

Press Release

State Minister for Housing and Public Works reaffirms Bangladesh's commitment to inclusive and climate-resilient urbanization

New York, 16 July 2026: State Minister for Housing and Public Works Ahammad Sohel Monzoor has reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to inclusive, affordable, climate-resilient and sustainable urban development, highlighting planned urbanization, affordable housing and balanced regional development as key priorities of the Government's national development strategy.

Addressing the High-Level Meeting on the Midterm Review of the New Urban Agenda at United Nations Headquarters, he said Bangladesh views urbanization as a powerful driver of economic growth, social inclusion and climate resilience.

The State Minister highlighted that, under Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's 'Bangladesh First' principle, the Government is advancing coordinated spatial planning, expanding access to affordable housing, strengthening local governance and improving urban infrastructure in line with the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He underlined Bangladesh's forward-looking urban development agenda, which focuses on integrated spatial planning, digital land management, innovative urban financing, balanced regional development and climate-responsive urban infrastructure.

Reaffirming Bangladesh's commitment to international cooperation, the State Minister called for stronger global partnerships, technology transfer, capacity-building and innovative financing to accelerate sustainable urbanization. He stressed the need to build cities that leave no one and no place behind.