



# ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective



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Dhaka, Bangladesh

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The world economy, five years after the global financial crisis, is showing signs of bouncing back this year pulled along by a recovery in high income economies, says the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report.

Growth prospects for 2014 are, however, sensitive to the tapering of monetary stimulus in the United States, which began earlier in January 2014, and to the structural shifts taking place in China's economy. The Washington based lender sees the world economy expanding 3.2 percent this year. The forecast for the richest nations was raised to 2.2 percent from 2 percent. Part of the increase reflects improvement in the 18 country euro area, with the U.S. ahead of developed peers, growing twice as fast as Japan. The bank held its forecast this year for Japan at 1.4 percent.

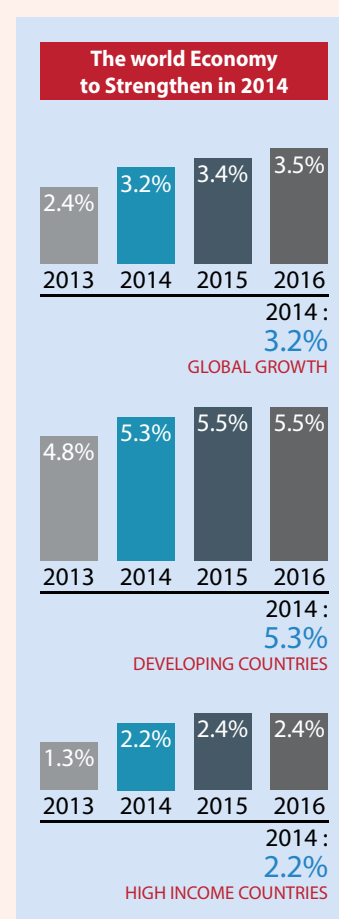
Overall, growth in emerging market and developing economies is expected to increase to 5.1 percent in 2014 and to 5.4 percent in 2015. Growth in China rebounded strongly in the second half of 2013, due largely to acceleration in investment. This surge is expected to be temporary, in part because of policy measures aimed at slowing credit growth and raising the cost of capital. Growth is thus expected to moderate slightly to around 7½ percent in 2014-15. Growth in India picked up after a favourable monsoon season and higher exports growth and is expected to firm further on stronger structural policies supporting investment.

According to ICC World Trade Agenda, greater trade efficiency could increase global trade in manufacturing by up to US\$ 377 billion a year and triple the benefits for consumers from tariff reductions. The gains would be from streamlining customs, reducing bribery and corruption, better infrastructure and more efficient cross-border services, and speeding up business through use of the Internet. Significant improvements in trade facilitation could increase exports of developing countries by approximately US\$ 570 billion and exports of developed countries by US\$ 475 billion. Taken together this would translate into more than US\$ 1 trillion world export gains. Trade facilitation improvements could result in global job gains of 21 million, with developing countries gaining over 18 million jobs and developed countries increasing their workforce by 3 million.

In the past Asia, led by China, Japan and India have played the key role in overcoming the economic downturn by maintaining steady growth. It is expected that Asia will continue to lead the way for sustained world growth.

It is therefore, imperative that world leaders give their top most priority for the development of an integrated global strategy for sustaining the projected world growth momentum.

In celebration of the 20th year of ICC's presence in Bangladesh, it's National Committee has, therefore, chosen this theme: [Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective](#) for deliberations by the public and world leaders as well as experts on economic recovery strategies.



## Conference Modules

### **Global Economic Recovery: Contemporary Reality**

After a protracted period of recession and uncertainty, the global economy appears to be on track for growth. The nature and pace of this recovery, however, remains tentative with well identified deep structural impediments, financial uncertainties and intra and inter-regional imbalances. Providing income earning opportunities for the millions of unemployed while promoting trade, investment and technological innovation require strategic thinking, policy initiatives and practical steps.

### **Asian Growth: Realities and Challenges**

The economic recession has left its own unmistakable impact on Asian growth and development. Many had hoped that the global economy would recover based on Asian progress. While some Asian countries have been largely unaffected by the economic turmoil in the West, others have used extensive fiscal and monetary measures to help their respective economies adjust. As developing Asian countries continue to grow, they face the daunting challenges of providing employment and ensuring that income disparity does not widen.

### **Trade: Does the Bali Outcome Hold Promise for the Future?**

Global trade suffered a dramatic fall during the recession, but soon recovered its momentum. Countries with greater exposure to trade suffered initially, but were able to recover through painful domestic support and aided by the gradual revival of consumer demand in importing countries. Some concentrated on developing domestic demand, which adversely affected their trade balances. In the meantime, the 9th WTO Ministerial in Bali was able to conclude a deal in Trade Facilitation. Does this provide hope that the multilateral trading system is alive and well, and can contribute to boosting trade?

