The conference was held for the first time in Bangladesh where 220 participants attended the programme. Previously, the Language Development Conferences has been successfully conducted in other parts of the world including Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Uzbekistan and Ethiopia. According to Professor Salma Akhter, Director of Institute of Education and Research, University of Dhaka, having the conference for the first time in Bangladesh has created a platform for attracting language policy makers, language learners, and development professionals from around the world.

This time, the 8th International Language and Development Conference was divided into five sub themes -- Language, Gender and Development, The Role of Language in National and Cultural Identity, Sociolinguistic Issues: Challenges and Opportunities, Capacity Building and National Development and Language and Technology. Both regional and international presenters had submitted their papers according to the respective themes.

Academics and professionals from the University of Dhaka, BRAC University, American International University Bangladesh, Independent University Bangladesh, Janhangirnagar University, East West University, United International University, Khulna University, Dhaka Shishu Hospital, Asian University for Women and others participated in the conference.





