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Mr Raghuram Krishnaswami is a Software Development Engineer at Amazon. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Technology, Electrical, Electronics and Communication Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati. He is a tech enthusiast, and has worked on a wide range of technologies such as Robotics, IoT, Cloud Technologies and AWS, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Large-Scale REST APIs, Web Frontend Development and Android Development.
Kaushik Sarker is currently a PhD fellow at Beihang University, Beijing, China. He received his B.Sc. in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering in 2010 from TBC, Bangladesh and M.Sc. in Computer Systems and Network Engineering in 2012 from the United Kingdom. In 2016 he received his advanced embedded system training in Japan. Since 2013 Mr Sarker has been working as a faculty member at the Faculty of Science and Information Technology at Daffodil International University (DIU), Dhaka, Bangladesh. In 2019 he was invited as a visiting faculty member at Hunan University of Humanities, Science and Technology, China and as a Visiting Trainer and Consultant of Al Qalam University Katsina, Nigeria. His research interests include deep learning in communication and network, digital image processing and robotics vision, embedded systems, education and learning.
MENTORS

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Professor Syed Saad Andaleeb is Distinguished Visiting Professor, IBA, at the University of Dhaka. He was the third Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University and served from 2014-2018. He also served as President for two terms of Bangladesh Development Institute (USA). He continues to serve as Editor, Journal of Bangladesh Studies since 1999. Professor Andaleeb was Distinguished Professor of Marketing at the Sam & Irene Black School of Business, Pennsylvania State University, Erie, USA. He completed his Bachelors in Chemical Engineering, MBA from the University of New Hampshire and Doctorate in Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has published widely in peer-reviewed and practitioner journals and has presented invited papers at Oxford University, the Harvard School of Public Health and Cornell University’s South Asia Program.

Prof Ram RAMACHANDRAN
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Professor Sivaswamy Ramachandran teaches Entrepreneurship, Emerging Technologies like FinTech/Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence, and Management topics to graduate and undergraduate students. His current research interest includes the transformative nature of AI and FinTech across industries, and the influences of EdTech Startups on the education sector. Professor Ramachandran is an accomplished hands-on senior executive with over thirty-five year's track record of building and leading global consulting practices and high-growth businesses across the financial services and retail industries. Most recently, he was the Managing Director at Ernst & Young, New York responsible for driving Data & Analytics, Robotics Process Automation, and IoT solutions for his clients. He holds an MBA from Leonard N. Stern School of Business, New York, Bachelor of Engineering from University of Madras, and certificate in FinTech from MIT. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. from International School of Management, Paris.

Mr Sheikh Mohammad REZWAN
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Sheikh Md. Rezwan is an Architect and Academic. He is currently teaching at the Department of Architecture, Daffodil International University (DIU) as an Assistant Professor and Head of Department. His area of research interest includes urban design, community space design (urban and rural) based on behaviour study. He coordinated the Smart City events organised by FNF Bangladesh and DIU from 2017-2020, where he worked on mobility issues of Dhaka city with FNF and policymakers. Mr Rezwan edited a book titled 'Designing for Pedestrians', showcasing student’s proposals for a pedestrian-friendly city. He is the founder of the initiative ‘Grammo’, a participatory rural residential research workshop programme.

Mr Rezwan is currently working as the Local Team Leader on Participatory Urban Design in Shahjahanpur Dhaka, a World Bank-funded
Fahim Uddin Shuvo is an architect by training and a social entrepreneur by choice. After completing his Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture and Master’s Degree in Environmental Science and Management at North South University in Dhaka, he started his professional career in an architect bureau. In 2018, he founded GARBAGEMAN with a vision to solve urban waste management problems in Dhaka.

