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**The Dhaka Apparel Summit has been specifically organised
to aid in the development of the textile and apparel industry in Bangladesh.**

WELCOME

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the second edition of the Dhaka Apparel Summit 2017 organized by BGMEA. The event is aimed to be a platform, establishing greater interactions and collaborations amongst stakeholders from home and abroad, with a common goal of ensuring sustainable growth within the Bangladesh RMG industry.

The second edition of the Summit will take place on the 25th of February. It will follow a massive transformation in our workplace safety, our Ready-made garment (RMG) industry is now entering a new era, promising a brighter future in the sector. We are now ready to explore future possibilities amongst the opportunities and challenges facing us.

We believe that the suggestions that will be made by our panel of experts and industry professionals at the 2nd Dhaka Apparel Summit will provide wise guidelines for setting up the priorities in order to achieve a sustainable RMG industry.

On behalf of BGMEA, allow me to invite all our stakeholders and well wishers to this great event. It will be a true inspiration for us to see you at the summit.



Rahman

Md. Siddiqur Rahman
President, BGMEA

ABOUT THE DHAKA APPAREL SUMMIT 2017

The Dhaka Apparel Summit has been specifically organised to aid in the development of the textile and apparel industry in Bangladesh, and is formulated to bring together some of the world's leading experts in their field to share their experiences and thoughts and to discuss issues pertaining to the RMG industry and ways in which the business can realise sustainable growth well into the 21st Century.

This year's event will feature discussions about how to establish a more sustainable apparel supply chain that creates a better future together. We are very proud that the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, will inaugurate

strong will to keep the industry growing with these principals in mind. The Summit will hold a forum allowing visionary views of the future to be expressed and discussed and a broad spectrum of proposals improving the environmental and sustainable

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the Summit on 25 February 2017. The apparel industry of Bangladesh is at the dawn of a new era in its development. Unprecedented safety standards have been adopted and great strides taken in order to meet both environmental and sustainable targets. There is a

credentials will be made, bring to light various methods to achieve these goals. The Summit will hold three panel discussion sessions in the afternoon, offering a more open, inter-active environment, and allowing full audience participation and the opportunity for a valid exchange of ideas.





PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1 : 24 FEBRUARY 2017

8.00PM Networking and dinner

DAY 2 : 25 FEBRUARY 2017

11.00AM / 1.00PM Opening ceremony to be attended by Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina as Chief Guest

1.00PM / 2.00PM Lunch

2.15PM / 3.45PM

Session 1 -
Bangladesh Apparel Industry Transformation and the Road Ahead

4.00PM / 5.30PM

Session 2 -
Business Policy & Environment Towards a Better Bangladesh

4.00PM / 5.30PM

Session 3 -
Collaborative and Responsible Sourcing For Sustainable Growth

7.15PM / 7.20PM

Closing remarks

DAY 3 : 26 FEBRUARY 2017

10.00AM / 3.00PM /

Factory visits
(requires pre-registration, no cost involved)

SPEAKER INFORMATION

DHAKA APPAREL SUMMIT 2017

Following are some of the international experts who will take part in lively discussion on different topics in the seminars as panel discussants :



**MR. CHRISTOPHER
WOODRUFF**

Professor of Development Economics at the University of Oxford and Scientific Coordinator.



**MR. TIM
WORSTALL**

Senior Fellow at the Adam Smith Institute in London.



**MR. MARTIN
RAMA**

Chief Economist for the South Asia region of the World Bank.



**HELENA
HELMERSSON**

Managing Director, H&M Group.



**THOMAS
KLAUSEN**

The CEO of the Danish industry association Dansk Fashion & Textile.

For more informations about the speakers please consult : www.dhakaapparelsummit.com

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**DR. JOCHEN
WEIKERT**

Head of the GIZ program “Promotion of Social and Environmental Standards in the Industry” in Bangladesh.



**GILBERT F.
HOUNGBO**

Is currently the Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organization (since March 2013).



**JILL
TUCKER**

Ms. Tucker joined C&A Foundation in 2015 as Head of Supply Chain Innovation and Transformation.



**PETER
MCALLISTER**

He is the Executive Director of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI).



**SRINIVAS
REDDY**

Country Director, ILO Country Office for Bangladesh.

