# **Brief on SAFA Regional CFO Conference**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) has organized a list of events concerned with the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) on 27–29 January 2017 which includes among others, the first SAFA Quiz & Elocution Contest, SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards and SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony, 2015 on 27 Jan 2017 and the first SAFA Regional CFO Conference on 28 January 2017 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The theme of the Conference is Navigating through Digital Transformation towards better Accountability.

Digital transformation is the profound and accelerating transformation of business activities, processes, competencies and models to fully leverage the changes and opportunities of digital technologies and their impact across the society in a strategic and prioritized way. And accountability means the obligation of any individual or organization to account for its activities, accept responsibilities for those and to disclose the results in a transparent manner.

Professional accountants, especially CFOs play a leadership role in their respective organizations in this age of digitalization and transformation. Also businesses are continually faced with demands for increasing transparency and accountability. This can lead to conflict of interest situations which finance professionals may face and need to resolve.

Inspite of many challenges and difficulties in the digital transformation, the South Asian countries have been experiencing accelerated pace of economic development which will breed new opportunities and aspiration to move towards sustainable development. Even in this race of development in digital age, integrity, transparency and good governance have great significance towards better accountability.

At this backdrop, we have chosen technical topics relevant to the conference theme and have designed the program beginning with the inaugural session and thereafter three (03) technical sessions during the Conference followed by valedictory session in the evening.

We are extremely delighted that the Hon'ble President, People's Republic of Bangladesh is going to inaugurate the conference while a wide range of experienced people across the globe including the Chief Executive Officer of International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) as the keynote speaker and the Chairman of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) will have their gracious presence.

#### **ICAB** and SAFA:

To regulate the profession of accountants and for the matters connected therewith ICAB was established in 1973 under a Presidential Order of Bangladesh. The mission of ICAB is to promote and regulate high quality financial reporting and auditing in Bangladesh, to develop and maintain the competence of professional accountants and enhance the reputation of the accounting profession in all sectors of the economy.

Whereas, since its inception in 1984, SAFA, as a forum of professional accountancy bodies, committed to positioning, maintaining and developing the accountancy profession in South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) Region and ensuring its continued eminence in the world of accountancy, in the public interest and towards broad economic development of the region. The role of SAFA is going to be more illuminating in the days to come.

# **HOTEL RATES FOR DELEGATES**

### Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka

Premier Room (Single): US\$ 210 (Inclusive all taxes)
Premier Room (Double): US\$ 235.47 (Inclusive all taxes)
Phone: +88 02 9128008

### Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka

Deluxe Room (Single): US\$ 196.07 (Inclusive all taxes) Deluxe Room (Double): US\$ 221.37 (Inclusive all taxes) Phone: +88 02 8754555

### **The Westin Dhaka**

Deluxe Room (Single): US\$ 195 (Inclusive all taxes) Deluxe Room (Double): US\$ 225 (Inclusive all taxes)

Phone: +88 02 9891988

### Six Seasons Hotel, Dhaka

Deluxe Room (Single): US\$ 145 (Inclusive all taxes)
Deluxe Room (Double): US\$ 175 (Inclusive all taxes)
Phone: +88 09604 666666

#### Best Western La Vinci Hotel, Dhaka

Deluxe Room (Single): US\$ 90++ (Inclusive all taxes)
Deluxe Room (Double): US\$ 110++ (Inclusive all taxes)
Phone: +88 02 9119352

### **Dhaka Club**

Deluxe (Twin Sharing): US\$ 58 (Inclusive all taxes)

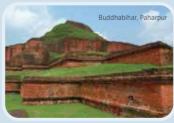
Note : Complimentary Breakfast and WiFi are available with above rates

Phone: +88 02 8619180









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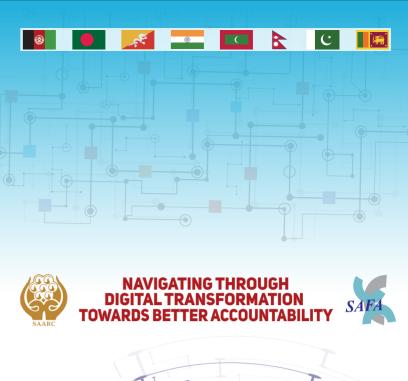
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## **PROGRAMME**

# 28 January 2017 at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh

### **INAUGURAL SESSION**

09:30 am : Registration

10:30 am : Guests and Participants take their seats

11:00 am : Arrival of Hon'ble President and National Anthem

11:01 am : Recitation from the Holy Quran

11:04 am : Address of Welcome by Mr. Muhammed Farhad Hussain FCA

Chairman of the Organizing Committee of SAFA Regional CFO

Conference 2017

11:08 am : Address by Mr. Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA

President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB)

11:12 am : Address by Mr. ASM Nayeem FCA,

President of the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA)

11:16 am : Presentation of Keynote Paper "Navigating Through

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by Mr. Fayezul Choudhury, Chief Executive Officer, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)

11:28 am : Address by Guest of Honor Mr. Hans Hoogervorst

Chairman, International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

: Address by Guest of Honor Mr. Hedayetullah Al Mamoon, ndc Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, GoB

11:40 am : Address by Special Guest Mr. A H M Mustafa Kamal FCA, MP

Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Planning, GoB

11:45 am : Presentation of Crests

11:48 am : Address by the Chief Guest

Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid

Hon'ble President, People's Republic of Bangladesh

12:00 pm : National Anthem

12:01 pm : Departure of the Hon'ble President

## **TECHNICAL SESSION-I**

12:10 pm : Guest and Participants take their seats

12:13 pm : Introduction of Paper Presenter by Moderator

**Mr. Yacoob Suttar FCA**, Council Member & Past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP)

12:16 pm : Presentation of Technical Paper "Evolving Business Environment: Challenging Role of the CFOs" by Mr.

