





LOGISTICS NOTE

3rd South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights 28 – 30 March 2022, Dhaka, Bangladesh and online (<u>www.safbhr.com</u>)

General:

City: Dhaka	Average temperature: Average temperature of 26°C/79°F and monthly means between 19°C/66°F in January and 29°C/84°F in May	
City population: Over 22.7 million	Language: Bengali / English	

Venue and Accommodation:

SA Forum Venue: Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)

Multipurpose Hall, Plot E-6/B, W Agargaon, Dhaka 1205

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List of accommodation recommended is <u>attached</u> herewith for your perusal.

COVID-19 Prevention Measure

Participants completed full dose (single/double dose as applicable for a full dose) of WHO approved COVID-19 vaccine can enter the event with the official proof of certification of vaccination and no RT PCR based COVID-19 negative certificate is required. ATK test kits should be provided at the door for those who show COVID-19-like syndromes. Children under 12 years old coming with parents will need to take the ATK test kits. Practice standard disease control measures are mandatory, including physical distancing, wearing face masks, using hand sanitizer, and checking temperature.

Transportation

Pre-paid Taxi: At Dhaka Airport there are pre-paid taxis that run between the airport and other destinations. They are more practical to arrange your trip. Taxi booths are located at Arrivals in Terminal 1 and 2 and the Domestic Terminal. If you get outside the airport and cross the main road, you will find taxis that provide service for 800-1000 TK. Travel time by taxi to downtown Dhaka is about 40 minutes, depending on destination.

Types of Taxi: There are different types of taxis: Yellow (air-conditioned cabs), black (non-air-conditioned cabs) or white. Please make sure that the taxi you are going to board has its taximeter activated or at least has a taximeter.

Fares: Black taxis start the meter at 25 TK but we encourage you to negotiate the rate. On the other hand, yellow taxis have its start fare at 40 TK. Pre-paid taxis have a range fare from 1,000 to 1,500 TK for a one-way trip to the city center.







Visa Information:

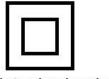
All visitors to Bangladesh including UN personnel whether traveling to Bangladesh on their United Nations Laissez-Passer (UNLP) must obtain the appropriate visa prior to embarking on their journey, regardless of their nationality. UNLP holders are advised to bring along their national passport. Visa on arrival is discouraged by the Government and is only provided to nationals of some countries for tourism purposes. Please therefore ensure that you possess an appropriate, valid visa prior to departure for Bangladesh.

International Passenger Flight Operation to and from Bangladesh during COVID-19:

Please find attached Air Transportation Circular: FSR-01/2022 for your information.

Additional Information

- 1. **Covid-19 related protocols:** The participants of the Forum must carry their COVID-19 vaccine certificate (two doses minimum) approved by WHO. Please wear mask at all times and sanitize your hands frequently. If you show any symptoms, inform the Forum secretariat immediately and leave the venue.
- 2. Clothes and Weather: The climate in Dhaka during March can be summarized as hot and reasonably dry. Daytime maximum temperatures average around a warm 33°C/91°F, whilst at night 20°C/68°F is normal. The basic rule is to cover your shoulders and knees, irrespective of gender. On the bottom, wear longer shorts, capris, pants/trousers or a knee-length-or-longer skirt. On top, choose any shirt that fully covers your shoulders.
- 3. **Currency:** The Bangladeshi taka (BDT, short form: TK) is the currency of Bangladesh. All major international credit cards (Visa, MasterCard) are widely accepted in Dhaka. Participants will be able to exchange money at the airport. 24-hour ATM machines are available across several locations in Dhaka.
- 4. **Time Zone:** Bangladesh Standard Time is GMT + 06h00.
- 5. **Electricity Supply:** In Bangladesh the supply voltage is 220V. If the appliance is a single voltage rated appliance, it will need to operate at the same voltage as the supply voltage of the country i.e., 220V. Travel adaptors should only be used with double insulated equipment, which will be clearly marked with the symbol shown below.



