

Dhaka Roundtable
**“Ensuring Sustainable Growth of Community Radio in Bangladesh:
Removing barriers, Increasing Effectiveness”**

**July 9, 2008, Wednesday, LGED Conference Room,
Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Dhaka**

Organised by
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Mass-line Media Centre (MMC)
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09:30 AM Registration

10:00 – 11:30 **Inaugural Ceremony**

Chairperson

Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, Ex Advisor, Caretaker Government

Chief Guest:

Mr. Jamil Osman, Secretary-In-Charge of the Ministry of
Information, People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Welcome Remark:

Mr. AHM Bazlur Rahman-S21BR, Chief Executive Officer
Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio & Communication (BNNRC)

Special Guest:

Dr. Malama Meleisea, Director and Representative, UNESCO

Mr. K.A.M. Morshed, Assistant Country Director, UNDP

Mr. Steve Buckley, President AMARC International

Mr. Ashish Sen, President, AMARC Asia and Pacific

**Prof M Monjur-E-Khoda Tarafdar, Registrar, Bangladesh OPEN
University**

**Ms. Christine Jaulmes, Chief, Communication and
Information Section, UNICEF**

Global overview of Community Radio sector by Steve Buckley,
President of World Association of Community Radio broadcasters
(AMARC) International

**Review of the Community Radio policy of Bangladesh:
Opportunities and challenges;** Presentation by **Mr. Kamrul Hasan
Monju**, Executive Director, Mass-line Media Centre (MMC)

Comments and Q & A

- 11:30-11:45** **Tea Break**
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- 11:45- 12:45** **Community Radio for Facilitating Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation by Mr. Ashish Sen, President, AMARC Asia and Pacific and Executive Director of VOICES, India**
- Speakers:**
Mr. Pranab Saha, Daily Prothom-Alo
Ms. Arifa Sharmin, UNICEF
Syed Tamjid Ur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer, Change Maker
- Moderator:**
Mr. Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, Executive Editor, Daily Sangbad
- 12:45-13:45** **Gender Equity and Women’s Rights in the context of Community Radio: Inclusivity in Community Broadcasting Inclusive; by Dr. Kaberi Gain, Assistant Professor, University of Dhaka**
- Guest speakers:**
Ms Tahmina Rahman, Country Director Article 19 Dhaka, Bangladesh
Ms. Farzana
- Moderator: Ms. Taleya Rehman, Democracy Watch**
- 13:45- 14:30** **Lunch Break**
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- 14:30- 15:30** **Assessing Impact of Community Radio by Steve Buckley, President AMARC International**
- Moderator: Mr. Ashish Sen, President, AMARC Asia and Pacific and Executive Director of VOICES, India**
- Speakers:**
Mr. S M Shameem Reza, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication and Journalism Department, University of Dhaka
Mr. Shahidullah Lipon, Professor, Media studies of Daffodil University
Md. Rafiqul Alam, Executive Director of DUS

15:30 – 16:30

Business plan for sustainable growth of the Community Radio Sector by Mr. Raghu Mainali, Coordinator of Community Radio Support Centre, Nepal and Vice President of AMARC Asia-Pacific.

Moderator: Suman Basnet, Regional Coordinator, AMARC Asia Pacific

Speaker:

Prof. Shahab Enam Khan, Project Director, Bangladesh Enterprises Institute

Mr A H M Sultanur Reza, Deputy General Manager, Fiber Optic Network, Grameen Phone

Closing session

16:30 – 17:30

Setting of priorities for the next two years – a collaborative plan for development of CR in Bangladesh

Moderator: Dr. Malama Meleisea, Director, UNESCO, Bangladesh
Guest of Honour:

Syed Marghub Morshed

Dr. Mizanur Rahman Shaeely

Dr. Mohammad. Ibraheem

Mr. Akram Hossain Chowdhury, Human Rights Expert

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