

# MD. Shahidul Haque

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- Sr. Advisor on Migration and Humanitarian Policy, International Organization for Migration, Bangladesh
- Former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

- **Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary)** Jan 2013 – Dec 2019  
Dhaka, Bangladesh
  - ✓ Longest serving Foreign Secretary of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh (2013 - 2019)
  - ✓ Led Bangladesh delegation to all Foreign Office Consultations with countries.
  - ✓ Accompanied Prime Minister of Bangladesh to all bilateral and multilateral conferences including 7 UNGA meetings in New York. (2013-2019)
  - ✓ Negotiated, on behalf of Bangladesh, many agreements including with Myanmar on Rohingya issue.
  - ✓ Chair of the Bangladesh National Task Force for Forcefully Displaced Myanmar Nationals (2013 - 2019)
  - ✓ Special Envoy on Migration of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh (2019)
  - ✓ Led the Joint Working Group between Bangladesh and Myanmar for repatriation of Rohingyas (2017-2019)
  - ✓ Chair of Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit, held on 2016, hosted in Dhaka
  - ✓ Instrumental in proposing and drafting the UN global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration adopted in UNGA in December 2018. (2017-2018)
  - ✓ Chair of the Platform for Disaster Displacement (PDD), hosted PDD annual meeting in 2019 in Dhaka. (2018-2019)
  - ✓ Designed and Implemented the Bangladesh- EU Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the return of stranded Bangladeshis from European countries. (2017)
  - ✓ Board Member to the Geneva based Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (2017 - 2019)
  - ✓ Acting Principal, Foreign Service Academy, Bangladesh (2014 - 2015)
- **Counsellor Minister, Bangladesh Mission** Jan 1999 –July 2001  
Geneva, Switzerland
  - ✓ WIPO and TRIPS Council in WTO
  - ✓ ILO and labor related issues
  - ✓ IOM and migration related matters
  - ✓ UNCC
  - ✓ LDC related issues
  - ✓ IAEA (Vienna)
  - ✓ All functions of Consul, including liaison authorities in Berne and Geneva
  - ✓ All functions as the Head of Administration (Head of Chancery)
- **Director, Foreign Secretary’s Office (MOFA)** Sep 1997–Dec 1998  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

- ✓ All responsibilities as Chef du Cabinet to the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh
- ✓ Supervision of work of secret section of the ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Supervision of work of all staff members of the Foreign Secretary's office

• **Director, International Organizations (MOFA)** Jan 1996 – Sep 1997  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

- ✓ Commonwealth
- ✓ Non-aligned movement
- ✓ Organization of Islamic Conference
- ✓ Admission of foreign student in Bangladesh
- ✓ Election issues in Bangladesh in coordination with Election Commission and International Organizations
- ✓ Organized visits to Commonwealth, NAM and OIC meetings
- ✓ Coordinated visit of Foreign Election Observers to the Bangladesh General Election in 1996
- ✓ Host Officer to a number of visiting VVIPs

• **Counselor (Political), Bangladesh Embassy** May 1994 – Jan 1996  
Bangkok, Thailand

- ✓ Political and bilateral issues
- ✓ ESCAP
- ✓ Coordination with the Thai ministries
- ✓ Head of Administration

• **Third/Second/First Secretary (Consular and Political), Bangladesh High Commission** Mar 1990 – May 1994  
London, UK

- ✓ Political issues as Political Officer
- ✓ Commonwealth matters
- ✓ Consular matters as the Consular Officer

• **Assistant Secretary / Senior Assistant Secretary, International Organizations (MOFA)** Jan 1986 – Aug 1987 and  
Jan 1989 – Feb 1990  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

- ✓ Commonwealth
- ✓ Non-Aligned Movement
- ✓ Organization of Islamic Conference
- ✓ Admission of foreign students in Bangladesh
- ✓ Organized visit of Bangladesh delegation, Commonwealth NAM and OIC meetings

• **Assistant Secretary, South Asia Desk (MOFA)** 1988 – 1995  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

- ✓ Bilateral relations with India, Nepal and Bhutan

**Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Member of their Families. Human Rights Council, Geneva**

• **Serving as an Independent Expert** 2014 – 2021  
✓ Selected for two terms by UN member states

## **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

(on lien from Government of Bangladesh)

- **Director (International Cooperation and Partnership)** 2010 – 2012  
IOM HQs, Geneva
  - **Regional Representative for Middle East** 2007 – 2009  
Cairo, Egypt
  - **Chief of Mission *a,i*** (Additional Assignments) 2004 - 2007  
Tehran, Iran
  - **Regional Migration Management Coordinator** (Additional Assignments) 2005 – 2006  
West Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran)
  - **Regional Representative for South Asia** 2001 - 2006  
Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ✓ Established IOM office in Sri-Lanka and Nepal

## **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

- **Currently serving as the Senior Advisor on Migration and Humanitarian Policy** 2020  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMIA**

**North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

- **Sr. Fellow** Jan 2020 - Present  
South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG)

**Foreign Service Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

- **Acting Principal** 2015 - 2016
  - **Vice Principal** 1997 - 1998
- ✓ Developed and conducted courses for Foreign Service Officers on probation

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### **EDUCATION**

- **Fellow – Conflict Resolution** 1992  
Center for International Understanding, Missouri, USA

- **Masters in International Relations** Distinction  
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 1988  
Tufts University, USA
- **Masters in Social Welfare** First in First Class  
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh 1983
- **Bachelors in Social Welfare** First in First Class  
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh 1982

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#### PUBLICATIONS

- **The Migration Myth in Policy and Practice** 2020  
Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd.  
✓ Co-Authored
- **Trainers Manual on Labor Migration Management** 2010  
IOM-OSCE  
✓ Contributed a chapter
- **Member of the Editorial Board of IOM World Migration Report** 2010
- **Training Guide on Essentials of Migration Management** 2004  
IOM  
✓ Contributed a chapter
- **In Quest of a Multilateral Arrangement for Movement of Service Providers** 2001  
South Center, Geneva
- **Bangladesh Country Paper on Refugees and Displaced Persons** 1997  
Presented at Commonwealth Inter-Governmental Group on Refugees and Displaced Persons, London
- **A Blueprint for Peace and Prosperity (M. A. Thesis)** 1988  
The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation,  
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, USA

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#### AWARDS AND HONORS

- **Order of Rio Branco** 2018  
Government of Brazil  
✓ For leadership role in strengthening Bangladesh – Brazil relations
- **IOM Director General’s Award** 2005  
IOM  
✓ In recognition of outstanding and committed services to IOM

- **Hon'ble Mention for Robert B. Steward Prize** 1988  
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University  
✓ For high academic achievements
- **Dhaka University Chancellor's Award** 1983 (Awarded in 1987)  
✓ Securing first position in B.S.S Social Welfare
- **Dhaka University Grants Commission Scholarship** 1983  
✓ Securing first position in Social Science Faculty of University
- **Dhaka University Chancellors' Gold Medal** 1978-1979  
✓ Best essay in Dhaka University Essay Competition

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### PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

- Migration and Refugee
- Rohingya Issues
- Climate Change and Displacement
- Sustainable Development
- Human and Labor Rights
- Negotiation

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### REFERENCES

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