

SANEM Annual Economists' Conference 2016

“Bangladesh: Way towards a Middle Income Country”

20th February, 2016, BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali, Dhaka

Agenda

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM **REGISTRATION**

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM **INAUGURAL SESSION AND KEYNOTE SPEECH (AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR)**

	Chair	: Dr. Bazlul Haque Khondker, Chairman, SANEM
9.30 am - 9.35 am	Opening remarks	: Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM
9.35 am - 9.40 am	Remarks	: Dr. Stuart Davies, Senior Economic Adviser, DFID, Bangladesh
9.40 am - 9.45 am	Remarks	: Mr. Christian Tardif, Representative of the High Commission of Canada
9.45 am - 10.10 am	1 st Keynote speech	: Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Eminent Economist, Bangladesh
10.10 am - 10.35 am	2 nd Keynote speech	: Dr. Martin Rama, Chief Economist, South Asia, The World Bank (through video conferencing)
10.35 am - 10.55 am	Open discussion	
10.55 am - 11.00 am	Remarks by the Chair	
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1 & 2**

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: ECONOMIC GROWTH (AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR)

	Chair	: Dr. Sadiq Ahmed, Vice Chairman, PRI
	Special Guest	: Dr. Biru Paksha Paul, Chief Economist, Bangladesh Bank
11.30 am -12.30 pm	Paper presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Governance Challenges for Inclusive Growth”, by Prof. Mushtaq Khan, SOAS, University of London • “Relationship between Inflation and Economic Growth: Determining the Threshold Level of Inflation in Bangladesh”, by Mr. Bishnu Pada Biswas, Deputy General Manager, Research Department, Bangladesh Bank • “Consequence of Interactive Effect of Exchange Rate Volatility and Trade on GDP Growth”, by Mr. S.M. Abdullah, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Dhaka • “Economic Growth Forecast in 2021”, by Mr. Md. Abdul Khaleque, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Development Studies, University of Dhaka
12.30 pm -12.50 pm	Discussants	: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Director, PPRC Dr. Monzur Hossain, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS
12.50 pm - 1.10 pm	Open discussion	
1.10 pm - 1.20 pm	Remarks by the Special Guest	
1.20 pm - 1.30 pm	Remarks by the Chair	

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: POVERTY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CONFERENCE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR)

	Chair	: Dr. K.A.S Murshid, Director General, BIDS
	Special Guest	: Dr. Sajjad Zohir, Executive Director, ERG
11.30 am - 12.30 pm	Paper presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Microeconomic Impact of Remittance on Household Welfare: Evidence from Bangladesh” by Dr. Syed Naimul Wadood, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Dhaka • “Impact Assessment of Credit Program for the Tenant Farmers in Bangladesh: Evidences from the Field Experiment”, by Mr. Md. Amzad Hossain, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka • “Gender Wage Gap in Urban Areas of Bangladesh”, by Mr. Muhammad Shahadat Hossain Siddiquee, Associate Professor, University of Dhaka and PhD Researcher, University of Manchester • “Effect of Strenuous Job on Health: A Study on Rural Bangladesh”, by Mr. Md. Azhar Uddin, Lecturer, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka
12.30 pm - 12.50 pm	Discussants	: Dr. Minhaj Mahmud, Head of Research, BIGD Dr. Atonu Rabbani, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Dhaka
12.50 pm - 1.10 pm	Open discussion	
1.10 pm - 1:20 pm	Remarks by the Special Guest	
1.20 pm - 1.30 pm	Remarks by the Chair	

