



## **Int'l conference on Covid-19 to be held in Jan 19-21**

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The virtual conference will discuss, debate, and document the experiences of the pandemic across low- and middle-income countries.

National, regional, and global experts from 18 countries, including Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam will participate in the conference.

Professor Meerjady Sabrina Flora, director of the Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research and the additional director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, will attend the programme as a special guest.

David Nabarro, the WHO director-general's special envoy on Covid-19, is the keynote speaker of the event.

BRAC JPGSPH dean professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, BHW convener professor Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, and CoE-HS&UHC director professor Syed Masud Ahmed will attend the inauguration event.

The three-day virtual conference will cover, the evidence and lessons learnt from the pandemic, which populations were impacted the most, livelihood and health vulnerabilities, the response of governments and health systems to containment and vaccine delivery.

The mandatory online registration will be available on the BRAC, JPGSPH, and BHW websites and it will also be live-streamed on the official Facebook pages of the institutions.