



Virtual Consultation on Pre-High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2021

5 July 2021 | 10:30 AM- 01:00 PM

Organized by: Bangladesh Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development,

Co-organized by: WARBE Development Foundation and DEVCOM

Supported by: PROKAS, British Council and

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Concept Note

“Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective Path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”

Introduction:

Bangladesh Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development (BDPCMD) has decided to organize a Virtual Consultation on the Pre-High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2021 with Parliamentarians, Government Officials, CSO's and other multi-stakeholders. This year, the HLPF will review SDG 1 on no poverty, 2 on zero hunger, 3 on good health and well-being, 8 on decent work and economic growth, 10 on reduced inequalities, 12 on responsible consumption and production, 13 on climate action and 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions. As done every year, SDG 17 on the global partnership for development will also be in focus. In addition, the SDG targets that have 2020 as an end date will be discussed. The 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) has been scheduled to be held from 6 July to 15 July 2021 (including the 3 ministerial days of the forum to be held from 13 – 15 July), under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

In this context, the Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development aims to reflect on the need of more policy advocacy focusing on migration, climate change, health and pandemic through a virtual consultation engaging all the relevant stakeholders. The consultation will be co-organized by WARBE Development Foundation, Secretariat of the Caucus and Center for Development Communications (DEVCOM), supported by PROKAS, British Council and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Background:

The HLPF is the main United Nations platform on sustainable development and it has a central role in the follow-up and reviews of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. The establishment of the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) was mandated in 2012



by the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), "The Future We Want". The Forum meets annually under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council for eight days, including a three-day ministerial segment and every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the General Assembly for two days. The Forum adopts inter-governmentally negotiated political declarations. The Forum's first meeting was held in 2013. It replaced the Commission on Sustainable Development, which had met annually since 1993.

From Bangladesh, besides the representatives of the Government, members of the Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development, WARBE DF and other CSO's are participating in the Forum to highlight the status of Bangladesh in achieving SDGs since 2017.

Specific Objectives:

Virtual Consultation on "Pre-High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2021 with Parliamentarians, Government Officials, CSO's and other multi-stakeholders" will focus on discussing the following objectives:

- Looking into the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), role and engagement of Caucus in the previous and upcoming HLPF.
- Analyzing the world situation regarding the SDGs and the impact of COVID-19 on migrants on the realization of the SDGs in Bangladesh.
- Reviewing of SDGs in focus of health, climate change, migration and partnership.
- Providing political leadership, guidance and recommendations to achieve sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 pandemic.

Dialogue Structure and Program:

The consultation will be held virtually on July 05, 2021 from 10.30 AM to 01.00 PM via zoom. The dialogue consists of formal thematic sessions with participation of high level practitioners'. The overall consultation will be focused on sharing specific recommendation for upcoming HLPF on sustainable development goals, social and economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. The background analysis of existing HLPF structure and experience of Bangladesh will also be discussed in the sessions. The official language of the consultation will be both English and Bengali.

Participations:

The Members of Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development, Policymakers and Government Officials, Non-government organizations (National, International and Local), Trade Union, Media and others will join the consultation to make it more informative and participatory.

Zoom Link, Time & Date:

Please join the Consultation following the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82711851219>

Meeting ID: 827 1185 1219

Time: 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Dhaka

Date: 5th July 2021, Monday

