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## **HSBC brings stakeholders working ‘Together for Climate’**

*\*\*Climate-based event series focusing on 3A (Awareness, Adaptation and Action) starts with support from Dhaka North City Corporation, DNCC.\*\**

Dhaka: Climate change has emerged as one of the biggest environmental challenges the world is facing today. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) recognises that our planet needs sustainable action to protect our communities, businesses and natural environment from the effects of climate change; and this can only be done by working together for climate. As a part of HSBC’s initiatives for sustainability and to act on our responsibilities as individuals and corporates, HSBC Bangladesh has organised the first of the climate series events titled- **Together for Climate** with support from DNCC, on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

This programme brought together the champions of sustainability including, startups, students, corporates, regulators, policy makers amongst others to drive city centric Climate Action by sharing their innovative new climate solutions and success stories. The event was divided into three major segments – 1) Unlocking the solutions for the climate, 2) Local leadership and global reach, and 3) Ask the Mayor- Live Q&A session.

**Md. Atiqul Islam**, Honourable Mayor, Dhaka North City Corporation and a member of Mayors Migration Council (MMC) attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Besides, **H.E. Robert Chatterton Dickson**, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, **H.E. Anne van Leeuwen**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, **H.E. ITO Naoki**, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, **Khondkar Morshed Millat**, Director, Sustainable Finance Department, Bangladesh Bank, **Md. Jashim Uddin**, President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), **Md Mahbub ur Rahman**, CEO, HSBC Bangladesh, **Asif Saleh**, Executive Director, BRAC Bangladesh, **Zaved Akhtar**, CEO & Managing Director, Unilever Bangladesh, **Fahim Uddin Shuvo**, Founder & CEO, Garbageman, and esteemed Members of Mayors Migration Council graced the event with their presence.

During his Live Q&A session, the Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation **Md Atiqul Islam** said, “Cities are on the frontlines of pressing global issues such as climate change and migration. Dhaka North City Corporation has taken many steps to address environmental concerns such as our Waterbody Recovery project to restoration of parks. We need to work together with private sector, development partners and also the citizens to accelerate our responses to the climate concerns and bring innovative solutions for a sustainable city.”

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh **H.E. Robert Chatterton Dickson** said, “It is now clear that the story of how countries address climate change will necessarily be a story of how we redesign and rebuild our cities. It is essential that cities have a clear pathway towards net zero, as well as prioritising investing in crucial public services, ensuring access to healthy and sustainable food, creating green jobs, and giving public spaces back to people and nature.”

In his introductory remarks, HSBC Bangladesh’s CEO **Md Mahbub ur Rahman** said, “Cities are major contributors to climate change, however, they may equally be where we see the impact of climate mitigation more clearly. To drive city centric climate movement, HSBC believes individuals, corporates and policymakers can make a difference by working ‘Together for Climate’ focusing on the 3A’s- Awareness, Adaptation and Action. HSBC would also like to thank the Honourable Mayor of DNCC for leading from the front specially to foster adaptation and extending support for climate-based solutions.”

HSBC Bangladesh has pioneered many Sustainable Financial Solutions bringing it global expertise in the market such as Sustainability Linked Loan (SLL), Social Loan, etc. HSBC has a global ambition to contribute in sustainable financing and to support its customer switch to more sustainable ways of doing business and bring own financed emissions to net-zero by 2050 or earlier. Through initiatives like 'Together for Climate', HSBC aims to provide insights for the stakeholders to engage and encourage the best practices for sustainability in all aspects of society.

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