



9th Meeting of Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia

5-7 September 2018, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Program Schedule

*Transparency in Electoral Process
&
Engaging Electoral Stakeholders*

**Hosted by
Bangladesh Election Commission**

FEMBoSA

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Day1: Wednesday, 05 September 2018

Inaugural Ceremony- Lohori Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka	
8:30 - 08:45	Registration of Participants
08:45 - 08:55	All Participants and Guests to be seated
08:55-09:00	Arrival of the Chief Guest H.E. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP Hon'ble Speaker, Bangladesh National Parliament
09:00 – 09:15	Recitation from the Holy Books
09:15 – 09:25	National Anthem (All FEMBoSA member countries)
09:25 – 09:30	Audio visual presentation on FEMBoSA
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome Address: Mr. Helal Uddin Ahmed Secretary, Bangladesh Election Commission Secretariat
9:35 – 09:45	Statement of H.E. Dr. Gulajan Abdul Badi Sayad Hon'ble Chairman, Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan and Chairperson of FEMBoSA
9:45 – 09: 55	Statement of H.E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Bangladesh Election Commission
09:55 – 10:15	Inaugural Address: H.E. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury Hon'ble Speaker, Bangladesh National Parliament
10:15 – 10:20	Launching of web portal H.E. Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury Hon'ble Speaker, Bangladesh National Parliament
10:20-10:25	Vote of thanks by Ms. Kabita Khanam Hon'ble Election Commissioner Bangladesh Election Commission
10:25 – 10:30	Group Photo with the Hon'ble Chief Guest
10:30-11.00	Tea Break

General Sessions- Antara Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka	
11:00 – 12:15	General Session 1
11:00- 11:15	Opening Statement- H.E. Dr. Gulajan Abdul Badi Sayad (<i>Current Chair</i>) Hon'ble Chairman, Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan
11:15 – 11:30	Adoption of Meeting Agenda
11:30 – 11:40	Handing over the Chair from the Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan to the Bangladesh Election Commission Address by Outgoing Chairperson: Hon'ble Chairman, Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan
11:40 – 11:50	Acceptance Speech by New Chairperson: H. E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Bangladesh Election Commission
11.50 – 12:00	Session Closing: H. E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Bangladesh Election Commission
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break - Lohori Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka

Technical Sessions - Antara Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka	
13:30 – 14:15	Technical Session 1 (Total 45 min) Topic: Engagement of Stakeholders for Reforming Electoral Rules and Regulations Presented by - H.E. Dr. Gulajan Abdul Badi Sayad Hon'ble Chairman, Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan Chair - Brigadier General Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury (retd.), Hon'ble Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission Discussant - India Open Discussion

<p>14:15 – 15:00</p>	<p>Technical Session 2 (Total 45 min)</p> <p>Topic: Transparency in Electoral Process: Voter Registration, Voting, Counting and Announcement of Results</p> <p>Presented by - H. E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission</p> <p>Chair - Sri Lanka</p> <p>Discussant - Nepal</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>15:00- 15:30</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>
<p>15:30 – 16:15</p>	<p>Technical Session 3 (Total 45 min)</p> <p>Topic: Role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Media, Political Parties to Enhance Voter Awareness</p> <p>Presented by - H.E. Dawa Tenzin Secretary, Election Commission of Bhutan</p> <p>Chair - Pakistan</p> <p>Discussant - Sri Lanka</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>16:15 – 17:00</p>	<p>Technical Session 4 (Total 45 min)</p> <p>Topic: Application of Electronic Technology in Electoral Process</p> <p>Presented by - H.E. Ashok Lavasa Hon'ble Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India</p> <p>Chair - Nepal</p> <p>Discussant - Afghanistan</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
<p>17:00-17:10</p>	<p>Day -1 Concluding Session</p> <p>Topic - Recap of Technical Sessions 1,2,3 & 4</p> <p>H. E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Bangladesh Election Commission</p>
<p>18:00-20:00</p>	<p>Visit to Bangladesh National Parliament Nirbachan Bhaban (Election Commission Secretariat)</p>