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM **LUNCH**

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM		LAUNCHING OF THE VOLUME "STRUCTURAL CHANGE AND DYNAMICS OF LABOR MARKETS IN BANGLADESH: STUDIES ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT" (AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR)	
	Chair	: Dr. Bazlul Haque Khondker, Chairman, SANEM	
	Special Guest	: Professor Syed Saad Andaleeb, Vice-Chancellor, BRAC University	
2.30 pm - 2.40 pm	Presentation	: Dr. Selim Raihan, the Editor of the Volume	
2.40 pm - 3.00 pm	Discussants	: Dr. Edgard Rodriguez, Sr. Program Specialist, IDRC, Canada Dr. Rizwanul Islam, Former Special Adviser, ILO, Geneva	
3.00 pm - 3.10 pm	Open discussion		
3.10 pm - 3.20 pm	Remarks by the Special Guest		
3.20 pm - 3.30 pm	Remarks by the Chair		
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM		BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3 & 4	
BREAKOUT SESSION 3:		TRADE AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION (AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR)	
	Chair	: Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, CPD	
	Special Guest	: HE Ambassador Sumith Nakandala, Secretary General, BIMSTEC	
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Paper presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Prospects and Challenges of South Asian Regional Integration" by Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, IPS, Colombo</i> • <i>"Measuring NTM Restrictiveness in South Asia", by Dr. Prabir De, Professor, RIS, New Delhi, India</i> • <i>"Has Bangladesh's Trade Potential been Explored in SAFTA? Evidence from Gravity Model" by Dr. Sandeep Kaur Bhatia, Assistant Professor, Centre for Economic Studies, Central University of Punjab, India</i> • <i>"Exploring Trade Potential in BCIM-EC for Bangladesh: Possible Sectors for Developing Production Network" by Mr. Kishore Kumer Basak, Senior Research Associate, CPD</i> 	
4.30 pm - 4.50 pm	Discussants	: Dr. Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Director, CPD Dr. A. K. M. Atiqur Rahman, Professor, Dept. of Economics, North South University	
4.50 pm - 5.10 pm	Open discussion		
5.10 pm - 5.20 pm	Remarks by the Special Guest		
5.20 pm - 5.30 pm	Remarks by the Chair		
BREAKOUT SESSION 4:		SECTORAL ECONOMY (CONFERENCE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR)	
	Chair	: Dr. Mustafa K. Mujeri, Executive Director, InM	
	Special Guest	: Mr. Syed Nasim Manzur, President, MCCI	
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Paper presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Is Bangladesh Approaching to Lewis Turning Point of Economic Development" by Mr. Muntaseer Kamal, Research Associate, CPD</i> • <i>"Estimating Impacts of Increasing Export-intensities on Productivity Spillovers" by Ms. Azreen Benazir Abdullah, Lecturer, Dept. of Economics, North South University</i> • <i>"Economic Benefit of Secondary Bond Market Interventions" by Mr. M.G. Mortaza, ADB, Bangladesh</i> • <i>"Economic Impacts of Seventh Five Year Plan Tourism Targets", by Ms. Tahera Ahsan, Assistant Consultant, Oxford Policy Management (OPM) Ltd., UK</i> 	
4.30 pm - 4.50 pm	Discussants	: Dr. A.K. Enamul Haque, Professor, Dept. of Economics, East West University Dr. Sayema H. Bidisha, Associate Prof., Dept. of Economics, University of Dhaka	
4.50 pm - 5.10 pm	Open discussion		
5.10 pm - 5.20 pm	Remarks by the Special Guest		
5.20 pm - 5.30 pm	Remarks by the Chair		
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM		TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
5:45 PM - 6:45 PM		A SESSION FOR BUDDING RESEARCHERS (AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR)	
	Chair	: Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM	
5.45 pm - 6.15 pm	Paper presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Bilateral FDI in South Asian Countries: A Panel Data Analysis Using the Gravity Model" by Mr. Muhammad Nahian Bin Khaled, BSS economics student, University of Dhaka</i> • <i>"Impact of Trade Liberalization Policy on Advancement of Gender Equality in terms of Wage, Education and Health Status: A Case Study from selected RMG industries in Bangladesh" by Ms. Mahbuba Khadija Kanta, MSS economics student, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology.</i> • <i>"Demographic Dividend for Accelerating Growth and Confronting Development Challenges of South Asia" by Mr. Mahir A. Rahman, BSS economics student, University of Dhaka</i> • <i>"Enhancing Capabilities in the Manufacturing Sector : An Approach of Skill Development" by Ms. Tonni Hasan, BSS economics student, University of Dhaka</i> 	
6.15 pm - 6.25 pm	Discussant	: Dr. Kazi Iqbal, Research Fellow, BIDS	
6.25 pm - 6.40 pm	Open discussion		
6.40 pm - 6.45 pm	Remarks by the Chair		
6:45 PM - 7:15 PM		CLOSING SESSION (AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR)	
7:30 PM		CULTURAL EVENT AND DINNER (AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR)	