

Directors' Profile

Mr. Sigve Brekke was appointed to the Board on September 1, 2008 and is also the Chairman of Grameenphone Board. Mr. Brekke has held a number of positions in the Telenor Group. He joined Telenor Asia PTE Ltd. in 1999 as Manager of Business Development, and later became the Managing Director. He served as the Co-CEO of Total Access Communication PLC ("dtac") from 2002 to 2005, was the sole CEO and Director from 2006 to 2008 and was elected as the Vice Chairman of dtac Board in 2008. In July 2008, he was appointed as Director and Executive Vice President of Telenor Group, Head of Asia Region, Telenor. In 2009, Mr. Brekke was elected as Director of Unitech Wireless and the Chairman of DiGi Board. He was appointed Managing Director of Uninor in July 2010. Prior to joining Telenor, Mr. Brekke served as the Deputy Minister (State Secretary) of Defence in Norway in 1993 and was also an associate research fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Mr. Brekke holds a Master of Public Administration from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.



Sigve Brekke



M Shahjahan

Mr. M Shahjahan was appointed to the Board on June 26, 2006 and is also Chairman of the Company's Treasury Committee and Board Audit Committee. He has been appointed as Deputy Managing Director of Grameen Bank on July 26, 2011. In addition, he has been made responsible to act as Managing Director of the same organization. Earlier, he served as the General Manager and Head of the Accounts, Finance, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division of Grameen Bank. Prior to joining the Company, he served in several executive management positions in Grameen Bank, including Chief of the Audit Department and Zonal Manager. Mr. Shahjahan is a member of the Board of Directors of several companies that work in the fields of health, education, agriculture, welfare, renewable energy and telecommunications. He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Accounting from the University of Dhaka in 1976, as well as a Masters degree in Accounting in 1977 and a Masters degree in Finance in 1981. He was awarded ICAB Medal (Silver) for passing the 'C.A. Intermediate' examination at the earliest eligible chance in 1981.

Ms. Nurjahan Begum was appointed to the Board on January 20, 2010. She served in the Nobel winning organization Grameen Bank as its Acting Managing Director, the responsibility she got from the bank's founder Professor Muhammad Yunus. She is now serving as Managing Director (Honorary) of Grameen Shikkha (Education), a non-profit organization in the Grameen family. She was one of the earliest associates of Professor Yunus when the latter started the Grameen Bank Project in 1976 in the village of Jobra in Chittagong district of Bangladesh. Ms. Nurjahan, who was a student of Chittagong University, played an important role in organizing and training poor rural women in Grameen Bank's grassroots groups during the bank's earliest and most challenging days. She was the first 'Principal' of the Grameen Bank Training Institute. She served as consultant, trainer and evaluator of microcredit programmes in many countries and lectured at different universities, conferences and seminars in different countries. She is also serving on the Boards of several organizations including Grameen Foundation, USA. She was awarded the Susan M. Davis Lifetime Achievement Award 2008 by Grameen Foundation. She was also awarded World Summit Millennium Development Goals Award 2009 and the Vision Award 2009. She participated in the Fortune Most Powerful Women Summit held in Los Angeles in 2007 and was appointed president to the Foundation for Justice Prize giving ceremony held in Valencia, Spain in 2007.



Nurjahan Begum



Morten Tengs

Mr. Morten Tengs was appointed to the Board on July 18, 2011. He joined the Telenor Asia office as a director in June 2011. He is currently a Board member of Telenor in Pakistan and DTAC in Thailand. He has been in the Telenor Group since 1995, and held a number of management positions such as: Finance Director of Telenor Global Services, CEO of Telenor Global Services, CEO of Telenor Satellite Services, CEO of Telenor Cinclus and Senior Vice President of Telenor Corporate Development. Mr. Tengs holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Norwegian School of Management (BI) and an Engineering degree in construction from the Norwegian Engineer High School.

Mr. Per Erik Hylland was appointed to the Board on June 25, 2007 and is also Chairman of the Company's Human Resources Committee and Health, Safety, Security & Environment Committee. He is the Senior Vice President in Telenor Asia and serves as Country Manager in Bangladesh. Mr. Hylland has professional experiences in the banking, information technology and telecommunications industries. He joined Telenor in 1994 and since then has held several senior management positions. During the past 11 years, he has worked in 10 countries as a Telenor representative for Central and Eastern Europe, North Africa and Asia. During this period, Mr. Hylland acted as a Director for Telenor companies in Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia. He is an engineer in information technology and educated in the Norwegian Ministry of Defence.



