

## Workshop Program

# Policing during the Pandemic

## Perspectives on changing roles of law enforcement in South Asia

6–8 April 2021

The workshop participants will share experiences from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka on impacts of the pandemic and changing roles of law enforcement agencies, including issues regarding:

- Operational and regulatory clarity regarding changing roles of law enforcement in health crisis preparedness and response;
- Wellness and mental health of law enforcement officials and their families;
- Gender-based violence, child protection and other human rights concerns such as appropriate use of force;
- Emerging lessons and good practices.

Presentations and discussion will bring together a range of actors engaged in law enforcement and security sector governance in South Asia, including academics, representatives of non-government organizations and law enforcement agencies in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Policing during the Pandemic is organized by the South Asia sub-regional network of DCAF's Asia-Pacific SSG Network on Promoting Good Security Sector Governance in the Asia-Pacific Region. Outcomes and lessons learned will contribute to development of guidance regarding law enforcement and policing in health crisis preparedness and response.

### Day 1 - 6 April 2021 (all times Central European Time CET)

08:30 – 08:45 **Opening remarks**

Dr Albrecht Schnabel, Head of Asia-Pacific Unit, DCAF

08:45 – 09:00 **Introduction of the South Asia Regional SSG Network and program overview**

Upasana Garoo, Asia-Pacific Unit, DCAF

### Session 1

09:00 – 10:30 **Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on crime, law and order and the changing roles of policing**

Ajith Rohana, *Deputy Inspector General of Police*, Sri Lanka Police

Sharjil Kharal, *Deputy Inspector General of Police*, Police Service of Pakistan

Ismail Naveen, *Ass. Commissioner of Police*, Maldives Police Service

Sabin Pradhan, *Superintendent of Police*, Nepal Police

Jayanto N Choudhury, *Director General, National Security Guard(Retd)*, Indian Police Service

Wahiduzzaman Noor, *Assistant Police Commissioner*, Bangladesh Police  
Sakhi Mohammadi, *Deputy*, Afghanistan National Police Academy

Upasana Garoo (**Moderator**)

10:30 – 11:00 Q&A

11:00 – 11.10 Break

## Session 2

11:10 – 12:40 **Challenges for operational and regulatory clarity regarding health crisis preparedness and response**

Abdul Waheed Ahmad, *Advisor*, Office of National Security Council, Afghanistan  
Dr Sudhanshu Sarangi, *Senior Police Officer*, Indian Police Service  
Ismail Naveen, *Ass. Commissioner of Police*, Maldives Police Service  
Sabin Pradhan, *Superintendent of Police*, Nepal Police  
Sharjil Kharal, *Deputy Inspector General of Police*, Police Service of Pakistan  
Ajith Rohana, *Deputy Inspector General of Police*, Sri Lanka Police

Upasana Garoo (**Moderator**)

12:40 - 13:10 Q&A

13:10 – 13:20 Day 1 wrap-up and review of next day's program

## Day 2 - 7 April 2021 (all times Central European Time CET)

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### Session 3

08:30 – 09:30 **Wellness and mental health of the enforcement officials and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Jayanto N Choudhury, *Director General, National Security Guard (Retd)*, Indian Police Service  
Ismail Naveen, *Ass. Commissioner of Police*, Maldives Police Service  
Dr Bibek Rajbhandari, *Medial Doctor*, Nepal Police Hospital  
Sharjil Kharal, *Deputy Inspector General of Police*, Police Service of Pakistan  
Grant Edwards, *Commander (Retd)*, Australian Federal Police

Upasana Garoo (**Moderator**)

09:30 – 10:00 Q&A

10:00 – 10:10 Break

### Session 4

10:10 – 11:40 **Gender-based violence, child protection and other human rights concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Samanthie J Paranagama, *Senior Attorney at Law*, Sri Lanka  
Zoha Waseem, *Research Fellow*, Institute for Global City Policing, UCL (Pakistan)  
Dipti Karki, *Deputy Superintendent of Police*, Women Children and Senior Citizens Service Directorate, Nepal Police  
Dr Roshan Khanijo, *Ass Dir (Research)* United Services Institution of India

Amena Begam BPM, *Deputy Superintendent Police*, Protection and Protocol, Bangladesh Police  
Dan Hales, *Prog. Coordinator*, Honduras Office, Latin America and the Caribbean Unit, DCAF

Upasana Garoo (**Moderator**)

11:40 – 12:10 Q&A

12:10 – 12:20 Day 2 wrap-up and review of next day's program

## Day 3 - 8 April 2021 (all times Central European Time CET)

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### Session 5

08:30 – 10:00 **Emerging good practices and lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Wahiduzzaman Noor, *Assistant Police Commissioner*, Bangladesh Police  
Dr Sudhanshu Sarangi, *Senior Police Officer*, Indian Police Service  
Ismail Naveen, *Ass. Commissioner of Police*, Maldives Police Service  
Sabin Pradhan, *Superintendent of Police*, Nepal Police  
Sharjil Kharal, *Deputy Inspector General of Police*, Police Service of Pakistan  
Indika Perera, *Attorney at Law*, Sri Lanka

Upasana Garoo (**Moderator**)

10:00 – 10:30 Q&A

10:30 – 10:40 Break

### Session 6

10:40 – 12:10 **The way forward – An agenda for security sector governance towards improving law enforcement accountability and professionalism for future health crises**

A.N.M Muniruzzaman, *President*, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies  
Dr Roshan Khanijo, *Ass Dir (Research)*, United Service Institution of India  
Aftab Nabi, *Inspector General of Police (Retd)*, Police Service of Pakistan  
Indika Perera, *Attorney at Law*, Sri Lanka  
Mark O'Donoghue, *Deputy Head*, Joint International Policing Hub, United Kingdom  
Roderick Jarman, *Deputy Assistant Commissioner (Retd) and Director for Leadership and Learning in the Metropolitan Police Service*, United Kingdom

Upasana Garoo (**Moderator**)

12:10 – 12:40 Q&A

12:40 – 13:00 Closing remarks and note of appreciation  
Dr Albrecht Schnabel and Upasana Garoo