



Professor Naiyyum Choudhury, former Chairman of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission has been appointed as Chairman of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Regulatory Authority (BAERA) by the government of Bangladesh for a term of three years. Professor Choudhury held many important positions in the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission prior to becoming its Member and then Chairman. He was Director of the Institute of food and Radiation Biology, Director of Biosciences: Director Planning and Development and Director, International Affairs Division. He was the National Coordinator for Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA) of the IAEA for Research, Training and Development in peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology in the East Asia and the Pacific region consisting of 17 Member States and was elected as its Chairman in the 30th General Conference of the RCA held in Vienna on 15 - 16 September 2000 for two years. Professor Choudhury has been intimately connected with many national and international scientific bodies. He was President of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Scientists Association (BAESA) for consecutive two terms. He became a member of the New York Academy of Science and British Society for Applied Bacteriology in 1989. He was the President of a number of scientific professional bodies which include Bangladesh Association of Scientists and Scientific Professions (BASSP); Bangladesh Biochemical Society, Bangladesh Tissue Banking Association, Bangladesh Society of Microbiologists (BSM) and Bangladesh JSPS Alumni Association. He was actively involved in development of a concept paper for a Biotechnology Institute and was the founder Project Director of the National Institute of Biotechnology (NIB). He was involved in drafting the National Bio-safety Guidelines in 1999 and then in 2005 and now and he is a member of the Biosafety Core Committee (BCC) of the government. He was the Convener of the Committee for formulation of the National Biotechnology Policy 2005, National Science and Technology Policy, 2011 of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and is Advisor of the Committee on formulation of the Action Plan of the Policy. He is a Member of the Executive Committee of the National Council for Science and Technology (ECNCST).

Professor Choudhury has been involved in teaching since 1982 and taught in different universities of Bangladesh. He was Professor and Chairman of the department of microbiology, university of Dhaka. After retirement from the BAEC, Professor Choudhury joined BRAC University in 2005 as Coordinator of Biotechnology and has been involved in teaching and coordinating biotechnology and microbiology programmes since then.