



**Mr Mohammad Mejbahuddin**, Secretary, Economic Relations Division and **Mr Mike Robson**, FAO Representative in Bangladesh jointly launched the **FAO's Country Programming Framework (CPF) 2013-2018** on 03 April 2014 at the Conference Room, ERD.

**Ms Sultana Afroz**, **Joint Secretary ERD** welcomed the audience and stated out the process of formulation of CPF in Bangladesh.

**Mr Mike Robson**, **FAO Representative in Bangladesh** delivered a brief presentation on the CPF 2014 – 2018, where he mentioned the CPF is a central strategic document for FAO in Bangladesh. It sets out FAO's priorities for the current five year period, in its technical and development assistance to the Government of Bangladesh. It is also a tool to help mobilize resources in a programmatic manner, rather than on a project-by-project basis. FAO and the Government of Bangladesh developed the initial CPF from documents prepared during 2010, being among the first FAO Member Countries to do so. This first effort has helped raise over \$100 million in technical assistance for Bangladesh over the period 2010-2013.

The CPF 2014-2018 is the result of extensive consultation and collaboration between the Government of Bangladesh and FAO, and continuous commitment from the ERD in coordinating the process among all key stakeholders. The positive response that has been received from not only government representatives, but also civil society organizations and the private sectors helped to reach a shared vision regarding FAO's assistance to Bangladesh over the next five-year period.

**Mr Mejbahuddin**, **Secretary, ERD** mentioned that since inception, FAO has been continuously supporting to the Government of Bangladesh to achieve sustainable development of the agriculture sector and the national goal of food and nutrition security for the people of Bangladesh at all times. The Secretary, ERD also stated that the CPF really sets out a roadmap for five years of fruitful collaboration between FAO and the Government of Bangladesh.

In this occasion **Mr Ujjwal Bikash Dutta**, Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Institution Division, Ministry of Planning, and **Ms Mushfeka Ikfat**, Secretary, Ministry of Food and representatives from various ministries were present.