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Mr AKM Sohel, an economist by training, is a seasoned, tech-savvy civil servant with a blend of grassroots administrative experience and high-level macro-policy expertise. He is particularly adept at negotiating with bilateral and multilateral development partners and at leading Bangladeshi delegations in various international fora.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- M.A. in Governance and Development, BRAC University.
- B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Economics, Jahangirnagar University.

KEY CURRENT ROLES

- **Bangladesh Country Coordination Mechanism (BCCM) of The Global Fund:** Board Member
- **Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action (CFMCA):** Deputy for the Bangladesh Finance Minister
- **Green Climate Fund (GCF):** Focal Point for National Designated Authority (NDA)
- **CVF-V20:** Board Member
- **Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD):** Bangladesh Focal Point
- **International Climate Finance Cell (ICFC):** Chair

STEWARDSHIP IN ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY

Mr AKM Sohel is engaged at the forefront of Bangladesh's international economic diplomacy and negotiation, navigating the complexities of sustainable development and external financing, including climate finance, in an era of global economic transition. His economic diplomacy and negotiation roles involve:

- Negotiating external financial and technical resources with bilateral and multilateral development partners to advance Bangladesh's sustainable development.
- Enhancing project readiness to mobilise finance for projects in smart agriculture, health, HRD focused on unlocking the demographic dividend and brain gain, governance, and institutional capacity development.
- Promoting innovative market-based financing instruments such as equity, bond and guarantees to tackle declining grants and concessional financing and increasing cost of capital.
- Enhancing the capacity of public sector actors to design investible projects and programmes that mitigate implementation and financing gaps.
- Fostering multi-stakeholder (public & private sectors, CSOs, IPLC, and youths) collaboration in a whole-of-society approach to advance innovative development interventions towards sustainable and climate-resilient development and just green economic transition.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS (COP PARTICIPATION)

COP29

Participated in key sessions, negotiations, and meetings. As Chair of ICFC, provided strategic inputs and analytical support to the national negotiation team.



COP30

Engaged in high-level negotiations, bilateral and multilateral meetings, and international panel discussions advocating for scaled-up and accelerated climate finance for climate justice.



MAJOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Anti-Corruption Commission: Former Director General
BCS Administration Academy: Former Director
Filed Administration: AC (Land), UNO, ADC
Judiciary: Magistrate 1st Class & Speedy Trial Magistrate

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **National-level Debate Champion**
- **Gold Medalist in Recitation**
- **International training across:** USA, Sweden, Germany, Japan, Australia, China, and Korea)
- **Specialized Training:** "Follow the Money" training by FBI, USA.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Meditation and Yoga
- Traveling & Reading