Double insulated symbol







- 6. Telecommunications Services: You may make local and international telephone calls from your hotel room. Telephone calls and outgoing fax messages will be charged to your hotel bill, for which you are responsible. Wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) is available in the hotel room. It is advisable to obtain a local sim card for calling and data purposes, as the venue and other common places do not offer Wi-Fi services. At the airport, after collecting your luggage, you can buy sim cards from the counter, Grameen phone has the best service among various service providers. Please keep your passport and a photo handy for a new sim card.
- 7. **Health Services:** We recommend bottled water for drinking purposes at all times. Please do not drink tap water. Long-sleeved garments and the use of mosquito repellents are recommended outdoors. If emergency medical service is required during your stay in the hotel, please contact the front desk reception. The hotel will request ambulance services to take the staff member to the appropriate hospital. If non-emergency medical assistance is required, participants may contact the Forum Secretariat room at the Hotel or the Hotel front desk.
- 8. **Language:** Bengali (English is spoken by a large segment of the population, especially for business purposes)
- 9. **Cultural Sensitivity:** Dhaka is a cosmopolitan city where people are open to embracing new ideas and lifestyle. People from all parts of the country live here. All major festivals are celebrated, and the Unity in Diversity is evident in social and cultural gatherings.
- 10. **Security Information:** Dhaka, Bangladesh is in no security threat. However, it is recommended that all staff remain vigilant in all parts of the city.

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List of U	List of UN Recommended Hotels (as of 31 January 2022)						
No	Location	Name of hotel	Address	Contact			
1	Dhaka City	Hotel Radisson Blu Garden	Airport Road, Dhaka Cantonment.	Mob: +880 1730089139			
2	Dhaka City	Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel	107, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka	Tel: +88(02) 55028008			
3	Dhaka City	Hotel InterContinental Dhaka	1 Minto Rd, Dhaka 1000	Tel: +88(02) 55663030			
4	Dhaka City	Hotel Le Meridien	House # 79/A, Nikunja 2, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1926633893			
5	Dhaka City	Renaissance Dhaka Gulshan Hotel	78 Gulshan Ave, Dhaka	Tel: +88 (02) 48811021			
6	Dhaka City	The Westin Dhaka	Plot-01, Road 45, Gulshan-2, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1755638272			
7	Dhaka City	Sheraton Dhaka	44 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani Dhak	Tel: +88 (02) 55668111			
8	Dhaka City	Holiday Inn Dhaka City Centre	23, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, ¹	Tel: +880-9638-555666			
9	Dhaka City	Bangabandhu International Conference Center (Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.	Tel: +88(02) 51000360			
10	Dhaka City	Hotel Amari Dhaka	Plot-47, Road-41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1777719313			
11	Dhaka City	Lakeshore Hotel	Road-41, House-46, Gulshan-2, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1712028988			
12	Dhaka City	Long Beach Suites, Dhaka	Plot-4G, Road-104, Gulshan-2, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1755557942			
13	Dhaka City	Hotel Lake Castle	House-1A, Road-68/A, Gulshan-2, Dhak	Tel: +88(02) 8812812			
14	Dhaka City	Nascent Gardenia Baridhara	27 Park Road, Baridhara Diplomatic Zor	Tel: +88(02) 9884560			
15	Dhaka City	Ascot Palace	House-14, Road-06, Baridhara, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1926633893			
16	Dhaka City	ASCOTT the Residence	House-13, Road-08, Baridhara, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1926633851			
17	Dhaka City	Hotel Asia Pacific	House-02, Road-02, Baridhara, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1715619989			
18	Dhaka City	Hotel Bengal Bluberry	Plot# 1/A, Road # 90, Gulshan-2, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1622666658			
19	Dhaka City	The Olives Hotel	House No- 3, Road- 126, Gulshan-1, Dh	Mob: +880 1793529497			
20	Dhaka City	Six Seasons Hotel	House-19, Road-96, Gulshan - 2, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1955393291			
21	Dhaka City	Hotel Royal Park	House-85, Road-25/A, Block- A, Banani,	Tel: +88(02) 55033452-3			
22	•	Days Hotel, Dhaka	69 Suhrawardy Avenue, Baridhara, Dha	Tel: +88 (02) 258810630			
23	Dhaka City	Hotel Sarina	Plot-27, Road-17, Banani C/A, Dhaka	Tel: +88 (02) 2588 10630			
24	Dhaka City	Golden Tulip	Plot# 8a, Road# 07, Block# H, Banani, D	Tel: +88 (02) 55042398			
25	Dhaka City	Netherlands Recreational Center (Dutch Club)	House 33, Road 74, Gulshan-2, Dhaka	Tel: +88(02) 8823877			
26	Dhaka City	Best Western Plus Maple Leaf	Plot-1B, Road-1, Sector-1, Uttara, Dhak	Tel: +88 (02) 48964855			
27	Dhaka City	Nascent Gardenia, Gulshan	House-28, Road-83, Gulshan-2, Dhaka	Tel: +8802 9842341			
28	Dhaka City	Platinum Grand Hotel	52 Road No 11, Dhaka	Mob: +880 1922110993			