### **Promoting Investment in Asia**

Significant growth in investment in Asia holds the key to the future for this region, and its contribution to the global economy. Unlocking the potential that human resources offer in Asia is perhaps the key. What can the Government and the private sector, including FDI, do to provide complementary financial resources, managerial and technological know how, infrastructure and energy? A need to refocus attention on the dynamic role that the private sector must continue to play will be a major highlight of the discussion.

## Speakers

### **Confirmed**

Deputy Prime Minister of Kuwait Dr. Abdulmoshen Al-Medeij; Bangladesh Minister for Finance Mr. AMA Muhit, M.P.; Minister of External Affairs of Sri Lanka Prof. G.L. Peiris, M.P.; Bangladesh Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, M.P.; Minister of Industries & Commerce of Sri Lanka Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen, M.P.; Bangladesh Minister for Commerce Mr. Tofail Ahmed M.P.; Commerce and Supplies Minister of Nepal Mr. Sunil Bahadur Thapa; Minister of Economic Affairs of Bhutan, Mr. Lyonpo Norbu Wangchuk; ICC Research Foundation & Fung Group Chairman Dr. Victor K. Fung from Hong Kong; Mr. Sunil Bharati Mittal, ICC Vice Chairman and Chairman & Group CEO of Bharti Enterprise Limited, India; Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor of Bangladesh Bank (Central Bank of Bangladesh); ICC Secretary General Mr. John Danilovich from Paris; Dato' Dr. Raja Mohamad Abdullah, CEO of OIC International Business Centre, Malaysia; Mr. Latifur Rahman, Executive Board Member, ICC Paris & Vice President of ICC Bangladesh.

### **To be confirmed (tbc)**

Minister of State for Commerce and Industry of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman;; World Bank Vice President Mr. Philippe H. Le Houerou and ADB Vice President Smt. Venkatachalam.





## Tentative Programme at a Glance

**25-26 October, 2014**

**Inaugural Session  
Saturday, October 25**

Venue : Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC)

15:00-17:00 Hrs. : Inaugural Ceremony

17:00-18:00 : Break for Contact amongst Participants  
Refreshment

**Cultural Programme and Dinner  
Saturday, October 25**

Venue : Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Grand Ball Room

19:00-22:00 : Cultural Programme  
Welcome Dinner

**Plenary and Business Sessions  
Sunday, October 26**

Venue : Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel

09:30-11:00 : Plenary Session:  
Global Economic Recovery: Contemporary Reality

11:00-11:30 : Contact Break

11:30-13:00 : Business Session: ONE  
Asian Growth: Realities and Challenges

13:00-14:30 : Business Lunch

14:30-16:00 : Business Session: TWO  
Trade: Does the Bali Outcome Hold Promise for the Future?

16:00-17:30 : Business Session: THREE  
Promoting Investment in Asia

17:30-18:00 : Refreshment

17:30-18:00 : Press Briefing

**For Online Registration**

[www.iccbangladesh.org.bd](http://www.iccbangladesh.org.bd)

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## REGISTRATION FORM\*

**ICC International Conference on  
Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective**  
Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Saturday-Sunday, 25-26 October, 2014

**Delegate**

Title: (Mr. /Dr. /Mrs. /Ms.)

Family Name: ..... First/given Name: .....

Position: .....

Company: .....

Address: .....

Phone: Office: ..... Res: ..... Fax: .....

Mobile: ..... Email: .....

**Registration Fee:**

BDT 25,000.00 or US\$ 300.00

The Registration Fee covers all Conference facilities including documentation, Working Lunch and Welcome Dinner. The contribution is exclusive of travel, accommodation and transportation etc.

**Mode of Payment**

Payment to be made by Account Payee Cheque/Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANGLADESH. Online payment can also be made through Bank Transfer to A/C No.: STD 004836001171 with National Bank Limited, Kawran Bazar Branch, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel/Fax: +880-2-8127223 SWIFT: NBLBDDH048

Company/ Organization Profile:\*\* .....

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Turnover (in US\$): ..... Number of Employees: .....

Personal Profile: .....

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Date: ..... Signature: .....

\*  Please return this Registration Form duly filled in along with registration fee to the Secretary General, ICC Bangladesh, Suvastu Tower (6th Floor), 69/1 Pantha Path, Dhaka- 1205, Bangladesh. Fax +880-2-8621027, e-mail: info@icc-bd.org  
\*  Photocopy of Registration Form is acceptable.  
\*\*  You may add additional page for Company profile, if needed.

