

Tentative Programme

International Conference on Prospects of Jute & Kenaf as Natural Fibres

08-09 February 2009 (Sunday & Monday)

Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre- Windy Town, Dhaka, Bangladesh

08 February 2009 (Sunday)

09:00-10:00 am : Registration

Inaugural Session : **Chairman: Dr. Sutanu Behuria, Chairman of the IJSG Council**

10:00-10:10 am : Welcome address by the Secretary General, IJSG

10:10-10:15 am : Address by (Switzerland)

10:15-10:20 am : Address by the Delegation of the European Union

10:20 -10:25 am : Address by the High Commissioner of India in Bangladesh

10:25 -10:30 am : Address by the Secretary, MOTJ, Government of Bangladesh (GoB)

10:30 -10:40 am : Address by the Guest of Honour (Amb. Ali Mchumo, Managing Director, CFC, Amsterdam)

10:40 -10:50 am : Address by the Special Guest (Minister In-charge of MOTJ, GoB)

10:50-11:20 am : Address and Inauguration by the Chief Guest (Nobel Laureate Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yunus), Dhaka

11:20-11:30 am : Remarks by the Chairman

11:30-11:45 am : Tea / Coffee

Business Session I : **Jute - a Future Fibre**

Chairman: Mr. K.R .Hasan, Chairman, Private Sector Consultative Board, IJSG

11:45-12:25 pm : Global Jute Situation: Mr. Kamran T Rahman, MD, Pubali Jute Mills Ltd., Dhaka

12:25-01:05 pm : Prospects of Global Marketing of Jute & Jute Products: Mr. Dominic Pulera, Director, the Corex Group, UAE

01:05-02:00 pm : Lunch

Business Session II : **Jute and Kenaf – Significant Applications**

Chairman: Dr. A B M Abdullah, Executive Director, JDPC, Dhaka

02:00-02:40 pm : Various Aspects of Kenaf: Prof. Jalal Uddin Harun, INTROP, Malaysia

02:40-03:20 pm : Diversification of Jute Products: Mr. Atri Bhattacharya, Secretary, JMDC , Kolkata

03:20-03:30 pm : Tea

03:30-04:10 pm : Jute Geo-textiles: Prof. R. J. Rickson, Cranfield University, UK

04:10-04:50 pm : Futuristic Approach for Technology and Product Development for Jute:
Mr. Subimal Palit, Jute Textile Consultant, INDICON, India

09 February 2009 (Monday)

Business Session III : **Jute – Enhancement of Quality and Yield**

Chairman: Dr Md. Firoze Shah Sikder, Director General, BJRI, Dhaka

10:00-10:40 am : Opportunities and constraints in adopting technologies/methods/processes for increasing jute production : Dr. M.A. Sobhan, Jute Expert, UBINIG, Dhaka

10:40-11:20 am : Factors in jute fibre quality improvement : Dr. H.S. Sen, Ex-Director, CRIJAF, Kolkata

11:20-11:30 am : Tea

Business Session IV : **Jute price - its Impact**

Chairman: Mr. Sudripta Roy, Secretary General, IJSG

11:30-12:10 pm : Price setting mechanism of raw jute in Bangladesh :
Prof. Anu Mohammad Jahangirnagar University, Savar

12:10-12:50 am : Stabilisation of jute prices: Mr. Binod Kispotta, Jute Commissioner, Kolkata

12:50-01:00 am : Vote of thanks by IJSG

01:00-01:15 pm : Concluding remarks by the Secretary General, IJSG

01:15-02:30 pm : Lunch