

# Bangladesh

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Venue: Grand Ballroom, The Westin Dhaka, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.  
(Organized by: Bangladesh Bank and IFC)

AGENDA		
09:00 AM	Registration	
Opening & Plenary Session		
10:00 AM	Welcome remarks from IFC	<b>Martin Holtmann</b> Country Manager for Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, IFC
10:10 AM	Opening remarks from World Bank	<b>Abdoulaye Seck</b> Country Director for Bangladesh and Bhutan, the World Bank
10:20 PM	Remarks from Special Guest	<b>H.E. Espen Rikter-Svendsen</b> Honorable Ambassador of Norway
10:30 AM	Inaugural speech from Chief Guest	<b>Abdur Rouf Talukder</b> Honorable Governor, Bangladesh Bank
Technical Sessions and Panel Discussion		
11:00 AM	Accelerating SME Finance in Bangladesh	<b>Ananya Wahid Kader</b> Regional Lead, Asia Pacific, FIG Advisory, IFC
11:20 AM	CGS for better SME financing	<b>Mohammad Ashiqur Rahman</b> Director (SMESPD), SME & Special Programmes Department, Bangladesh Bank <b>Nahid Rahman</b> Director (CGD), Credit Guarantee Department, Bangladesh Bank
11:40 AM	Global Trends and Best Practices on SME Finance	<b>Qamar Saleem</b> CEO, SME Finance Forum
12:05 PM	Panel Discussion: Navigating the Future of SMEs: Insights from Managing Directors	<b>Moderator: Mohammad Ehsanul Azim</b> Principal Investment Officer, IFC <b>Panelist:</b> <b>Selim R. F. Hussain,</b> Managing Director and CEO, BRAC Bank <b>Mashrur Arefin,</b> Managing Director and CEO, City Bank <b>M Jamal Uddin,</b> CEO & Managing Director, IDLC Finance
Closing Session		