



6th SANEM Annual Economists' Conference (SAEC) 2023

Building Resilience to Shocks: Priorities, Challenges and Prospects

Brac Centre Inn, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Day 1
February 4, 2023

All the time mentioned here is the Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)

08:30 AM – 09:00 AM REGISTRATION

09:00 AM – 09:30 AM INAUGURAL SESSION

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Welcome Remarks
Dr Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM
Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM
Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

09:30 AM – 11:00 AM SHOCKS AND SHIELDS: SUSTAINING DEVELOPMENT IN A TURBULENT TIME

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Chief Guest
Professor Shamsul Alam, Honorable Minister of State, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Moderator
Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker, Former Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM

Trigger Presentation
Dr Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

Distinguished Panellists
Dr Ahsan H Mansur, Executive Director, Policy Research Institute (PRI), Bangladesh
Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)
Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)
Dr Zahid Hussain, Economist, Bangladesh

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:30 AM – 01:00 PM ROWING AGAINST THE TIDE

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Moderator
Dr Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

Conference Speakers
Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, Eminent Economist, Bangladesh

01:00 PM – 02:00 PM LUNCH



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02:00 PM – 03:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1, 2, 3 & 4

BREAKOUT SESSION 1 LABOUR MARKET I

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Chair **Dr Mustafa K. Mujeri**, Executive Director, Institute for Inclusive Finance and Development (InM), Bangladesh

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM Paper Presentations

- “Online Freelancing and Women’s Economic Empowerment: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial (RCT) in Bangladesh”, by **Mr Md. Raied Arman**, Senior Research Associate, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Ms Anindita Bhattacharjee, Save the Children International, Dr Narayan C. Das, BIGD, Ms Mohima Gomes, BIGD, Dr Sakib Mahmood, BIGD
- “Occupational Health in the Context of High Labour Market Informality in Bangladesh: Evidence from Nationwide Labour Force Survey”, by Ms Farhin Islam, Research Associate, SANEM and **Ms Afia Mubashshira Tiasha**, Research Associate, SANEM
- “Labour Productivity, Employment Elasticity and Structural Transformation in Uttar Pradesh”, by **Dr Nagendra Kumar Maurya**, Assistant Professor of Applied Economics, University of Lucknow, India and Dr Sanjay Upadhyay, University of Lucknow
- “Labour Scarcity and Explanations for an Endogenous Natural Rate of Growth: Evidence from Developed Economies”, by **Ms Sabarni Chowdhury**, Research Associate, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi, India

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Dr Md. Farid Uddin Khan**, Professor, Department of Economics, Rajshahi University

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM Open discussion

03:35 PM – 03:45 PM Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 2 MACROECONOMY I

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Monzur Hossain**, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM Paper Presentations

- “Deficit Financing with National Saving Certificate and its Macroeconomic Consequences on Bangladesh's Economy”, by **Mohammad Mahabub Alam**, PhD Candidate, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University (Online Presentation)
- “Fiscal Policy Response to COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan”, by **Professor Saira Ahmed**, Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) Network and Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Joint Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan (Online Presentation)
- “Exchange Rate Pass-Through and Data Frequency: Firm-Level Evidence from Bangladesh”, by **Dr Deluair Hossen**, Post-Doctoral Research Associate, University of Tennessee, USA (Online Presentation)
- “Organization Capital and Optimal Monetary Policy Inertia”, by **Dr Bidyut Talukdar**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Saint Mary’s University, Canada (Online Presentation)

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Mr Bernard Haven**, Senior Country Economist, Bangladesh, World Bank

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM Open discussion

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BREAKOUT SESSION 3 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE I

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr A. K. Enamul Haque**, Professor of Economics, East West University

