In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, Bangladesh is providing global leadership in order to achieve safe water for all. The REACH Programme is a DFID-funded global programme of research, led by University of Oxford and implemented in Bangladesh by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), University of Dhaka, icddr,b and UNICEF Bangladesh. With new insights and actionable approaches, REACH aims to collaborate with government, practitioners, enterprise, and communities to guide the policy choices to ensure interventions benefit the poor. The High-Level Symposium convenes key stakeholders to discuss the latest results from REACH Bangladesh along with insights from Kenya and Ethiopia.

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9:00 Registration

INAUGURAL SESSION

9:30 Welcome address by Prof. Mashfiqus Salehin, IWFM, BUET
9:40 Opening remarks by Carlos Acosta, Chief, Social Policy, Evaluation, Analytics and Research (SPEAR) section, UNICEF, Bangladesh and Toby Roycroft, DFID-Bangladesh, Team Leader – Extreme Poverty, Resilience and Climate Change
10:00 Introducing the REACH programme by Prof. Robert Hope and Dr. Katrina Charles, University of Oxford
10:10 High-Level Panel Discussion: Safe Water for All
   Session Chair: Prof. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University
   • Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator for SDG Affairs, Prime Minister’s Office
   • Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman at Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)
   • Mr. Dara Johnston, Chief, WASH, UNICEF Bangladesh
   • Dr. Nilufa Islam, Vice President, Bangladesh Water Partnership
   • Katharine Stewart, Ethical Trade and Environmental Sustainability Director, Primark
11:15 Tea Break

TECHNICAL SESSION
   Session Chair: Prof. Jim Hall, University of Oxford

11:45 REACH Programme Risk Science and Poverty Research
   • Understanding Bangladesh’s coastal risks to design investments which benefit the poor
     Prof. Mashfiqus Salehin, IWFM, BUET, Prof. Jim Hall and Dr. Sonia Hoque, University of Oxford
   • Managing river water quality risks for the urban poor and industrial growth in Dhaka
     Prof. Abed Hossain, BUET, Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen and Prof. Md. Abu Eusuf, University of Dhaka
   • Delivering safe water in rural Bangladesh
     Dr. Sirajul Islam, icddr,b, Tazrina Ananya, BUET, and Prof. Robert Hope, University of Oxford
   • Hydro-climatic risks and river basin development in Ethiopia
     Dr. Katrina Charles, University of Oxford
   • Small towns and fragile environments in Kenya
     Prof. Daniel Olago and Dr. Maggie Opondo, University of Nairobi
13:00 Plenary discussion and closing remarks, by Prof. Mashfiqus Salehin, BUET
13:45 Lunch
14:45 Close

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