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

Chair: Dr. Indrajit Banerjee

- Dr. Indrajit Banerjee, Secretary-General,
Asian Media Information and Communication Centre,
Singapore
- Mr. Amanullah Khan, Chairman,
United News Bangladesh, Bangladesh

0930 – 1000 **Keynote Address**

Chair: Prof. Brian Shoesmith

- Mr. Reazuddin Ahmed, The News Today,
Bangladesh
- Mr. Mahfuz Anam, The Daily Star, Bangladesh

1000 – 1030 ***Coffee Break***

1030 – 1200 **Plenary Session 1**

National Security, Barriers and Access to Information
in South Asia

Chair: Mr. Mahbubul Alam, The Independent,
Bangladesh

- Mr. Shyam Tekwani, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Ms. Samia Zaman, Freelance Journalist, Bangladesh
- Mr. Nayeemul Islam Khan, Amdar Shomoy, Bangladesh
- Mr. Javed Nazir, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

1200 – 1330 ***Lunch***

1330 – 1500 **Plenary Session 2**
Access to Information and Empowerment of Communities

Chair: Dr. Kamal Hossain

- Mr. Vinaya Kasajoo, Rural Development Palpa, Nepal
- Mr. Aniruddha Bahal, Cobrapost.com, India
- Mr. Farid Hossain, Associated Press, Bangladesh
- Mr. Ataus Samad, Advisor, Amar Desh, Bangladesh
- Mr. Kapila Gamage, Sri Lanka

1500 – 1530 ***Coffee Break***

1530 – 1700 **Panel Discussion**
Can Access to Information by itself Empower People?

Chair: Dr. Indrajit Banerjee

- Dr. Arifin Siddiqui, Dhaka University, Bangladesh
- Mr. Rajpal Abeynayake, Lankbima News, Sri Lanka
- Ms. Samia Zaman, Freelance Journalist, Bangladesh
- Dr. Andrew Taussig, International Institute of Communication, United Kingdom

1700 - 1715 **Closing Session**

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

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people in the public sector who are employed in health care has increased from 2.5 million to 3.5 million (Department of Health 2000).

There are a number of reasons for the increase in the number of people employed in the public sector. One of the main reasons is the increase in the number of people who are employed in the public sector who are employed in health care. This is due to the fact that the number of people who are employed in the public sector who are employed in health care has increased from 2.5 million to 3.5 million (Department of Health 2000).

Another reason for the increase in the number of people employed in the public sector is the increase in the number of people who are employed in the public sector who are employed in education. This is due to the fact that the number of people who are employed in the public sector who are employed in education has increased from 1.5 million to 2.5 million (Department of Health 2000).

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