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Depiction of Real Scenario of Climate Change Using Rainfall, Sunshine & Humidity Trends in Patenga Station, Chittagong, Bangladesh”, by Mr Sujan Rudra, Researcher, Bangladesh and **Ms Arpita Datta**, Lecturer, Premier University Chittagong, Bangladesh and Sujan Rudra, Independent Researcher, Bangladesh
- “Impact of European Union Policy Tools on Certified Emission Reduction (CER) Prices - Feeble Future of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Market”, by **Ms Komal Biswal**, PhD Student, Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India and Dr Aparna Sawhney, Professor, Centre for International Trade and Development, JNU, New Delhi (Online Presentation)
- “Multidimensional Vulnerability of Household to Climate Change: Evidence from Punjab, Pakistan”, by **Dr Bushra Yasmin**, Professor of Economics, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Pakistan; Ms Iffat Irshad, Assistant Professor, Fatima Jinnah Women University and Ms Sadia Sherbaz, Lecturer, Fatima Jinnah Women University (Online Presentation)
- “Role of ICT Diffusion, Energy Consumption, and Institutional Quality on Environmental Sustainability in Emerging Economies”, by **Ms Anushka Verma**, Research Scholar, Department of Economics and Finance, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani, Rajasthan, India; Ms Megha Chhabra, Research Scholar, BITS and Dr Arun Kumar Giri, Professor, BITS (Online Presentation)

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Mr Sayed Jubair Bin Hossain**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM Open discussion

03:35 PM – 03:45 PM Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 4 HEALTH I

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid**, Professor, BRAC JPG School of Public Health

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “A Systematic Scoping Review on People-Centered Economy for Building Macroeconomic Resilience in Healthcare Using Perceived Economic Model of Health Equity in the context of South Asian LMICs”, by **Ms Fahmida Akter**, Student, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka
- “Child Health Outcome in Nepal: Inequalities and Determinants”, by **Dr Purna Bahadur Khand**, Associate Professor of Economics, Pokhara University, Nepal
- “Does Controlling for Scale Heterogeneity Better Explain Respondents' Preference Segmentation in Discrete Choice Experiments? A Case Study of US Health Insurance Demand”, **Dr Suzana Karim**, Assistant Professor, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka; Dr Benjamin M. Craig, University of South Florida; Dr Stephen Poteet, University of South Florida
- “Effect of Tobacco Consumption on Health-related Quality of Life and Health Care Utilization of Adult Population of Korail Slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh”, **Mr Mohammad Ihtesham Hassan**, Student, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Dr Atonu Rabbani**, Professor, BRAC JPG School of Public Health

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM Open discussion

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04:15 PM – 06:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS 5, 6, 7 & 8

BREAKOUT SESSION 5 AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Chair **Dr Hasneen Jahan**, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Bangladesh Agricultural University

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM Paper Presentations

- “Risk Aversion, Adoption of Safety Nets and Food Security in India: Interlinkages between Crop-Insurance and Crop-Diversification”, by **Mr Dinamani Biswal**, PhD Student, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India and Dr Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati, Assistant Professor, IIT-Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
- “Land Utilization in Wheat Production of Bangladesh: What Affects Farmers’ Efficiency?”, by **Mr Sourav Mohan Saha**, Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Finance, Co-operatives and Banking, Khulna Agricultural University, Bangladesh; Mr Md Jahurul Islam, Lecturer, Khulna Agricultural University and Mr Md. Jaber Ranab, Lecturer, Khulna Agricultural University
- “Drivers of Agricultural Commercialization and its Impact on Household Food Security in Kenya”, by **Mr Peter Kipkorir**, PhD Student, Agricultural Economics and Resource Management, Moi University, Kenya; Dr Vincent Ngeno, Moi University; and Dr Chepchumba Chumo, Moi University (Online Presentation)
- “Prevalence of Undernourishment and Its Associated Factors as a Hardship in Asian and African Regions; a Cross-Sectional Study”, by **Ms Sathsarani Weerasinghe**, Student, Department of Business Economics, University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Sri Lanka; Ms Thilani Lavanga Navaratne, Senior Lecturer, University of Sri Jayawardenepura and Mr Pasindu Dissanayake, Assistant Lecturer, University of Sri Jayawardenepura (Online Presentation)

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM Discussant: **Dr M. Nahid Sattar**, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Bangladesh Agricultural University

05:30 PM – 05:50 PM Open discussion

05:50 PM – 06:00 PM Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 6 LABOUR MARKET II

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Barkat-e- Khuda**, Former Professor and Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Dr. Muzaffer Ahmad Chair Professor, Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM)

