

# Training for Women-Owned Business

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## SPEAKERS



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Mr. Vincent O'Brien serves as Director of International Chamber of Commerce, United Arab Emirates (ICC UAE). He is also an Associate Director of the Institute of International Banking Law and Practice (IIBLP) in Washington DC, providing direction in application of ICC rules and practice. Vin is a Trade Facilitation Technical Consultant who delivers technical trade finance assistance in more than 100 countries for major banks, development institutions and governmental organisations.

He is also an Advisor on Innovation and Market Intelligence at China Systems Corporation, the leading global trade and supply chain finance solutions provider. Lastly, he is a Dispute resolution expert who has acted as expert witness and mediation advisor on major international cases.



**Mahia Juned**

AMD, The City Bank

City Bank has promoted Mahia Juned as Additional Managing Director (AMD). Mahia was the DMD & Chief Operating Officer & CAMLCO of the same bank before this promotion. In her new position, she will continue to be the Chief Operating Officer & CAMLCO and also be in charge of the women affairs of the organisation.

Mahia did her BBA from Assumption University, Thailand. She started her career in 1994 with Citibank, N.A. Bangladesh as an Operations Officer and left the bank in 2001 as Resident VP & Head of Operations.

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**Afsana Asif**

Managing Partner, Asix

Afsana is a creative visualizer manufacturing sustainable home textiles made with natural resources. A transparent, ethical, and eco-friendly production system is at the core of my business values. Her vision is to take Bangladeshi heritage and culture to new heights in the international market while supporting local communities.



**Parveen Mahmud**

Chairperson, Trustee Board,  
RDRS Bangladesh

Ms Parveen Mahmud is the Chairperson, Trustee Board, RDRS Bangladesh. She is the First among many Firsts. She is the first woman President and 39th President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) in 2011. She was the first female board member and the first female President among professional bodies of the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) till now. She was the Founding Chairperson of CA Female Forum- Women in Leadership Committee, ICAB in 2017 and was the founding Vice Chairperson of the Women in Leadership Committee of SAFA till 2019. Ms. Mahmud started her career with BRAC and later served Brac International Board and Chaired Audit and Risk Committee since 2011- 2022. She was Partner, ACNABIN & Co., Chartered Accountants, and was the Founding Managing Director of the Grameen Telecom Trust. She sits in numerous Boards including Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), BishshoShahittoKendro (BSK), ManusherJonnyo Foundation (MJF), PKSF, Ghashful, Friendship, HerStory Foundation, CholPori, MonerBondhu, Heroes for All, Cider International School, Chittagong. She is the Independent Director of Marico Bangladesh, Apex Footwear Ltd. and Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd... She was the Chairperson, Shasha Denims Ltd., UCEP – Bangladesh, MIDAS, Acid Survivor's Foundation. Ms Mahmud served as a member of the National Advisory Panel for SME Development of Bangladesh, and was a Founding Board Member of SME Foundation and founding Convener, SME Women's Forum. Ms. Mahmud was a Working Group Member of the Consultative Group on Social Indicators of UNCTAD/ISAR. She is a Melvin Jones Fellow. She was the President, Lions Club of Chittagong Parijat Elite, Lions Clubs International, District 315- B4, Bangladesh and now serving as District Cabinet Treasurer 2022-2023. She has received few accolades for her services and contribution to the society including the Outstanding Woman- Chittagong Digest Award in 2020, Ananyanna Top Ten Women- 2018 Award in 2019, Joya Alokita Nari- 2018 Award from RTV, Begum Rokeya Shining Personality Award 2006 from Narikantha Foundation for women's empowerment.



**A K Azad**

ICC Bangladesh Vice President

A K Azad is the Founder and Managing Director of Ha-Meem Group, a Bangladesh based conglomerate and is the leading Readymade Garments (RMG) exporter of the country. In 2022 Ha-Meem Group's annual turnover was \$955 million, of which \$860 million consisted of exports of RMG and textile products. He started his business in 1984 in the RMG sector and since then, Ha-Meem Group has become one of the leading and ever expanding corporate houses of the country. Mr. Azad is one of the pioneers in the development of the RMG Industry in Bangladesh and has been played a leading role in the furtherance of export-related industries of Bangladesh.

Ha-Meem Group of Companies comprises of Spinning, Textiles, Denim, Readymade Garments, Garments Accessories, Washing Plants, Cotton Recycling Plant, Tea Plantations, Printing Press and a leading vernacular newspaper "The Daily Samakal" and a TV channel, Channel 24. Altogether, the group has 30 companies, including the largest washing plants in the RMG sector. The group now employs more than 75,000 persons in its different units, most of whom are women.

As the highest exporter of RMG products and for his role in the development of the industry, the Government has declared him as a Commercially Important Person (CIP) continuously since 1997. His companies have been awarded time and again by the Government with the National Export Trophy as the highest exporter in the RMG Woven category. So far, Ha-Meem Group has received 11 gold, 2 Silver, and 5 Bronze National Export Trophies. For being highest exporter among all categories Ha-Meem Group was awarded with the Bangabandhu Export Trophy for the year 2018-2019.