Mr Kshitij Amodekar is an experienced sustainability leader & Architect with over 15 years working in the built environment leading teams and projects ranging from Urban Sustainability Plans through to Zero energy buildings and Corporate Sustainability Policy. He has expertise in climate resilient design for buildings, master plans and cities. He works with the inspiration to evolve current business practices and design approach to cater to environment and sustainability to achieve targets for Sustainable Development Goals by United Nations. He has worked in policy framework and design strategies for diverse projects from urban scale to building scale. He is devoted to the cause of reduction of GHG emissions to mitigate climate change impacts through the sustainable policies, Renewable energy, building design (active and passive) and LZC (low or zero carbon technology).

Dr Soumyajit Bhar straddles action and academic research with more than 14 years of experience (both volunteering and full time) of working with various environmental and sustainability issues. He has currently submitted his Ph.D. in Sustainability Studies at ATREE, Bangalore as part of a unique interdisciplinary Ph.D. programme. Coming with an engineering background, during Ph.D., he got the opportunity to hone data analytics skills - both advanced econometrics as well as cutting-edge environmental footprinting approaches. In one of the recent stints, he worked closely with the BoM of an emerging liberal arts university in India, assisting them with data analytics service and identifying actionable items based on the analysis. He also worked with the CEO of a startup on similar lines. Dr Bhar is a full-time faculty at Krea University and teaches at the intersection of Environmental Studies and Economics.
Mr Balaji Jagannathan is a business builder by passion and a tech freak by choice. An optimist with never-ending faith in the potential every human possesses is what gets him going. He is an AvGeek & a gearhead and enjoys high intensity squash matches as much as he does a relaxing tee off. After a rich and fulfilling 15-year corporate career, during which he worked with and led some of the most reputable tech multinationals, he decided to pursue his dream of building a meaningful enterprise from scratch. A passion for technology and the zest to apply it to solve real-world problems has been a big motivating factor throughout his life. This passion inspired him to start Katabole, a technology venture, which means “Disruption or Laying The Foundation” in Greek. Katabole is focused on creating an exciting future for our world, seeded by technology and driven by possibility-thinking.

Ms Sapna Nair is a public health researcher based in Chennai, India, at IFMR LEAD @ Krea University. She has 16 years’ work experience and is the Principal Investigator on many ongoing and completed research studies. These include on cancer screening, nutrition supplementation to children, adaptations to mental health services, and adolescent sexual reproductive health. She was principal investigator on a trial on child development, and leads a national level CSR project evaluation the grantees of the Infosys Foundation years 2015-20. She has worked across many states in India in a research and advisory role in health systems research from developing methodologies, policy strategy, policy uptake and evaluation. Ms Nair also serves as research review board member at BALM and IJM. She has completed her MPH from TISS, Mumbai, Summer Institute from University of Minnesota, and is completing her PhD at IIT, Madras.

Ms Sujatha Srinivasan is an experienced management professional with 10+ years of multidisciplinary, global experience across practice areas of International Development and Financial Services. At LEAD, she is responsible for design and delivery of key strategic initiatives related to public infrastructure and basic services through a combination of research, outreach and policy advocacy. Her research interests and portfolio span a range of sectors (include Water and Sanitation, Solid waste management, Public health, Financial inclusion), across various policy and governance reform areas (public finance management, public-private partnerships, eGovernance, monitoring & evaluation). She leads a range of research-policy partnerships with central/sub-national governments in India. She holds an MBA from Suffolk University, Boston and a BS from the University of Madras. Prior to her current position, she worked for State Street Corporation (USA), Raytheon (USA) and Citibank (India).
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Dr Izza AFTAB
Google Research Scholar
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Dr Izza Aftab is an Economist by profession. She is a member of the only team of researchers from Pakistan which won the prestigious Google Research Scholar Award 2020. This Award, USD 60,000, is given in recognition of cutting-edge research done by early career professionals to further knowledge for improving the lives of people while using technology. It brings together advances in computer vision with economics and development. Dr Aftab worked at Information Technology University at Lahore, Pakistan for five years, ending in September 2021. The last position she held there was Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Before that she was the founding Chairperson of the Economics Department there. Her research interests include firm level innovation, economics of innovation, SDG, CPEC, BRI, structural macroeconomics and child protection.