## Event Information

### Target Participants

Ministers, Business Leaders, Senior Government Officials, Executives of Multilateral Agencies, Policy Makers, Legislators, Economists, Academics, CEOs of Multinationals, Lawyers and other Professionals.

### Conference Venue

Inaugural Session at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

Plenary and Business Sessions at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, 107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh.

### Date

Saturday 25 October, 2014

Sunday 26 October, 2014

### Registration Fee

BDT 25,000.00 or US\$ 300.00

Registration Fee includes:

- Attendance at all Conference Sessions
- Conference Materials
- Welcome Dinner
- Morning and Afternoon Tea
- Luncheon
- Cultural Programme

Spouses of foreign delegates are cordially invited to opening session, welcome dinner and cultural programme.

You can also register online at our website: [www.icc-bd.org](http://www.icc-bd.org) and send a registration form by fax or email.

### Welcome Dinner & Cultural Programme

The Welcome Dinner will be preceded by a Cultural Show depicting culture, music & dances of Bangladesh.

### Conference Secretariat

A Secretariat for the conference will be available at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, the venue on the days of conference

### Cancellation

If you are unable to attend after registration, you may reassign your registration to another person. Please notify the Secretary General of ICC Bangladesh. Alternate substitute participants are required to fill in new Registration Form.

If you are unable to arrange a replacement, full refund less 15% administration charge will be made provided notification is received by 14th August. Thereafter, any cancellation made before 14th August, 50% of the Registration Fee will be refunded. After 14th August no Registration Fee is refundable.

### Visa / Immigration

Please check your visa requirements with your travel agent/ airlines/ Bangladesh Diplomatic Mission in your country. Bangladesh Embassies have been requested to issue visas to the intending participants. If there is no Embassy in your country, ICC Bangladesh may also arrange visa on arrival; provided registration and passport details are received on or before 15 September, 2014.

### Reservation

ICC Bangladesh has already made BLOCK BOOKING with selected Hotels at a very specially negotiated rate until 24 September 2014. Upon receipt of your Registration Form and choice of Hotel, ICC Bangladesh will confirm reservation under your name. Reservation will be processed on a first come first served basis. Hotels require one night's deposit for confirmed reservation.

### Currency Regulations

The current exchange rate of Bangladesh Taka (BDT) to US\$ 1 is Tk. 79. Foreign currency can be converted easily into Taka from any money changers/hotels and commercial banks.

Foreign Delegates can bring in up to US\$ 5,000 or equivalent amount without declaration. Amount exceeding US\$ 5,000 or equivalent should be declared at the time of arrival.

### Credit Cards

Visa, Master and Amex cards are easily acceptable by Hotels, Restaurants and Big Shops etc.



## Accommodation Information

Name and Category of Hotel	Telephone / Fax (Country / Area Code: +880-2)	Tariff Per Night (US\$)		Location in Dhaka Bangladesh
		Deluxe Room	Premium Room	
Pan Pacific Sonargoan (Conference Hotel)	Tel: +880-2-8140401 Fax: +880-2-9138184 E-mail: reserve.ppdac@panpacific.com	US\$ 162	US\$ 201	107 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215
Radisson Blu Hotels	Tel: +880-2-9834555 Fax: +880-2-9834554 E-mail: sales.dhaka@radisson.com	US\$ 298	US\$ 342	Airport Road Dhaka Cantonment Dhaka
The Westin Dhaka	Tel: +880-2-9891988 Fax: +880-2-9896661, 9884800 E-mail: reservations.dhaka@westin.com	US\$ 360	US\$ 487	Main Gulshan Avenue Plot-01, Road-45 Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212
Lakeshore Hotel	Tel: +880-2-9899991, 9841787-92 Fax: +880-2-9840534, 9840519 E-mail: info@lakeshorehotel.com.bd	US\$ 350	US\$ 370	Road-41, House-46 Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212
Six Season Hotel	Tel: +88-01955393291 E-mail: info@sixseasonshotel.com	US\$ 214	US\$ 252	House-19, Road-96 Gulsha-2, Dhaka-1212
Platinum Suites	Tel: +880-2-8831409 Mobile: +88-01922110991 Fax: +880-2-8816073 E-mail: reservation1@platinumhotels.com.bd	US\$ 152	US\$ 172	House-58, Road-11 Block- F, Banani Dhaka-1213

Besides, high quality Guest Houses with all modern facilities are also available at reasonable rate at Post Residential Areas.

### Travel

The Airlines which fly to Dhaka include:

Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Jet Air, Thai Airways, Singapore Airlines, Emirates, Etihad, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Qatar Airways, Mihin Lanka, Dragon Air, Air India, PLA, Kuwait Airways, Malaysian Airlines, Turkish Airways, China Eastern, China Southern, Druk Air, Regent Air, United Airways.