Per Erik Hylland



Dr. Jamaluddin Ahmed FCA

Dr. Jamaluddin Ahmed FCA was appointed to the Board on March 19, 2010 as an Independent Director. He is a Partner at Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants, which is the associate firm of Deloitte & Touche in Bangladesh. Dr. Jamal was the President (2010) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB). He is the elected Vice-President of the country's independent think tank-Bangladesh Economic Association. He is engaged in assignments in Financial, Banking and Energy Sector industries. He worked as country specialist in Migrant Remittance Management. He was involved in DFID funded Cheque Automation, Automated Clearing System and in the development of National Payment System in Bangladesh. Currently, he is involved with Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission for introducing Uniform Energy Accounting in Bangladesh. Over his professional career, Dr. Jamal has written copious publications and conducted numerous research papers on various aspects. Recently, Dr. Jamal completed his research paper on mobile banking for speedy remittance to rural Bangladesh, Cost and Pricing of Remittance - A Comparative Study. Moreover, he conducted a study in 2008 on mobile banking in Afghanistan for the Micro Finance Transaction funded by the USAID. His paper on the application of Uniform Energy Accounting in Bangladesh was presented at the South Asian Federation of Accountants Conference at Kathmandu (2010). Currently, he completed his paper "Demutualization of Stock Exchanges-Rationale, Comparative Practice and a Roadmap for Bangladesh". He holds Masters degree in Accounting from the University of Dhaka, PhD from the Cardiff Business School, under the University of Wales, United Kingdom, and is also a fellow of the ICAB.



Lars Erik Tellmann

Mr. Lars Erik Tellmann was appointed to the Board on December 6, 2011. He was Vice President of Telenor Group and joined the Asia Region Office at Bangkok in 2010. Previously he was in Finance Division of DiGi Telecommunications in Malaysia. In September 2011, Mr. Tellmann was appointed as Senior Vice President for Strategic Development for Telenor Asia. He is also a Board member in Telenor Pakistan, Total Access Communication Plc in Thailand and DiGi Telecommunications in Malaysia. Mr. Tellmann has 12 years of international ICT industry exposure, working in Scandinavia, Central Eastern Europe and South East Asia. He joined the Group Business Development Division of Telenor ASA in 2001, and worked primarily to build and execute operational excellence concepts internationally. He holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Edinburgh University in Scotland, UK, as well as a Master in Business of Science (M.Sc./Sivilokonom) degree from Bodo Business School, Norway.

Mr. Hakon Bruaset Kjol was appointed to the Board on September 14, 2011. He is the Senior Vice President and Head of Corporate Affairs of Asia Region, Telenor Group. Mr. Kjol joined the Telenor Group in 1995, beginning his career in the domestic mobile operations in Norway. Since then, he contributed to the Group's growing international presence through his strategic involvement in Telenor's international mobile activities where he played significant roles in operational development and merger and acquisition activities both in Europe and Asia. For the last 11 years, Mr. Kjol has been based in Asia where he continues to assume a key role in the development of the Group strategy for Asia, and managing the Asia business environment to include the areas of public affairs, regulatory management, government relations, strategic communications and corporate responsibility. He has been a key member of several management committees and currently the Director of Total Access Communication (dtac), Thailand; Telenor Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore; Digi.com Berhad, Malaysia and Telenor India Pvt. Ltd, India. Mr. Kjol is a former student of the Norwegian School of Management majoring in Marketing and Communications.



Hakon Bruaset Kjol



Md. Ashrafur Hassan

Mr. Md. Ashrafur Hassan was appointed to the Board on January 20, 2010. He currently serves as Managing Director of Grameen Telecom, and is engaged in promoting and providing easy access to GSM cellular services in rural Bangladesh. He also serves as Managing Director of Grameen Knitwear Ltd., Grameen Distribution Ltd., Grameen Fabrics & Fashions Ltd. and CEO of Grameen Telecom Trust. He gained diversified knowledge in textile sector especially in the field of composite knit-wear having wide exposures in the industrial management, export market, labour management and so on. Mr. Hassan also acquired wide range of experience for project development and different kinds of industry setup. He started his career in Grameen Bank, the Nobel Peace Prize winning organization, in 1984. During his 16 years tenure with the Bank, he held various key positions including the Chief of Engineering section. He has gained extensive knowledge in the field of construction engineering and extended notable contribution for the infrastructural development of Grameen Bank. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of several enterprises that play commendable role in the fields of renewable energy, health care, food & nutrition, information and communication technology and so forth. He holds Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, Bangladesh.