

## 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 Maruful 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**