Day2: Thursday, 06 September 2018

Technical Sessions -Antara Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka

08:30 – 09:15	<p>Technical Session 5 (Total 45 min) Topic: Institutionalization of Electoral Process and Integrity of the Electoral Administration Presented by - Ms. Kabita Khanam Hon'ble Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission Chair - India Discussant - Brigadier General Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury (retd.) Hon'ble Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission Open Discussion</p>
09:15 – 10:00	<p>Technical Session 6 (Total 45 min) Topic: Role of Development Partners on Voter Education Presented by – H.E. Ayodhee Prasad Yadav Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Nepal Chair - Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam Hon'ble Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission Discussant - Bhutan Open Discussion</p>
10:00-10.30	Tea Break
10:30 – 11:15	<p>Technical Session 7 (Total 45 min) Topic: Election Expense of the Candidates: Impact on Credible Election Presented by - H.E. Mr. Shah Faisal Kakar Acting High Commissioner, High Commission of Pakistan in Dhaka, Bangladesh Chair - Afghanistan Discussant - Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam Hon'ble Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission Open Discussion</p>

	H. E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Bangladesh Election Commission
	Vote of Thanks Mr. Mahbub Talukdar Hon'ble Election Commissioner Bangladesh Election Commission
16:00-16:30	Meet the Press - Lohori Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden
19:30-20:15	Cultural Program-Lohori Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden
20:15-22:00	Official Dinner - Lohori Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden

Notes:

- ***Each Technical Session will have 15 minutes of presentation, 5 minutes for the Session Chair to interact, 7 minutes for discussant, 15 minutes for Open Discussion and another 3 minutes for recap.***
- ***Chairperson Shall:***
 - Briefly introduce the presenter (CVs to be handed over to the respective Chairperson before Presentation);
 - Invite the Discussant to highlight issues for discussion, make observations and share experiences related to the Presentation;
 - Invite the participants to ask questions, make observations and share experiences related to the topic presented or issues raised by the discussant;
 - Manage within the total allocated time of 45 minutes.
- ***Presenter shall:***
 - Highlight the main points related to the topic taking not more than 15 minutes as the text of the presentation shall be distributed to the participants;
 - Respond to questions or observations from participants, if so required by the Chairperson;
 - Manage within the allocated time.
- ***Discussant shall:***
 - Highlight issues for discussion, make observations and share experiences related to the topic presented taking not more than 7 minutes;

- Respond to questions or observations from participants, if so required by the Chairperson;
- Manage within the allocated time.

Departure of Delegates: 08 September 2018

11:15 – 12:00	Technical Session 8 (Total 45 min) Topic: Role of Election Observers for Improvement of Election Process Presented by - H.E. Mahinda Deshapriya Hon'ble Chairman, Election Commission of Sri Lanka Chair - Bhutan Discussant - Pakistan Open Discussion
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break-Lohori Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka

General Sessions -Antara Hall, Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden, Dhaka

13:30 – 14:40	General Session 2 (Total 60 min) Topics: 1. FEMBoSA Stewardship Report-8 th Meeting Presented by - Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan 2. Permanent website of FEMBoSA 3. Next Steps for FEMBoSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestions for Draft Work Plan 2018-2019 ▪ Plenary Session for Dhaka Resolution ▪ Discuss Themes for Next FEMBoSA Meeting Chair: H. E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission and Chairperson of FEMBoSA
14:40 – 15:25	General Session 3 (Total 45 min) Topics: Forum Summary Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adoption of Dhaka Resolution and Signing ▪ Finalizing Theme for Next Meeting ▪ Concluding Remarks by 8 member countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka) Chair: H. E. K M Nurul Huda Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Bangladesh Election Commission and Chairperson of FEMBoSA
15:25-15.45	Tea Break
Concluding Remarks and Closing	
15:45- 16:00	Concluding remarks