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**WIPO SUB-REGIONAL FORUM FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES OF THE SOUTH ASIAN
ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION (SAARC)**

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the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
and
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Dhaka, March 20 and 21, 2001

PROGRAM

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Tuesday, March 20, 2001

8.30 – 9.30		Registration
9.30 - 10.30		Opening Ceremony
		Welcome Addresses by:
		Mr. Syed Muazzem Ali, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh
		H. E. Mr Prasad Kariyawasam, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva
		Mr. Narendra Sabharwal, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
		Inaugural Address by:
		H. E. Mr. Tofail Ahmed, Minister, Ministry of Industries, Government of Bangladesh
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 - 12.30	<u>Theme I</u>	Review of Global, Regional and Sub-regional Developments in the Field of Intellectual Property
	Presenters	Dr. M. Khaliquzzaman, Former Head, Physics and Material Division, Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka
		H. E. Mr Prasad Kariyawasam
		Mr. Narendra Sabharwal
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00 – 15.15	<u>Theme II</u>	Strategies to deal with Sub-regional Concerns with regard to Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Folklore
	Presenters	Mr. P. G. Mankad, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi
		Mr. A. L. AbdulAzeez, Director, Treaty, Environment and Law Division, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu

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15.15 – 15.45	Coffee Break	
15.45 – 17.00	<u>Theme III</u>	Use of Information Technology for Enhancing Sub-regional Cooperation on Intellectual Property
	Presenter	Mr. S.C. Mannapperuma, Secretary, Ministry of Internal and International Trade and Commerce, Muslim Religious Affairs and Shipping Development, Colombo
18.30 – 20.00		WIPO Reception

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9.00 - 10.15	<u>Theme IV</u>	Collective Action for the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights on a Sub-regional Basis
	Presenter	Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim Khan, Joint Educational Advisor, Ministry of Education, Islamabad
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee Break	
10.45 – 12.00	<u>Theme V</u>	Building Synergies in the Modernization of Intellectual Property Administration, Development of Skills and the Teaching of Intellectual Property Rights
	Presenter	Mr. P. G. Mankad
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch Break	
13.30 – 14.45	<u>Theme VI</u>	Forging Links between the Intellectual Property Offices and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) to Promote the Use and Management of Intellectual Property for Enhancing Competitiveness
	Presenters	Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva
		Mr. AbdulAwal Mintoo, Chairman, Multimode Transport Consultants Ltd., Dhaka

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14.45 – 15.15	Coffee Break	
15.15 – 16.30	<u>Panel Discussion</u>	Future Plan of Action for Strengthening Cooperation among the Member States of SAARC in the Field of Intellectual Property
	Moderators	WIPO official Host country
		(a) Institutional mechanisms (b) Substantive areas
	Panelists	All participants and speakers
16.30 – 17.00		Adoption of Forum Conclusions
17.00		Closing
19.30		Dinner by host country

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