

South Asian Media Forum 2008

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0800 – 0900 Registration (for May 2 and May 3 Programmes)

0900 – 0930 **Opening Session and Welcome Remarks**

Inauguration by Dr. Kamal Hossain, Chairperson, Bangladesh Chapter, South Asia Foundation, Bangladesh

- Dr. Indrajit Banerjee, Secretary-General, AMIC, Singapore
- Mr. Amanullah Khan, Chairman, UNB, Bangladesh

0930 – 1000 **Keynote Address**

Chair: Major General Muniruzzaman, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies, Bangladesh

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Farooq Sobhan, President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute

1000 – 1030 *Coffee Break*

1030 – 1200 **Plenary Session 1**

Media and Development in South Asia: The Journey so Far

Chair: Dr. Andrew Taussig

- Mr. Syed Fasih Iqbal, Baluchistan Times, Pakistan
- Ms. Samia Zaman, Freelance Journalist, Bangladesh
- Mr. Nurul Kabir, The New Age, Bangladesh
- Mr. Rajpal Abeynayake, Lakkima News, Sri Lanka

- Dr. Binod C. Agrawal,
Taleem Research Foundation, India

1200 – 1330 ***Lunch***

1330 – 1500 **Plenary Session 2**
Good Neighbours, Bad Neighbours: Media Representation
and Realities

Chair: Dr. Binod C. Agrawal

- Mr. Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, Bangladesh
- Mr. Javed Nazir, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Mr. Shyam Tekwani, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Mr. Ghama Raj Luitel, Sagarmata Radio, Nepal

1500 – 1530 ***Coffee Break***

1530 – 1730 **Round Table Discussion**
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Chair: Dr. Indrajit Banerjee

- Mr. Ravi Velloor, Singapore Press Holdings, India
- Ms. Shaheen Salahuddin, Indus News TV, Pakistan
- Mr. Mahfuz Anam, the Daily Star, Bangladesh
- Mr. Rajpal Abeynayake, Lakkbima News, Sri Lanka
- Ms. Samia Zaman, Freelance Journalist, Bangladesh

1730 – 1745 **Closing Session**

- Dr. Indrajit Banerjee, Secretary-General, AMIC, Singapore
- Mr. Enayetullah Khan, Editor-in-Chief and Chief Executive, UNB, Bangladesh

1900 – 2200 ***Reception and Dinner***