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SESSION AGENDA & BRIEF

SESSION - 1

BANGLADESH APPAREL INDUSTRY / TRANSFORMATION AND THE ROAD AHEAD

Bangladesh's apparel industry has taken great strides against many internal and external challenges. In the recent years the industry

The panelists in this session's will share their perspectives on transformations, the challenges they are facing and the road ahead them. The session

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has been making tangible progress in occupational health and safety as well as structural integrity and harmonious industrial relations. There is still much to be done.

will also highlight the importance of modernization and resilience of the industry. Moving up the ladder of responsible value chain will create better opportunities for us all.



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SESSION - 2

BUSINESS POLICY & ENVIRONMENT / TOWARDS A BETTER BANGLADESH

In recent years the economic growth in Bangladesh has exceeded expectations. In fiscal year 2015-16 the GDP growth reached 7.11%. The government is making efforts to pursue ambitious investment

trade competitiveness. During this session, we will discuss business climate in the country and policies required to support its growth potentials. Discussions will explore the priorities in order to move

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target to raise the GDP growth to 8% by 2021. Several projections and assessments by global financial institutes reveal Bangladesh could become a manufacturing hub if the country can improve its

toward an industry-led economic growth, especially in the area of conducive business, environment and predictable policies as well as meeting growing infrastructure needs.



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SESSION - 3

COLLABORATIVE AND RESPONSIBLE SOURCING FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

In order to ensure sustainability in the global supply chain, all stakeholders need mutually beneficial, predictable and responsible practices and actions

are also focusing on various global forums, e.g. UN, OECD and G7. Competition between buyers and suppliers can be very unhealthy and hard to sustain

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by all stakeholders to ensure sustainability. This requires closer cooperation. Agenda 2030 for global sustainable development speaks of inclusive development and resilient industrialization. These issues

for stakeholders. This session will discuss the importance of stakeholders' collaboration as well as sustainable economy for a meaningful persuasion of the sustainability agenda within the apparel supply chain.



DHAKA APPAREL SUMMIT 2014

HIGHLIGHTS



ABOUT THE GARMENT INDUSTRY IN BANGLADESH

The story of RMG industry in Bangladesh is unique in that it tells how a resilient nation can break free from the poverty cycle with the help of an industry.

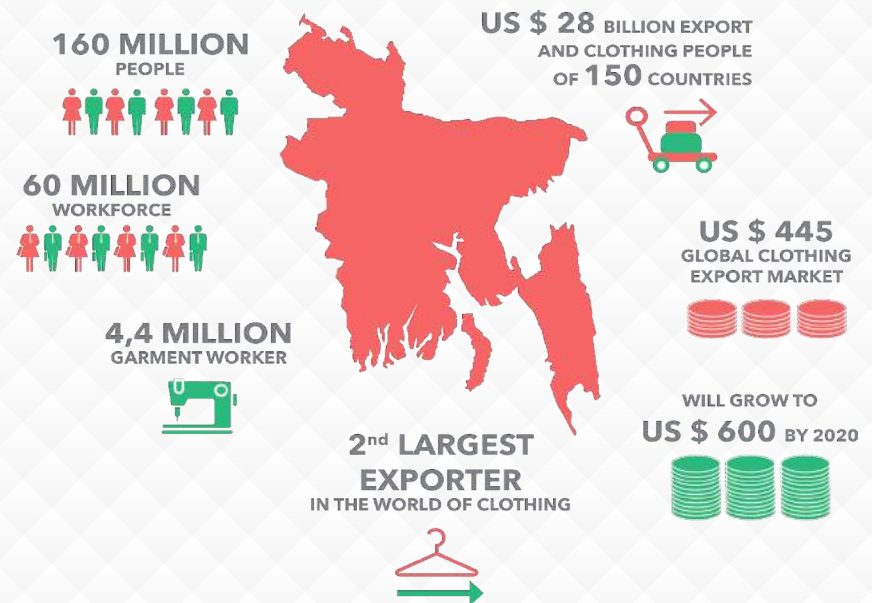
Despite all the hurdles and obstacles in the national and international arena, the RMG industry has witnessed tremendous growth over the past few decades, playing a major role in industrialisation, employment, poverty alleviation

for achieving economic emancipation and leading the country to prosperity with its limited resources. We started our journey in 1978 with 12,000 US Dollar exports. Last year we reached 26.6 Billion US Dollar exports, making Bangladesh the second

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and empowerment of women in the country. Today the industry is serving as the base of the country's development pyramid. The apparel industry emerged at a time when Bangladesh began its new struggle

largest apparel exporting country in the world. The industry employs 4.4 million people, of whom 70% are women, contributes more than 13% to GDP, helps women empowerment and poverty reduction.