Mr Syed Hussain HAIDER
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Mr Syed Hussain Haider has been working as a Management and Legal Expert for the past 26+ years with various private, social and public sector organizations. He has contributed as a Social Worker and Lead Trainer/Capacity Building Expert since 30+ years. He was involved with the restructuring of organizational processes in 9+Government Ministries and establishing various organizations/institutions along with 32 in the private sector. He is an Integrity Education Expert and Lead TOT Master Trainer for UNODC. He is a part of the International Advisory Group for Global Integrity Education Project [GIEP] and Global Resources for Anti-Corruption Education [GRACE]. Earlier, he has developed, customized and conducted hundreds of Faculty trainings at corporate, social and educational institutions around the world. He has developed, nurtured and mentored over 51 Social Enterprises, 19 Commercial Start Ups, 8 HRM Start Up Consultancies and also developed 9 Tourism Start Ups.

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Dr Naveed Iftikhar is an Adjunct Faculty at SDSB at LUMS and Karachi School of Business and Leadership. He has taught economics, management, public policy, and urban economics courses at PIDE, Department of Economics at Quaid-i-Azam University, National Defense University, & various civil service training institutions. He is working with the public sector, academia, research centers, and international development organizations for almost two decades. His current work focuses on urban policy & economics, entrepreneurship, public sector governance, state-owned enterprise reforms and public-private partnerships. Naveed has worked as a Governance Specialist at the Economic Reforms Unit of Pakistan's Ministry of Finance. He contributes regularly to journals, conferences and newspapers. He holds Ph.D. in Urban Affairs and Public Policy, titled as Entrepreneurship,
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JUDGES

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Mr Asif Uddin Ahmed is Assistant Professor and Director of the MBA Program as well as Assistant Professor at the School of Business and Deputy Director of Academic Affairs at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh. He is also serving as Acting Director at the EMK Centre, which is a platform dedicated to open conversation, informed action, individual and artistic expression, and personal and professional growth.

Mr Ahmed is Member of the Board of Directors at Ankul Foundation, a financial institution developed to ensure low cost financial services for micro enterprise in Bangladesh.

He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from the Institute of Business Administration in Bangladesh.

**Dr Touhid BHUIYAN**

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Dr Bhuiyan is Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Daffodil International University (DIU) in Bangladesh. He has more than 20 years of experience in teaching, research and working within the IT industry in Australia and overseas and is experienced in Cyber Security, Software Engineering and Databases with a demonstrated history of working within the education management industry. His research interests are in intelligent recommendations, social networks, trust management, database management and e-Learning.

Dr Bhuiyan received his PhD in Computer Science, 2011, from Queensland University of Technology, Australia. He has an MSc in Computer Science, 2003, from The American University in London, United Kingdom, and a BSc (Hons) in Computing & Information Systems, from the University of London, United Kingdom.

**Dr Shahriar Hossain**

Secretary General Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO)

Dr Hossain is a Journalist, ecologist and social justice advocate. He is the Founder of the Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO) and a pioneer and the key personality of the global anti polythene / plastic movement.

He served as the Country Representative of Bangladesh for the Advocacy Institute of Washington D.C. and is a Fellow of the Center for Environmental Education (Duke University), Center of Environmental Studies (Taxes University of Al-Paso, USA) and ASHOKA Innovators for the Public (USA). Next to his role at ESDO, Dr Hossain is also Vice President of the World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry, Steering Committee Member of the International POPs Elimination Network -IPEN and the Vesting Faculty of Georgetown University & Advocacy Institute of Washington, DC, among others.

