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Bangladesh reaches final stage in preparing its Country Paper on 'Building Trust in Government'

Dhaka: Through the participation of government officials, business leaders, civil society representatives and other stakeholders, starting from the local to national level, the Government of Bangladesh has reached the concluding stage to finalize the 'Bangladesh Country Paper', which will be presented in the 7th Global Forum at the United Nations Headquarters in Vienna from 26 to 29 June 2007 on the theme of *'Building Trust in Government'*.

The process reached its final stage today through a National Level Consultation Workshop organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) funded project *'Developing Civil Service Capacity for 21st Century Administration'*. Earlier the project organized three consultation workshops in the divisional headquarters in Sylhet, Rajshahi and Khulna.

In line with the 7th Global Forum the overall objective of the country consultation workshops was to sensitize people on the need for sound governance and pro-poor public administration in Bangladesh. The specific objectives were:

- discuss key issues in strengthening governance and public administration to enhance service-delivery in government;
- discuss key issues in achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- provide a platform for introducing field-level experiences in government reinvention and seek a framework and strategy for future innovations in governance and public administration in Bangladesh;
- promote cooperation among government, the private sector and civil society organizations to improve the quality of governance at national and local levels;
- identify potential areas to be improved and taken action at the local, divisional and national to enhance the capacity of country for participatory and transparent governance; and
- lay the foundation for a "Bangladesh Network for Reinvention" which interconnects the key players in governance – government, business, and civil society



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The 7th Global Forum on the theme of “Building Trust in Government” will offer plenary sessions and a series of parallel capacity development workshops on different aspects of revitalizing governance and public administration to build trust in Government. Participants will include ministers, senior government officials, parliamentarians, mayors, civil society representatives, and the private sector from all over the world.

Background of the Global Forum

The first-ever global conference on reinventing government was organized in Washington in 1999 to bring together officials who understand the vital link between efficient government and a prosperous economy and are eager to share ideas and effective practices for improving government service. More specifically, the Forum aimed to improve the understanding of available alternatives for creating democratic institutions that are compatible with the needs and characteristics of our current information age. Since then every two years, the Global Forum on Reinventing Government offers senior public officials from around the world an opportunity to meet with experts, receive training and exchange strategies for improving public administration and governance. Since the 2nd Global Forum, UN organizations have become the key partner organizations in organizing the Global Forums. Moreover, in its 57th session UN General Assembly adopted a resolution (Resolution No. A/RES/57/277) on public administration and development and asked the United Nations Secretariat to provide support to the Global Forum on Reinventing Government. The Forum has now emerged as one of the most significant global events to address the government reinvention.

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