### Car rental

Metered Taxi Cab services are available.

Just call the following numbers or ask your hotel to arrange Taxi Cab/Car:

Navana Taxi Cab: +880-2-9558065

Auto Link: +88-01911-390720, +880-2-9841787

The Hertz Corp.: +88-01711566337

Elite Car: +880-2-8821078, +88-01715812152

Hotel Limousine Service is also available

### Climate

Temp: Average Low 16°C- High 28°C

### Standard time

GMT + 6 Hrs

### Language

Conference language: English

Bangla is the National language. English is widely spoken and understood

### Weekly holiday

Friday-Saturday

### Power supply

Regular voltage 220 / 50 cycle

### Dress code

Lounge Suit/Business Attire/ National

For any further information, please contact:

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## About ICC Bangladesh

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) - *The world business organization* was founded in 1919 by a few visionary business leaders of Europe immediately after the First World War, having its HQ in Paris.

ICC has been promoting Free Market Economy, formulating various rules and guidelines for cross border trade and investment. ICC's 6.5 million member companies in over 130 countries have interests spanning in every sector of private enterprise. ICC works in close cooperation with national governments and multinational institutions such as G-8/G-20, World Bank, WTO, Asian Development Bank, UNCTAD, OECD and several UN agencies for promotion, protection and development of world economy.

Bangladesh National Committee of ICC, established in 1994, is comprised of major Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Business Associations, Stock Exchange, Banks, Non-banking Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies, Transnational companies, Law & Accounting Firms and large Corporate Houses having significant interest in international trade.

The activities of ICC Bangladesh (ICCB) include promotion of foreign trade and investment, trade policy reviews, business dialogues, seminars & workshops on related policy issues, harmonization of trade law & rules, legal reforms, updating businesses with the ICC rules & standards for cross border business transactions.

As a part of its regional & international activities, ICC Bangladesh has so far organized following regional & international conferences.

- In 2000 a two day ICC Asia Conference on "[Investment in Developing Countries: Increasing Opportunities](#)" organized by ICCB was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and attended by a number of high profile dignitaries including the Thai Deputy Prime Minister & Director General Designate of WTO, ADB President, Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary of UNESCAP and Chinese Vice Minister for Foreign Trade & Economic Cooperation. More than 250 participants from 24 countries participated in this event.

- A two day International Conference on "[Global Economic Governance and Challenges of Multilateralism](#)" was held in Dhaka in January, 2004 coinciding with 10th Anniversary of ICC Bangladesh. The Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Thai Prime Minister was the Keynote Speaker. WTO Director General, EU Commissioner for Trade, UNESCAP Executive Secretary, Governor of Japan Bank for International Cooperation, six Ministers from three continents, Bangladesh Ministers, ICC Chairman, ICC Vice Chairman, ICC Secretary General and more than 500 participants from 38 countries attended this event.

- In 2005, ICC Bangladesh organized a Regional Seminar on "[Capital Market Development: Asian Experience](#)". The Seminar, inaugurated by the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh was attended by Chairmen/CEOs of securities & exchange commissions, stock exchanges, capital market operators, financial institutions and investors from 15 Asian countries.

- In 2010, ICCB organized a Conference on "[Energy for Growth](#)" coinciding with the 15 years of ICC's presence in Bangladesh. The Conference was inaugurated by the Finance Minister of Bangladesh and attended by ICC Global Chairman, Minister for Commerce of Bangladesh, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark and Adviser to the Bangladesh Prime Minister for Energy & Mineral Resources. Some 800 delegates from home and abroad including energy experts, power developers, gas exploiters, coal miners, international financiers from Australia, China, Denmark, India, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, UK and USA attended the event.

ICCB arranges four regular professional training programmes: e-Learning programme on 'FIT Initiative' (Finance of International Trade) supported by ICC, Paris, eBSI (eBusiness School International, Ireland), International Finance Corporation (IFC) & Institute of Export, UK; Certified Documentary Credit Specialist (CDCS), Certified Specialist on Demand Guarantee (CSDG) and Certificate of International Trade Finance (CITF) Examinations conducted worldwide every year by *ifs* School of Finance, UK incorporated by Royal Charter and supported & endorsed by ICC Paris.

ICC Bangladesh and The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) in Bangladesh have jointly launched a trade knowledge and network building platform titled "[ICC Knowledge Centre](#)" to provide the trade professionals of Bangladesh with an access to online resources, insights and trade related articles, researches and upto date trade information.