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM Paper Presentations

- “Are Overly Attractive Government Jobs Distorting the Labour Market? Evidence from Bangladesh”, by **Ms Shahida Pervin**, PhD Student, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan (Online Presentation)
- “Relative Occupational Aspirations and Youth Unemployment in India”, by **Mr Basit Abdullah**, PhD Student, Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Kerala, India; Dr Vinoj Abraham, Professor, CDS, Kerala and Dr Ritika Jain, Assistant Professor, CDS, Kerala (Online Presentation)
- “Social Groups and Unequal Employment Opportunities in Skilled Occupations in Indian Manufacturing Sector- Endowment Gap and Discrimination”, by **Dr Tanima Banerjee**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Commerce, Adamas University, West Bengal, India (Online Presentation)



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- “COVID-19, Lockdown & Reverse Migration in Indian Labour Market: Evidence from Periodic Labour Force Survey 2020-21”, by **Dr Puneet Kumar Shrivastav**, Assistant Director, National Institute of Labour Economics Research & Development, New Delhi, India (Online Presentation)

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM Discussant: **Dr A S M Shakil Haider**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics & Social Sciences, Brac University

05:30 PM – 05:50 PM Open discussion

05:50 PM – 06:00 PM Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 7 EDUCATION

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Determinants of Female Participation in the Tertiary level of Education in Bangladesh”, by **Dr Md Deen Islam**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
- “Investigating Educational Inequality in Bangladesh: A Decomposition Analysis”, by **Mr Nadim Uddin**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Sheikh Hasina University, Netrokona, Bangladesh and **Mr Sakil Ahmed**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
- “Heterogeneity in Education and in Return to Education among Eight Divisions in Bangladesh: A Comparative Study between Wage Earners and Entrepreneurs”, by **Mr Ekramul Hasan**, Research Associate, SANEM
- “Analysing the Role of Household Resources to Reduce the Gender Gap in Private School Enrolment: Recent Evidence from India”, by **Dr Pradeep Kumar Choudhury**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India; **Mr Amit Kumar**, Research Associate, Young Lives India, and **Dr Angrej Singh Gill**, Assistant Professor, Panjab University Rural Centre, India (Online Presentation)

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM Discussant: **Dr S.M. Zulfikar Ali**, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)

05:30 PM – 05:50 PM Open discussion

05:50 PM – 06:00 PM Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 8 MACROECONOMY II

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Masrur Reaz**, Chairman, Policy Exchange of Bangladesh

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Do Interest Rate Controls Work? Evidence from Bangladesh”, by **Mr Sajid Bin Hasnat**, Research Assistant, Department of Economics and Social Science, BRAC University and **Mr Golam Mortaza**, Islamic Development Bank
- “A Test of the Balassa-Samuelson Hypothesis on the Real Exchange Rate for Newly Industrialized Countries Using the Generalized Method of Moments”, by **Ms Asma Ul Hosna Mim**, Student, Department of Economics, Comilla University, Bangladesh and **Mr Nobinkhor Kundu**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Comilla University



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- “The Impact of FDI on the Agriculture Sector in Bangladesh: An Econometric Analysis”, by Ms Zakia Sultana, Student, Department of Economics, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU), Bangladesh; **Mr Yousuf Hossain, MBSTU**; Mr Md Mahbub Alam, Stamford University Bangladesh and Md Nazmus Sadekin, MBSTU

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM	Discussant: Mr Md. Jillur Rahman , Assistant Professor in Economics at Jagannath University
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09:00 AM – 9:30 AM RECAP SESSION

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Remarks

Dr Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM

Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

09:30 AM – 11:15 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS 9, 10, 11 & 12