He obtained an MS in Environmental Studies (1995) and a Ph.D. in Urban Ecology (2001) from Duke University, USA. The title of his thesis was
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Mohammad Sirajul Islam is the Chief City Planner in Dhaka South City Corporation and then Dhaka City Corporation since 2004. He joined Dhaka City Corporation in December 1997 as an Architect. Mr Islam received a Bachelor’s degree in Architecture and a Master’s degree in Architecture from Kharkov State Academy of Municipal Economy, Kharkov, Ukraine. He has attended numerous international trainings on Urban Planning, Disaster Management & Climate Change. His work focuses on improving the transparency & accountability for making healthy, clean & green liveable environment friendly & disaster resilience sustainable development of Dhaka. He is contributing to enhancing disaster management, contingency planning, climate change, smart city, mobility, pedestrian facilities, neighbourhood development etc. to meet the needs of valued city dwellers.

Urban Challenge India: “Creating Healthy Cities: Addressing Child Obesity in New Delhi”

Ms Anita ARJUNDAS

Board Member
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Mrs Arjundas currently serves on the India Advisory Board of The Nature Conservancy and is an Independent Director on the board of KKR’s NBFC – KKR India Asset Finance Limited. Previously, she was a Member of the Group Executive Board at the Mahindra Group and Managing Director & CEO of Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd. She has served in the past on the Board of Management of TERI School of Advanced Studies (earlier TERI University) and the Steering Board of the World Economic Forum’s Future of Urban Development & Services. Mrs Arjundas has an MBA from BIM, India and has done an AMP from The Wharton School, USA.

Prof Vivekanand JHA

Executive Director
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Professor Vivekanand Jha is the Executive Director of the George Institute for Global Health India, and Chair of Global Kidney Health in the Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College, London, UK. He is also a conjoint Professor of Medicine at University of New South Wales, Sydney and the immediate past President of the International Society of Nephrology. His research experience and interests include understanding the health and societal impact of non-communicable diseases, especially kidney disease, around the world through epidemiology, clinical trials, implementation science and late stage translational research; development of affordable, scalable and sustainable primary and...
secondary prevention tools; and health policy research that engages with state and federal health officials in India. As the Executive Director of the George Institute, he manages a large program of work around non-communicable diseases.

His Excellency P. Kumaran belongs to the 1992 batch of the Indian Foreign Service. His first assignment was as Third Secretary in the Embassy of India, Cairo, from January 1994 to June 1997. During this period, he also learnt Arabic language at the American University in Cairo. His next posting was as Second Secretary in the Embassy of India, Tripoli, from July 1997 to December 2000. He then moved to Belgium as First Secretary in the Embassy of India, Brussels, from December 2000 to September 2003. Following this, he returned to India and served as Deputy Secretary [Europe West] in the Ministry of External Affairs from September 2003 to March 2005.

After his stint in Delhi, HE Kumaran moved to Bangalore to serve as the Regional Passport Officer, from April 2005 to June 2007. He was then posted to Pakistan, where he served as Counsellor in the High Commission of India, Islamabad, from June 2007 to October 2009. He then moved to the USA and served as Counsellor in the Embassy of India, Washington, from October 2009 to August 2011. Following this, he was posted to Sri Lanka as Deputy High Commissioner at the High Commission of India in Colombo, from September 2011 to June 2014.

His next assignment was at the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, as Joint Secretary (Consular, Passport & Visa Division) from July 2014 to September 2016. He then moved to Qatar for his first Ambassadorial assignment, to serve as Ambassador of India, Doha from October 2016 to July 2020. He is currently serving as the High Commissioner of India to Singapore since July 2020.

Mr Supreeth Nagaraju is the Head Education – Digital Media for Adobe Systems, India & South Asia. In this role, he is responsible for Adobe’s Education operations - growing the sales and marketing functions, driving strategic partnerships and alliances, expanding the channel partner ecosystem and driving cloud services opportunities within the Educational Institutions, Education ministries, and mission mode projects in the region.