ABOUT THE GARMENT INDUSTRY IN BANGLADESH

We have set a target to achieve 50 Billion US Dollars in exports by 2021 when Bangladesh will be celebrating her 50th anniversary of independence.

There have been some struggles and challenges around the apparel industry in Bangladesh in recent years. Following the tragic factory accidents, Bangladesh took massive steps to trans-

sform the industry – covering structural, electrical and fire safety issues in all factories is already completed. The remediation process is fully underway, and given the progress already made, it is

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form the industry 'factory by factory' with the support of the Government, ILO, brands' platforms ACCORD and Alliance, development partners and foreign governments. The combined

expected that 100% remediation will be carried out well within 2018. Furthermore, awareness about safety measures has grown remarkably among workers and employees of the factories.



ABOUT THE GARMENT INDUSTRY IN BANGLADESH

These improvements in factory safety compliance will help reshape the future of the apparel industry and give it a sustainable footing in the global apparel market.

Alongside meeting safety compliance, the industry now initiates Green Movement. Garment factories are adopting green practices and eco-friendly technologies to meet a growing global demand for green products. To date a total of 67 garment factories in Bangladesh have achieved

LEED certifications from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) of which 13 are Platinum rated and 20 are Gold rated. Moreover, as many as around 280 more garment factories have already been registered with the USGBC.

Having established a strong foothold in the global apparel market (Bangladesh exports 85% of its apparel production to the European Union and the USA) Bangladesh is adopting strategies to accelerate the growth of the industry by

penetrating higher market segments. Modernisation of factories through technological up-grades and improvements in productivity are taking place in the RMG industry of Bangladesh, with market diversification being another major source of opportunities.

Bangladesh is a tried and trusted name in the global apparel market. Now we need clear plans to achieve the goal. The second edition of the Dhaka Apparel Summit will show our industry the path to success.



BANGLADESH

THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN SOUTH ASIA

Recent years have seen Bangladesh achieve remarkable progress in its economic development, with GDP recording growth of 7.11% in the financial year 2015-16.

Per capita income has increased from 676 US Dollar in 2009, to 1466 US Dollar at present. Imports and exports have increased from 38 Billion US Dollar to 77.43 Billion US Dollar during the same time period. Foreign exchange reserve is reaching new records every month,

energy sectors. It also plans to set-up an extra 100...economic zones in next 15 years. Electricity generation capacity has increased to more than 14000 megawatts and the target is to achieve 40000 megawatts power generation capacity by 2030. The progressive initiatives of the present government


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and is currently standing at 32 Billion US Dollar.

The poverty level has fallen from 40% in 2009 to 24% at present, and the Government's target is to further reduce this to 15% by 2021. The Government has undertaken a broad scope of projects aimed at improving infrastructure, as well as power and

under the leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hhave already made Bangladesh a lower middle income country. The Government has set targets of per annum growth of 8% until the year 2021, offering huge potential for both public and private investments in the country.



An aerial night photograph of a bustling city intersection, likely in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The scene is dominated by tall, modern buildings with illuminated windows and facades. A prominent sign on one of the buildings reads "OFFICE TO-LET". The streets are filled with cars, their headlights and taillights creating a sense of motion. The overall atmosphere is one of a vibrant, densely populated urban center.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUMMIT

VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

PAN PACIFIC SONARGAON HOTEL

107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue,
Dhaka 1215,
Bangladesh

(To enjoy discounted rates for accommodation
at Sonargaon Hotel, please contact
the Fair Department of BGMEA at :
fair@bgmea.com.bd).



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUMMIT

LOCAL CURRENCY

BANGLADESH TAKA (BDT)

1 US Dollar equals to **78.90** BDT

1 Euro equals to **83.28** BDT

VISA

BGMEA will provide invitation letters for foreign guests to enable application for a Bangladesh visa.

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