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Women
Peace Café



Invitation, Background and Programme Schedule

The Centre for Peace and Justice of Brac University and UN Women Bangladesh is pleased to invite you to the **Celebration of International Day of Peace, 2021** with Women Peace Café Initiatives in Bangladesh. The theme of this year peace day is **“Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world”**.

Date: Tuesday, 21 September 2021

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm (1.5 hours)

Facebook Live (for participants): <https://www.facebook.com/cpj.bracu/>

Background

The International Day of Peace is also known as World Peace Day. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. It is a United Nations sanctioned holiday observed annually and was first celebrated in 1981 to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and people. The United Nation invites all nations and people to commemorate the day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace. People around the world observes the day with different kinds of activities like: minutes of silence, peace education event, intercultural and interfaith dialogues, workshop on UN Peace Day theme, engaging youth in peace building activities and so on. The theme for International Day of Peace 2021 is Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world.

Bangladesh has always been playing a strong role in establishing world-peace. The Father of the Nation, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a proponent of peace and addressing problems with dialogue, diplomacy and peaceful resolution. In his UNGA speech in 1974 he said, **“Peace is an imperative for the survival of humanity. It represents the deepest aspirations of men and women throughout the world”**.

Bangladesh is also one of the largest senders of peacekeepers in UN peacekeeping operations. Many young peacebuilders of Bangladesh are also contributing in the peace-process to ensure global peace.

Centre for Peace and Justice, Brac University is a multi-disciplinary academic institute, which intends to promote global peace and social justice through quality education, research, training and advocacy. CPJ is committed to identifying and promoting sustainable and inclusive solutions to a wide range of global concerns and issues, including fragility, conflict and violence. In 2019, CPJ with support from the UN Women has established Women Peace Café at Begum Rokeya University Rangpur and Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh. This year CPJ initiated another two peace cafés at BRAC University and University of Dhaka.

The Peace Café is an innovative and pioneering initiative to promote peace and social cohesion through nurturing and mentoring female-student led civic engagement and social entrepreneurship activities. On the occasion of International Peace Day, CPJ along peace café members is organizing a series of events and activities such as peace adda, book launching, social media campaign, peace-message, and essay competition. In continuation of this, CPJ will virtually celebrate this year's Peace Day supported by UN Women. Key objectives of the celebration is to learn the youth aspiration, achievements, challenges and way forward for making a peaceful Bangladesh. The celebration also aims to showcase WPC activities and address effective aspects of peacebuilding process in Bangladesh.

Programme Schedule

Time	Agenda
2:30-2:35	Welcome Note by Moderator <i>Rounak Jahan Moushi</i>
2:35-2:45	Opening Remarks Manzoor Hasan , Executive Director, CPJ, Brac University Gitanjali Singh , Head of Office a.i., UN Women Bangladesh
2:45-3:00	Presentation on Women Peace Café and Peace Ambassador Initiatives <i>Muhammad Badiuzzamanm, Zia Uddin and Muhammad Ubaidul Hoque</i>
3:00-3:35	Peace Adda on Bangladesh at 50: youth aspiration, achievement, challenges and way forward for making a peaceful Bangladesh Moderator: <i>Mahmuda Sultana Shorna</i> Speaker: <i>Rabeya Akter Sathi, Farhana Haque Flora, Sunzida Islam Sharmin Sultana</i>
3:35-3:40	Launching of Book "Oikotan" <i>Ahikur Rahman Shoikat</i>
3:40-3:45	Launching of Photo Book on Power of Women <i>Arez Tanbeen Rahman and Wahidul Islam</i>
3:45-3:55	Speech of Chief Guest Prof. DR. AHM Mustafizur Rahman <i>Honorable Vice Chancellor, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam, University</i>
3:55-4:00	Vote of Thanks and Concluding Remarks <i>Tania Sharmin, Programme Analyst, Women, Peace and Security at UN Women Bangladesh</i>