

Dhaka Apparel Summit 2014

BANGLADESH RMG 2021: \$50 Billion on 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh

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Day 1: December 7, 2014

Session & Time	Topic
<p>Session-1 2.00pm-3.30pm 90 mins</p>	<p>Bangladesh RMG 2021- Reaching 50 Billion on 50- A collaborative & Coordinated approach</p> <p>This session will cover present business and investment trend, global sourcing dynamics and potentials for Bangladesh, prior issues to support the growth potentials, like Infrastructure/PII/SEZs, power/gas, human resources development, compliance issues, prudent commercial diplomacy & political stability; supportive policies and coordination between different government agencies, product & market diversification, etc. The discussions will focus toward devising a strategic action plan to overcome the existing challenges and realize the potentials.</p>
<p>Session-2 4.00pm-5.15pm 75 mins</p>	<p>Infrastructure - The Road to Chittagong & Beyond</p> <p>This session will focus on the infrastructure and supply chain issues for the industry to achieve the Vision 2021 being set for Bangladesh and the way to resolve them. It will include the importance of the development of physical infrastructure, power, gas, energy etc. and how important they are to secure the vision. Do we have the capability to cater the 50 billion dollar market?</p> <p>Discussion on the govt. policy, importance of public investment in fostering private investment will also be discussed. Importance of establishment of deep Sea Port, Dhaka Chittagong 4 lane highway, new industrial RMG park etc will also be highlighted here.</p>
<p>Session-3 5.30pm-7.00pm 90 mins</p>	<p>Environmental Sustainability- A must</p> <p>This session will look at the questions of environmentally sustainable economic growth in a densely populated country, and examine how the RMG sector can meet the standards required. This will cover environmental health and safety, resource efficiency, environmental footprint, global agenda on environment, impact on buying pattern, preparedness, and green concept.</p>

Day-2: December 8, 2014

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Session-4 10.00am-11.30am 90 mins	Future of Workers: Workplace Safety and Sustainable Production Where is the RMG Sector situated now, and how did it get there? Can the sector ensure safe working conditions? This session will focus on the perspective of purpose built manufacturing in a modern era. The session will also brief on progresses made since the inspection initiatives, i.e. NTAP, Accord & Alliance, started working. A consolidated report of the factory inspections will be shared. The session will also focus on workers' rights issues, policy and capacity of the government and private stakeholders, donors support, engagement of the diplomatic community and brands.
Session-5 11.40pm-12.50pm 70 mins	Remediation Financing for Transforming Bangladesh Garment Industry Garment industry has grown over many years and the factories within it are of varying sizes and at various points in their business growth. Many factories in Bangladesh are located in unplanned, while many others are located in purpose-built buildings which are fully compliant. Factory relocations and remediation require collaboration for capital expenditure loans, while it will also require support from the government in terms of making land available, and provide financing options, infrastructure, and utilities, particularly gas lines, to those locations. This session focuses on issues related to access lower-cost financing required for the transformation of the industry.
Session-6 1.30pm-2.30pm 60 mins	Reinventing the Apparel Model - The Race to Responsible Sourcing & Productivity Enhancement This session will cover sustainability issues from the perspective of global value chain, accountability of the stakeholders across the value chain, and responsible entrepreneurship.
Session-7 2.40pm-3.55pm 75 mins	Assuring Workplace Tranquility The discussion will focus on how current labor relations in Bangladesh is causing workers dissatisfaction and untoward incidents that ultimately lead to reputation crises of the industry both at home and abroad, and also causes inconvenience to the buying community. The discussion will also shed lights on how could we turn around to tackle such difficulties living in the reality, and working out a pragmatic approach on 'how factories can limit or eliminate workplace unrest by negotiation, mediation and even arbitration of workplace disputes'. Most importantly the speakers intend to show how other countries have achieved success by limiting or eliminating workplace unrest and how companies and brands can do this in Bangladesh on their own, by developing in-house private programs without government intervention or control.
Session-8 4.05pm-5.15pm 70 mins	Bangladesh RMG 2021 - The Role of Media This session will also focus on the importance of industry and nation branding for the progress of the garment industry in Bangladesh. The discussions will be aimed to find a holistic/national approach toward branding Bangladesh and its apparel industry and bring all the critical stakeholders on the same boat.
Session-9 5.30pm-6.45pm 75 mins	Social Impact - Can RMG Sector help Bangladesh to become a middle income country This session will focus on the role the apparel industry has been playing for the economic independence, social uplift and better livelihoods of Bangladeshi people. The progress toward women empowerment, poverty alleviation and human development indicators will be discussed. The aim of this session will be to establish a common understanding on how important the labor intensive apparel industry is for building the future of a country like Bangladesh, where population is abundant and the core asset of the country.

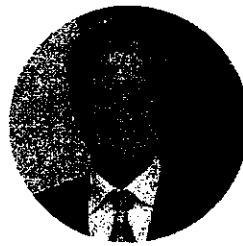
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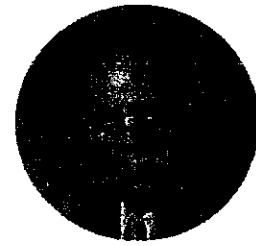
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+50 other Global Experts will share their knowledge in the summit



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