

Tentative Agenda

SANEM-North America Discussion Forum 2017 “South Asia at a Development Cross-roads”

In collaboration with the World Bank Group, Washington DC

Date: June 12, 2017

Venue: The World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA.

09.00am: Registration

09.15am: Welcome: Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM and Professor of Economics, Dhaka University
Dr. Martin Rama, World Bank, Washington, DC

09.30am-11.00am:

Session 1: Challenges of growth acceleration and growth maintenance in South Asia

Moderator: Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM
Trigger presentation: Dr. Robert Carl Michael Beyer, World Bank, Washington, DC
Panelists: Dr. Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, India
Dr. Bazlul Haque Khondker, Chairman, SANEM and Professor of Economics, Dhaka University
Dr. Kazi Mariful Islam, Professor, Development Studies, Dhaka University

11.00am-11.15am: Tea break

11.15am-12.45pm:

Session 2: Emerging challenges of regional integration in South Asia

Moderator: Mr. Richard M. Rossow, Wadhvani Chair in U.S. India Policy Studies, The Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC
Trigger presentation: Dr. Martin Rama, World Bank, Washington, DC
Panelists: Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Dhaka
Dr. Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, India
Dr. Ravindra A. Yatawara, World Bank, Washington, DC

12.45pm-01.45pm: Lunch break

01.45pm-03.15pm:

Session 3: Are South Asian countries ready to meet the targets of SDGs by 2030?

Moderator: Dr. Abdullah Shibli, International Sustainable Development Institute (ISDI), Boston, MA

Trigger presentation: Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM

Panelists: Ms. Maria Qureshi, Consultant, World bank
Dr. Abu Eusuf, Professor, Development Studies, Dhaka University
Mr. Fazle Rabbani, World Bank, Washington, DC

03.15pm -03.30pm: Tea break

03.30pm-05.00pm:

Session 4: Making the best use of demographic dividend in South Asia (a SAESM session)

Moderator: Dr. Martin Rama, World Bank, Washington, DC

Trigger presentation: Dr. Ipshita Pal, Columbia University

Panelists: Mr. Moogdho Mim Mahzab, PhD student, University of Virginia
Mr. Karan Kumar, PhD student, McGill University
Ms. Bibi Roquiya Sayeq, Pricing Specialist at CoreCentric Solutions

05.00pm: Closing