* in 2002. Recently, he has published a research article on *Implications of IPR for the Protection of Biogenetic Resources* in the Nepal Law Review.

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Grip has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the Ateneo de Manila University. He earned his Juris Doctor Degree from the same institution and was the recipient of the St. Thomas More Most Distinguished Award for his graduating class. Grip is currently a Consultant with the Asian Development Bank as a Legal and Policy Specialist working on environmental justice with the judiciaries, as well as, legal and regulatory reforms in South Asia. Prior to joining ADB, he headed the Strategic Initiatives Management Office in the Office of the President of the Philippines focusing on environment and climate change related government policies and programs. As a private legal practitioner and independent consultant, Grip is an advocate for environmental rights and justice, protection of biodiversity, promotion of human rights, development of good governance, and integrity in the public service. He has written several published works on environment and natural resources law and human rights, among others. Grip has also worked with the United Nations Development Programme, the Philippine Judicial Academy, the Ateneo School of Government, and various NGOs and private companies.

Briony Eales, Consultant, OGC’s Law and Policy Reform Program, ADB

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