Prior to Adobe, Supreeth worked for Avaya Global connect as the Head – Enterprise & Global Accounts. Before Avaya, Supreeth was the Business Head of the SMB vertical at Dell India. Supreeth is an alumnus of Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Co-Chair, FICCI Task Force – Higher Education, Member of the Haryana Government Task Force – Education & Skilling, Member of the Board – IITM | NASSCOM Digital Skills Academy. Member of the CII Education Committee East India. He is an Advisory Member to Higher Educational Institutions and National projects.
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HE Rukhsana AFZAAL
High Commissioner of Pakistan to Singapore
ASEF Governor for Pakistan

Ms Rukhsana Afzaal joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1994, after qualifying the Central Superior Services (CSS) examination, the competitive exam for selection of civil servants. During her career, she has served in Pakistan’s Missions in Ankara, Kuala Lumpur, Warsaw and Berlin, before being appointed as High Commissioner of Pakistan to Singapore. She has diversified work experiences at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has served on different desks including UN, America, Afghanistan, South Asia, Asia Pacific and Middle East. She also remained associated with the HR Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

HE Rukhsana Afzaal holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and a certificate in Turkish language from Tomer – Ankara. She is married and has two children.

Retired Colonel Mubashir JAVED
Mayor
Lahore
Pakistan

Retired Colonel Mubashir graduated from Government College Lahore. After that, he served in Pakistan Armed Forces. He was in ISI and was a well-connected officer throughout his tenure. He joined politics three years after retirement from Army. He has served as Mayor of Lahore and has been involved in many social intervention targeting towards sustainable development. He is a civil engineer by profession and has strong roots in Walled City of Lahore.

Dr Sohail BHATTI
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Dr Sohail Masood Bhatti received his PhD degree in Computer Science from the National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Islamabad in 2014 and Post-Doctoral Research in “Department of Electrical Engineering, Universidad De Chile, Santiago, Chile” in 2015. He has over ten years of experience in Machine Learning and over ten years of experience in the software industry.

He is interested in conducting research in areas related to Image/Signal Processing, Applied Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Malware Detection, and Medical Image processing. He has special interest in machine learning based techniques and their applications. Recently Dr Bhatti has been involved in developing techniques for Image Restoration, Malware Detection, and Functions Optimization problems. He has also worked on different real-world machine learning applications in heart disease detection, cancer grading, volcanology and mining etc using Signal Processing Techniques as well as on Deep Neural Networks.
Dr Shahid A ZIA
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Dr Zia has diversified academic and professional experience in the fields of Education, Capital Markets and Banking Industry and held senior positions handling Training and Development, Human Resources Management, Marketing, Public Relations, Portfolio Management, Equity Research, Regulatory Matters and Risk Management.

He received his PhD in Business Administration at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of the Punjab, where he also works as Adjunct Professor.

Dr Zia was previously Director of the Akhuwat Institute of Social Enterprise & Management and General Manager of the Bank of Punjab.
SPEAKERS

Thematic Sessions on SDG11 “Sustainable Cities and Communities”

Mr Norbert Csizmadia
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Mr Norbert Csizmadia is the President of the Board of the Directors of the Pallas Athene Geopolitical Foundation in Hungary. Prior to his current role, he served as Executive Director of the Central Bank of Hungary between 2014-2017. Mr Csizmadia started his professional career in the government sector, first as Head of Strategic Planning, then Deputy State Secretary and follow this, as State Secretary at the Ministry of National Economy of Hungary. He has a Master’s Degree in Geography & Tourism Development, University of Pecs, as well as a Master’s Degree in Geography from the University of Szeged, in Hungary.

Ms Belinda Gascoigne
Programme Coordinator
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Ms Belinda Gascoigne is a Senior Programme Coordinator and Developer, Part-time Lecturer and Manager of the Skellig Centre for Research and Innovation, a rural based project which brings the benefits of a university to a remote peninsula experiencing rural depopulation. She has pioneered online programme delivery and has extensive programme design experience, especially in science, technology and climate change. She lectures in the area of environmental science and climate change, social policy for sustainable development and SDG’s, geographical information systems and the role of the environment for well-being. A passionate adult educator who recently started her doctoral studies in which she is investigating education for sustainable development.