29	Dhaka City	Hotel The Way Dhaka	Plot-10/B/2, Road-54/B, Gulshan-2, Dh	Mob: +880 1844027405
30	Dhaka City	Hotel Quality Inn	Road-50, House-06, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.	Mob: +880 1714355500
31	Dhaka City	Aristocrat Inn	House-12, Road-68/A, Gulshan-2, Dhak	Tel: +88(02) 9881014
32	Dhaka City	The Midori by Lakeshore	Plot # 11B, Road # 86, Gulshan – 2, Dha	Mob: +880 1313414435
33	Dhaka City	Doreen Hotels and Resorts Ltd. (Tower Building)	6/A, North Avenue, Gulshan – 2, Dhaka	Mob: +8801966662145
34	Dhaka City	Doreen Hotels and Resorts Ltd. (Residence)	16B, Road – 25, Gulshan – 2, Dhaka	Mob: +8801966662145
35	Dhaka City	BRAC CDM, Savar	N511, Dhaka 1340	Mob: +880 1787680901
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AIR TRANSPORTATION CIRCULAR: FSR-01/2022

SUB: <u>INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FLIGHT OPERATION TO/FROM BANGLADESH.</u> Ref: (i) Air Transportation Circular: FSR-12/2021, issued on 02 December 2021.

- (ii) Air Transportation Circular: FSR-11/2021, issued on 23 October 2021.
- (iii) Air Transportation Circular: FSR-10/2021, issued on 04 September 2021.

1. Flight Movement:

Following the government guidance and instruction, with immediate effect until further notice, international passenger flights to/from Bangladesh shall continue as per CAAB approved time slots/schedule.

2. Entry/Exit of passengers of all types of international flights:

2.1 Vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccine:

Travelers completed full dose (single/double dose as applicable for a full dose) of WHO approved Covid-19 **vaccine** can enter Bangladesh **with the official proof of certification of vaccination** and **no RT PCR** based COVID-19 negative certificate is required.

2.2 Not vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccine:

Travelers without having full dose (single/double dose as applicable for a full dose) of Covid-19 vaccine can enter Bangladesh if they possess **RT PCR based COVID-19 negative certificate** done within 72 hours of departure time.

2.3 Outgoing passengers:

Outgoing passengers shall follow the latest restrictions/ requirements imposed by the transit/destination country(s) or by the Airlines. Airlines concerned shall arrange to keep their passengers well informed about the Airlines requirements and the requirements or formalities of origin / transit / destination country(s) well before of their travel.

2.4 <u>If COVID-19 symptoms are identified on arrival:</u>

Irrespective of vaccinated or not vaccinated, if any COVID-19 symptoms are detected in a traveler on arrival, he/she shall be sent to Government Authorized Hospital/Facility for RT PCR test. If RT PCR test result is positive, he/she will be sent to isolation at government nominated facility or Hotel at their own expenses. Further RT PCR test will be carried out after 7 (Seven) days and he/she will be released when the test result is negative. Quarantine shall be ensured by the respective government agency(s) in charge.

2.5 Passengers below 12 years of old:

No RT PCR negative certificate is required for incoming passengers below 12 years old. However, they will have to observe the same health formalities that will apply to their family members on arrival.

3. Capacity restrictions to the carriage of passengers for all types of incoming/outgoing flights:

4.1 Narrow-Body (single aisle) aircraft:

At least the last row (Port or Starboard) of the economy class cabin shall be kept vacant for any suspected COVID-19 positive passenger(s).

4.2 Wide-Body (double aisle) aircraft:

- **4.2.1 Installed seating capacity 300 or less:** No more that 95% of the total installed seating capacity.
- **4.2.2 Installed seating capacity more than 300:** No more that 90% of the total installed seating capacity.

4.2.3 In both the cases above:

The vacant seats shall include the last row of the economy class and one seat of business class (unless otherwise instructed) cabin for any suspected COVID- 19 positive passenger(s) and all health directives including disinfection procedure at the airport and in the aircraft shall strictly to be complied following the other directives of CAAB.

5. Effectivity:

This circular will supersede CAAB's circulars (i) & (ii) under reference and replace the necessary portion, to the extent it is relevant, of the circular (iii) under reference.

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