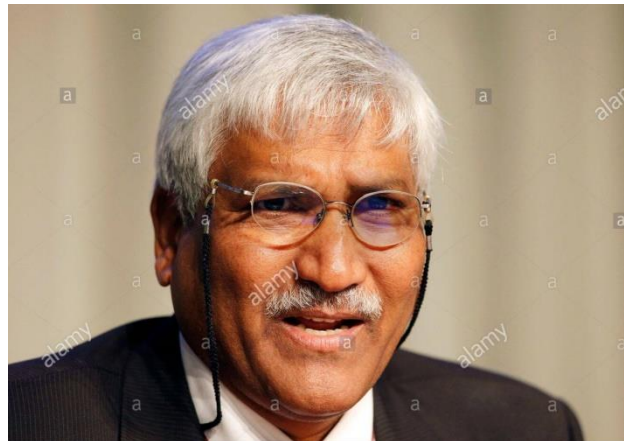


## **Dr Atiq Rahman, Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies**

**Dr Atiq Rahman, Director of the Bangladesh Center for Advanced Studies**, is a prominent environmentalist, scientist, development expert and visionary thinker in South Asia. He is known worldwide for his pioneering role and contributions to environmental and nature protection, climate change and poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Dr Atiq Rahman holds a Doctorate in Industrial and Applied Chemistry from Brunel University of West London. As



Director of the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), he has transformed it into a leading role for environmental, resource management and sustainable development issues. With national and international experience in environmental and resource management, Dr Rahman's expertise is vital throughout the Asia-Pacific region and beyond as he helps raise awareness of the dangers of global warming.

### **Positions and work**

As an author and consultant, Dr Atiq Rahman has a number of publications to his credit. He is co-chair of the regional network "Climate Action Network South Asia" (CANSAs) and the international project advisory board "Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation" (ESPA). He also coordinates the international network "Global Forum on the Environment and Poverty" (GFEP). Dr Rahman has been a consultant to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, UNICEF, UNESCO, many national governments and several (inter)national NGOs. He is the Chair of the Synthesis Committee of the National Environmental Management Action Plan of Bangladesh (NEMAP), reviewer of the World Energy Assessment of the World Energy Council and Chair of the Steering Committee of the Asia Pacific National Councils for Sustainable Development (APNCSD).

### **Teaching**

Since 1996, Dr Rahman has been a Visiting Professor of International Diplomacy and Sustainable Development at Tufts University in Boston, USA. He also developed and taught a multidisciplinary postgraduate course on the challenges of sustainable development and North-South dialogue at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, USA. He was also a faculty member of the International Programme on the Management of Sustainability (IPMS) for the Sustainability Challenge Foundation in the Netherlands.

### **Awards**

As lead author of the fourth assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, which went jointly to IPCC and Al-Gore. In 2008, he was honoured with the highest UN environmental award, the Champion of the Earth, in recognition of his leadership and global, regional, national and local contributions to the protection and sustainable management of the Earth's environment and natural resources. He also received the National Environment Award (Poribesh Padak) in the same year from the Bangladesh government in the category of innovative environmental research and technology development.

## Exercise 7: Talk Global

### Additional information for your short presentation

1. website of the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies: <http://www.bcas.net/>
2. an interview with the Climate and Development Knowledge Network by Dr. Atiq Rahman explaining the four main themes that BCAS is working on:

- Integration of Environment and Development
- Participation and good governance
- Poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods
- Public-private partnerships

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWP-X7VSYB0> (English subtitles available)

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