Dr Long Pham
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Dr Long Pham is a Senior Research Coordinator at the Insight Centre for Data Analytics, University College Cork in Ireland. Prior to her current role, Long was a business development manager for University College Cork in ASEAN markets, where she worked with governments, universities, industries and education services for UCC internationalization strategies. Long moved to the business role from being a researcher of the International Energy Research Centre at the Tyndall National Institute in Cork, for four years since 2014. Long was an executive at IBM’s Governmental Programs for over five years and worked closely with Vietnamese and American governments on technology and free trade policies at all stages. She is also well connected to city and provincial leaders when she oversaw IBM’s Smarter Planet agenda and Smarter Cities cooperation programs in Vietnam, California in the US with a focus on major cities including Ho Chi Minh, Da Nang, Ha Noi, and Fresno (CA, USA). In addition to policy advisory work and research, Long is a recent PhD graduate whose dissertation focused on resident engagement for smart city programs, local policy development, and regulation for technology adoption to promote smart and sustainable city development.
Prof Mike OSBORNE
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Michael Osborne is Professor of Adult and Lifelong Learning at the University of Glasgow, and Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning within the School of Education. He is also the European Director of the PASCAL Observatory on Place Management, Social Capital and Lifelong Learning and one of the core members of the Lower to Middle Income Countries research group at the university. He is a Co-I within the ESRC funded Urban Big Data Centre within which he has worked projects concerned with education, place and disadvantage, and on learning city metrics. He has been PI of the British Academy GCRF funded Strengthening Urban Engagement of Universities in Africa and Asia project. He is also Co-I within the UKRI GCRF funded Global Centre for Sustainable, Healthy Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods.

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Dr Yousuf is currently Additional Chief Engineer & Project Director, Urban Resilience Project, funded by the World Bank, as well as Project Director, Upgradation, Regeneration & Greening of Urban Open Spaces in Dhaka City, funded by GOB. He previously worked as Waste Management Analyst at Nippon Koei Co. Ltd. for the Southern Chattogram Regional Development Project. Dr Yousuf has a wide consultancy expertise, having worked for CODEC-oxfam, BRAC and UN-HABITAT, the latter as an Individual Solid Waste Management Consultant. He has a PhD in Civil and Building Engineering (Research on Solid Waste Management) from Loughborough University, United Kingdom, a Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, and a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka. Osb

Mr Khadem YUSUF
Managing Director & CEO
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Mr Khadem M Yusuf has close to 30 years of experience working in Silicon Valley, USA and in Bangladesh. Bangladesh Petrochemical Company Ltd (BPCL) is his brainchild where he pioneered the concept of creating worth out of waste in Bangladesh being the first and only post-consumer Food Grade PET recycling plant of the Nation. Prior to forming Bangladesh Petrochemical Company Limited (BPCL), he has worked for 5 years as the Country Manager Global Services for Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, at Nokia Siemens Networks. He was also the Founder and Chairman of Alap Communication, a Nationwide Broadband Wireless Data Network service provider in Bangladesh, which was acquired by a local conglomerate in 2007. He was an Independent Director in BracNet Ltd, a nationwide broadband service provider which is serving hundreds of large corporations and SMEs across the nation and a National Data Consultant at Bangladesh Bank.
Before moving back to Bangladesh, he worked at CoWave Networks in Fremont, California, USA, as an Architect and Designer for Broadband Wireless Access Systems, Project Manager (Router Design) at Zettacom Inc, San Jose, California & iReady Corp, Sunnyvale, California and as a Microprocessor Design Engineer in National Semiconductor Corporation, Santa Clara, California, USA. He was also an angel investor in Mvion (Fremont, California) and Conferrent Ltd (San Jose, CA).