BREAKOUT SESSION 9 DIGITAL ECONOMY

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Chair

Dr Atiur Rahman, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

09:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Paper Presentations

- “Do Digitalization and Technological Progress Expedite the Digital Inequality in Emerging South Asian Countries?”, by **Ms Shamima Nasrin**, Joint Director, Banking Regulation and Policy Department, Bangladesh Bank
- “Nexus between Digitalization, Productivity, and International Trade Participation: Firm-level evidence from India’s Unorganized Sector MSMEs”, by **Dr Neha Jain**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT); Ms Sugandha Huria and Ms Kriti Sharma, IIFT, New Delhi (Online Presentation)
- “How Has Covid-19 and the Economic Crisis Shaped Platform-Mediated Gig Work in Sri Lanka? Evidence from a Field Survey”, by **Ms Nimaya Dahanayake**, Research Assistant, Centre for a Smart Future, Sri Lanka and Mr Anushka S. Wijesinha, Director and Co-Founder, Centre for a Smart Future, Colombo, Sri Lanka (Online Presentation)
- “E-Commerce, & the Indian Retail and Manufacturing Sectors- An Empirical Analysis with a Specific Focus on Organized Sector MSMEs”, by Ms Nibha Bharti, Research Associate, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT); **Ms Sugandha Huria**, Assistant Professor, IIFT, India; Ashley Jose, Research Analyst, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, India and Dr Kanika Pathania, Consultant, IIFT, India (Online Presentation)

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Discussant: **Mr Sakil Ahmed**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

10:45 AM – 11:05 AM

Open discussion

11:05 AM – 11:15 AM

Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 10 ENERGY

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3rd Floor

Chair

Dr Helal Ahammad, Professor, Department of Economics, North South University, Bangladesh

09:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Paper Presentations

- “Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: Inference from the Perspective of South Asian and Southeast Asian Nations”, by **Mr Saswata Chaudhury**, Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, India; Mr Raktimava Bose, Associate Fellow, TERI, New Delhi and Ms Khushi Gupta, Project Associate, TERI, New Delhi



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- “Energy Poverty and Financial Inclusion: Empirical Evidence from Rural Bangladesh”, by **Ms Samiha Islam**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
- “Role of Renewable Energy in Green Economic Growth: Evidence from Selected Emerging Market Economies”, by **Ms Megha Chhabra**, Research Scholar, BITS, India and Dr Arun Kumar Giri, Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani, Rajasthan, India (Online Presentation)
- “Regional Co-operation for Enhanced Clean Energy Trade in the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna Basin”, by **Ms Baishali Lodh Chowdhury**, M. Phil Student, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Research Associate, CUTS International; Ms Sucharita Bhattacharjee, Policy Analyst and Deputy Head of Calcutta Resource Centre, CUTS International (Online Presentation)

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Discussant: Mr Rabiul Islam Rabi , Associate Director, Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID)
10:45 AM – 11:05 AM	Open discussion
11:05 AM – 11:15 AM	Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 11 POVERTY AND INEQUALITY I

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Mohammad Abu Eusuf**, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

09:30 AM – 10:30 AM **Paper Presentations**

- “Estimating COVID-19 Economic Vulnerability from Outer Space - A District Level Analysis for Bangladesh”, by **Mr Syed Rafsan Ali**, Student, Department of Economics, East West University, Bangladesh; Mr Zaeem-Al Ehsan, Research Associate, The World Bank and Dr Syed Abul Basher, Professor, East West University
- “Employing the Multidimensional Poverty Lens to Deliver Livelihood Support to the Urban Poor: Lessons from a UNDP Bangladesh Intervention”, by **Ms Sarah Sabin Khan**, Research Officer, UNDP Bangladesh and **Mr Shadlee Rahman**; Ms Sangita Paul; Mr Md Belayet Hossain and Mr Mohammad Mohebur Rahman, UNDP Bangladesh
- “Understanding Shocks, Stressors and Resilience Dynamics in Rural Bangladesh”, by **Mr Sadat Anwar**, Research Analyst, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Bangladesh and Mr Mir Raihanul Islam, International Food Policy Research Institute, Dhaka
- “Does Poverty Hinder Cognitive Skills Development? An Empirical Study from Sylhet”, by Mr Md. Gias Uddin Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), Sylhet and **Mr Mir Rafiul Ahmed**, Student, SUST and Mr Md. Arman Shaid, SUST

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Discussant: Dr Narayan C. Das , Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University
10:45 AM – 11:05 AM	Open discussion
11:05 AM – 11:15 AM	Remarks by the Chair



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BREAKOUT SESSION 12 LABOUR MARKET III

