



## Press Release

### Seminar on “Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100” Organised Jointly by BIISS & GED on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) in collaboration with General Economics Division (GED) of Bangladesh Planning Commission organised a seminar titled “Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100” on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at BIISS auditorium in Dhaka. **Barrister Anisul Islam Mahmud, MP**, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest while **Mr. Muhammad Abdul Mannan, MP**, Honourable State Minister, Ministry of Planning & Ministry of Finance was the Special Guest at the inaugural session. Major General A K M Abdur Rahman, ndc, psc, Director General, BIISS delivered the address of welcome while Ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad, Chairman, Board of Governors, BIISS, delivered Introductory Remarks and chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor, University of Asia Pacific chaired and summed up the second session.

Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member (Senior Secretary), General Economics Division (GED), Bangladesh Planning Commission presented a paper titled “**Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP) 2100 (Final Draft): Salient Features, Delta Context, Opportunities and Challenges, BDP 2100 Process and Methods, Hotspots, Vision and Goals, Strategies, Investment and Financing, Governance and Institutions, M&E Follow-up**”.

The second session of the seminar was followed by a panel discussion where three panellists, Professor Dr. M. Monowar Hossain, Executive Director, Intitute of Water Modelling (IWM); Professor Dr. Md. Munsur Rahman, Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM), Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and Engr. Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, Director General, Bangladesh Water Development Board, talked about various aspects related to the issue. Participants informed that Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 is formulated

through a process that takes inspiration from the delta planning process used in the Netherlands while taking into account Bangladesh's own perspective. It integrates the delta-related sectors to come to a long-term, holistic and integrated plan for the Bangladesh Delta.

Officials from different ministries of Bangladesh government, representatives of different embassies, different national and international organisations, former ambassadors, researchers of different institutes, high officials of different civil and military organisations, media and members of academia participated in the open discussion and gave their valuable opinions, observations and queries pertinent to the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100.