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Dr Ranjani Harish has a PhD in Community Nutrition (Public Health Nutrition) from the University of Mumbai, India and is a Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE). Her research areas include Public Health, Epidemiology and Translational Research. In 2016, she underwent specific training on mHealth research at the Global mHealth Research Training Institute, Fogarty International Center, Center for Global Health Studies, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. She is currently the Senior Scientist & Head – Department of Translational Research at Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) (www.drmohansdiabetes.com). In this role, she has developed and implemented large population-based studies, including investigating the prevalence of diabetes and obesity in children and adolescents namely,

Her other research projects have included research on contemporary topics such as role of built environment in physical activity/inactivity among adolescents, PCOS and other metabolic disorders among adolescents. She is also the co-investigator in two prevention projects one studying the role of yoga in adolescents and the other, an implementational trial (NIH R01) for the prevention of diabetes and cardiometabolic diseases at workplaces in India. Besides writing many free press articles in national daily’s and magazines, regularly reviewing articles, she has over 55 peer-reviewed publications including chapters to her credit.

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Mr Iyengar has over 25 years of experience in product management, marketing and general management with several multi-national companies and start-ups. He worked for 10 years at Intel as the Marketing Director for the UK & Ireland. An alumnus of SP Jain Institute of Management and Research, he has also worked with Siemens, Arvind Mills and Standard Chartered Bank. Mr Iyengar was always passionate about sports and joined Sportz Village upon his return to India in 2017. He continues to play football, badminton and tennis.
Ms Sheryl Salis is a Registered Dietitian, a Certified Diabetes Educator and Sports Nutritionist, and the Founder & Director of Nurture Health Solutions. She has been awarded the “Finer World Award for Change Maker and Social Media Influencer” and is the recipient of the Alan Drash Fellowship in 2021. She has published the award winning book “Diet in Diabetes Simplified” and co-authored several papers and books in the field of dietetics and diabetes education. She was selected among 15 people globally by the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) for a special training research in Type I Diabetes.

Dr Idrees has expertise in the field of quantitative research, secondary and primary research, and econometric methodologies with capabilities to undertake robust analysis and provide insights to key economic policy decisions. Her research interests include Knowledge Economy and Innovation, Spatial Economics, Public Finance and Policy Economics, Entrepreneurship Development, Health Economics, Transport Economics. Currently she is working on the accessibility aspects of public transport from the perspective of social inclusion (such as proximity, affordability, mobility, convenience, connectivity and social as well as temporal acceptability). In addition, a case will be developed for accessibility improvement and provide solutions to make urban transport policy more compatible with mass transit. Lastly, the ex-post evaluation of this project (OLMT) is likely to contribute by suggesting viable policy options to make this mass transit project financially sustainable.

Dr Sarwar’s research interests include Urbanization, Political Economy, International Trade and Institutions and she covers its various sub branches as well like Finance, Constitutional economics and peace and Governance issues. Dr Sarwar’s PhD research also covered all these aspects concluding that political economic factors are more important in deciding the economic outcome of any policy choice especially trade policy as compared to pure economic determinants. She has published various research papers in this field covering the domain of developing nations and their trade policy issues. She has also written policy papers for various public organizations like Pakistan Commission on Status of Women (PCSW) which portrays the findings of these survey based projects in various districts of Pakistan.
Dr Muhammad Aman ULLAH
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Dr Muhammad Aman Aman holds a PhD in Operations Management from the University of Auckland, New Zealand and M.Phil. in Economics from Quaid-i-Azam University. He is the author of several publications and recipient of many scholarships and grants. Currently, Dr Aman is serving as Joint Chief Economist for the Planning and Development Board, Government of Punjab. Dr Aman has held various important positions in the P&D Board, including Chief Economist, Director of Punjab Economic Research Institute and Programme Director, R&D Fund for Academia along with being the Focal Person of Government of the Punjab for Sustainable Development Goals, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and Punjab Growth Strategy. Before joining Government of the Punjab, he has worked with the Planning Commission of Pakistan for many years.

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