

Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla

Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla is a founder Trustee of Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT), the founding Trust of IUB. He obtained Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1959 from the Institute of Public and Business Administration, University of Karachi.

He joined Pakistan Oxygen Limited in 1960 in a covenanted executive cadre as Sales Manager of the then East Pakistan and posted in Chittagong. He was Regional Manager in Lahore in 1965 and Regional Manager in Karachi in 1967. In 1970 he was in charge of the then East Pakistan and was located in Dhaka.

After Liberation he was made the Managing Director of Bangladesh Oxygen Limited which position he held upto 1982. He was then seconded to East African Oxygen, Kenya as Deputy Managing Director in Charge of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania operations.

In 1987 he joined ICI Group of Companies in Bangladesh as Group Managing Director which position he held until 1992 when ICI divested their Bangladesh operation and Mr. Dowla purchased the controlling interest in the Companies and named them Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI). He then converted ACI into a Public Limited Company listed with Dhaka and Chittagong Stock Exchanges.

Six Companies in Bangladesh adopted UN Global Compact Principles in September 2003 of which ACI is the foremost.

Mr. Dowla has relevant experience through his long career in Pharmaceutical Industries and participated in their divestment and restructuring processes and issues from a multinational perspective.

He has been providing leadership to the business community in various capacities since the inception of Bangladesh. He led various trade delegations and represented the Employers in various international conferences like the International Organisation of Employers, International Labour Conference, including the First World Food Conference in Geneva in 1976 under the auspices of the ILO.

He was invited by FAO to represent private sector in a conference on the role of Private Sector in Food Security held in Milan from 12 - 13 November 2009.

In January 2011 he was invited to Davos, Switzerland by the UN Global Compact Office to participate in a side event of the World Economic Forum Summit where the topic was Blueprint of Corporate Sustainability Leadership.

He was invited by the Secretary-General of UN to attend a UN Conference on LDC held in Turkey from 9 - 13 May 2011. In this Conference he highlighted the role the Private Sector in LDCs should play to supplement the efforts of the Governments of LDCs in achieving food security and all other Millennium Development Goals.

Mr. Dowla was the President of Narayangonj Chamber of Commerce and Industries in 1977. He has since been elected President of the successor trade body named Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industries in 1978, 1995 and 2010.

He has considerable contribution in the field of Industrial Relations of the country. He was elected President of Bangladesh Employers' Association (now Federation), the only national employers' organization, in 1975-1976, 1976-1977, 1991-1992, 1992-1993. He was a member of the national committee that prepared the Labour Code 1996. He is currently a member of the National Tripartite Consultative Committee on Labour, representing employers' point of view on all labour matters at the national level.

Mr. Dowla is currently the Chairman of ACI Group of Companies.

He has sponsored Mutual Trust Bank and Pioneer Insurance Company of which he was the immediate Past President. He is also a sponsor Director of Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh Limited (CRAB). He is the President of Bangladesh Crop Protection Association and Founder of ACI Foundation.

Mr. Dowla is a member of the Arbitration Council of the National Board of Revenue on Alternative Dispute Resolution initiative.

Most recently, in May 2012, Mr. Dowla is being honoured by the award "Best Enterprise of the Year 2011" by DHL Express & The Daily Star.

In Bangladesh Mr. Dowla is the longest serving professional business executive with rich experience in working with two world-renowned multinationals (BOC of the UK and ICI of the UK), experience in working as an expatriate and his leadership has made ACI an organization of Quality and Excellence.