Akhter Matin Chaudhury FCA, Chairman & Managing

Director, Nuvista Pharma Ltd.

12:30 pm : Panel Discussion

The Panelists are as follows:

i. **Mr. Khalilullah Shaikh FCA**, VP, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP)

ii, Mr. Heshana Kuruppu, Council Member, CA Sri Lanka

iii. Mr. Anwaruddin Chowdhury FCA, Council Member and Past President-ICAB

iv. CMA Manas Kumar Thakur, President, Institute of Cost Accountants of India

v. **Mr. Zahidul Islam Malita FCA,** Finance Director of Unilever Bangladesh Limited

vi. **Mr. Abdul Kader Joaddar FCA,** Chief Financial Officer of MetLife Bangladesh

01:10 pm : Floor Discussion

O1:17 pm : Summing up by Moderator O1:20 pm : Presentation of Crests O1:25 pm : Lunch & Prayer Break

### **TECHNICAL SESSION-II**

02:00 pm : Guests and Participants take their seats

02:05 pm : Introduction of Paper Presenter by Moderator CA. Tarun J.

Ghia, Central Council Member, Institute of Chartered

Accountants of India (ICAI)

02:10 pm : Presentation of Technical Paper "Conflict of Interest Situations: Addressing the Dilemma" by Mr. Masud

Khan, Finance Director of Lafarge Surma Cement

02:25 pm : Panel Discussion

The Panelists are as follows:

 Mr. Prof. Lakshman Ravendra Watawala FCA, FCMA, FCMA(UK), CGMA, FCPM, President, CMA Sri Lanka

ii. Mr. Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB)

iii. **Mr. Arif Khan FCMA,** President of the Institute of Cost & Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB)

iv. **Mr. AKM Aftabul Islam FCA** Director, Bangladesh Bank

v. Ms. Gillian Fawcett, Head of Governments Faculty of CIPFA. UK

vi. **Mr. Abrar A Anwar,** CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh

03:15 pm : Floor Discussion

O3:25 pm : Summing up by Moderator O3:30 pm : Presentation of Crests

03:35 pm : Tea Break

## **TECHNICAL SESSION-III**

03:50 pm : Guests and Participants take their seats

03:55 pm : Introduction of Panelists by Moderator Mr. Jagath Perera,

Vice President, CA Sri Lanka

04:00 pm : Panel Discussion

Including five (5) minutes presentation of the paper by each panelist on "Emerging Regulatory Regime and Financial Reporting: Country Perspective"

The Panelists are as follows:

Mr. Lasantha Wickremasinghe, President, CA Sri Lanka

ii. Mr. Anisur Ur Rehman, VP, the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMAP)

iii. **Mr. CA. Debashis Mitra,** Central Council Member, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

iv. **Mr. Md. Humayun Kabir FCA,** Council Member and Past President, ICAB

v. Representative from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN)

vi. Representative from Afghanistan

vii. Representative from Bhutan

viii. Representative from Maldives

05:10 pm : Floor Discussion

05:20 pm : Remarks by IASB Chairman Mr. Hans Hoogervorst

05:25 pm : Summing up by Moderator 05:30 pm : Presentation of Crests

### **VALEDICTORY SESSION**

06:10 pm : Guests and Participants take their seats

06:15 pm : Introduction of Paper Presenter by Moderator **Professor** 

Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy

Dialogue (CPD)

06:20 pm : Presentation of Technical Paper "Accelerated Pace of Economic Development in a Digital Age: Opportunities

and the Way Forward" by Mr. Ahmed Raihan Shamsi FCA, Chief Executive Officer, Accenture Communications

Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.

06:35 pm : Panel Discussion The Panelists are as follows:

> Mr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union

ii. Ian Ball Chairman, CIPFA International

iii. Mr. Masud Ahmed, Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh

iv. CA. Sanjay Agarwal, Central Council Member, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

 Ms. Suraiya Zannath Khan FCA, Lead Financial Management Specialist in the Governance Global Practice of the World Bank

07:25 pm : Floor Discussion

07:35 pm : Summing up by Moderator

07:40 pm : Address by Chairman Conference Committee

Mr. Muhammed Farhad Hussain FCA

07:48 pm : Address by Special Guest Mr. Naeem Akhtar Sheikh,

Immediate Past President, SAFA

08:00 pm : Address by the Chief Guest **Dr. Mashiur Rahman**, Economic

Affairs Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, GoB

08:15 pm : Presentation of Crests

08:20 pm : Concluding Speech by President-ICAB, Mr. Adeeb Hossain Khan FCA

08:30 pm : Cultural Programme and Dinner

# SAFA EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- SAFA Committee Meetings from 9.30am to 12:30pm on 27 Jan 2017 at ICAB
- Quiz & Elocution Contest from 10:00am to 05.30pm on 27 Jan 2017 at ICAB
- SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards & SAARC Anniversary Awards for Corporate Governance Disclosures Ceremony 2015 from 6:30pm on 27 Jan 2017 at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka
- SAFA Regional CFO Conference 2017 on 28 Jan 2017 at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- SAFA Board and Assembly Meetings from 10.00am to 1:30pm on 29 Jan 2017

**NB:** Master of the Ceremony (MC) for Inaugural and Valedictory Sessions of the SAFA Regional CFO Conference and SAFA BPA Awards giving Ceremony: Ms. Zareen Mahmud Hosein FCA

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