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

09:30 AM – 10:30 AM Paper Presentations

- “Effect of Remittance on Household Shock Adjustment”, by **Mr Sheikh Tausif Ahmed**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
- “Impact of Domestic Remittances on Financial Inclusion: An Empirical Study of South Asia”, by **Ms Suraiya Binte Ali**, Research Associate, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka and **Mr Md. Imran Hossain Bhuiyan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka
- “Determinants in Shifts of People from Farming to Non-Farming Occupations in between the Generations”, by **Dr Badri Aryal**, Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Pokhara University, Nepal

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Discussant: **Dr Shubhasish Barua**, Associate Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

10:45 AM – 11:05 AM Open discussion

11:05 AM – 11:15 AM Remarks by the Chair

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:45 AM – 01:15 PM THE POWER DYNAMICS BETWEEN STATE AND BUSINESS: HOW IS CAPITALISM EVOLVING IN BANGLADESH?

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Chair **Professor Rounaq Jahan**, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

Trigger Presentation **Dr Mirza M. Hassan**, Senior Research Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)

Distinguished Panellists **Dr Mahbubul Mokaddem**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

Dr Nazrul Islam, Founder, Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN)

Dr Ashikur Rahman, Senior Economist, Policy Research Institute (PRI), Bangladesh

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BREAKOUT SESSION 13 POLITICAL ECONOMY

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Chair **Dr Kazi Maruful Islam**, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM Paper Presentations

- “Russia-Ukraine Conflict and the Global Governance of Climate Change: A Critical Review of Commentaries and Arguments”, by **Ms Roksana Sujana**, Assistant Commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police and Mr Md Mahmudul Hoque, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh
- “Health Costs of a “Healthy Democracy”: The Impact of Peaceful Political Protests on Healthcare Utilization”, by **Dr Adnan M. S. Fakir**, Lecturer in Economics, University of Sussex, UK and Dr Tushar Bharti, Assistant Professor, University of Western Australia Business School (Online Presentation)
- “Converging Districts and Diverging States: Resolving the Puzzle of Regional Growth Dynamics in India”, by Dr Sabyasachi Kar, Professor, University of Delhi Enclave, India; **Dr Debajit Jha**, Associate Professor, O. P. Jindal Global University, Haryana, India and Mr Mayank Jain, Research Associate, Institute of Economic Growth, India (Online Presentation)
- “Election and COVID-19 Vaccination: The Case of India”, by **Dr Prasenjit Sarkhel**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kalyani, West Bengal, India and Dr Srijan Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, North Carolina State University (Online Presentation)

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Dr Amin Masud Ali**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM Open discussion

03:35 PM – 03:45 PM Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 14 TRADE AND INDUSTRY I

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr A. K. M. Atiqur Rahman**, Professor, Department of Economics, North South University, Bangladesh

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM Paper Presentations

- “Measuring Vulnerabilities of Trade Blocs during the COVID-19 and Endemic Period in the World”, by **Dr Raghu Bir Bista**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
- “India’s Possible Alignment with the RCEP: A Partial and General Equilibrium Impact on Economy Wide Variables and Carbon Emissions”, by Dr Archana Srivastava, Assistant Professor, BITS, Hyderabad; **Dr Somesh Mathur**, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India; Dr Prabir De, Professor, RIS and Mr Manish Chauhan, Research Scholar, IIT-Kanpur, India
- “Impact of Pandemic on Firm Performance in India across Size and Sectors”, by **Dr Akhilesh K. Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), India and Ms Vanshika Jain, Research Assistant, ISID, India (Online Presentation)
- “Vaccine Manufacturing Industry of India: Structure, Size and Competitiveness”, by **Dr Shailender Kumar**, Associate Professor, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, India (Online Presentation)

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Mr Md. Saiful Islam**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

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BREAKOUT SESSION 15 POVERTY AND INEQUALITY II

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Muhammad Shahadat Hossain Siddiquee**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Regional Disparities in Child Poverty: A Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis of Bangladesh”, by **Ms Farzin Mumtahena**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
- “Assessing the Consumption Inequality and Patterns of the Middle Class in Bangladesh”, by **Mr Hasibul Hasan**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
- “A Comprehensive Econometric Analysis of Food Security in Bangladesh and Policy Recommendation”, **Mr Abdul Zabbar Sakil**, Research Associate, SANEM
- “Examining the Impact of Water Poverty Index on Human Capital Index: A Case Study of India”, by Ms Suchitra Pandey, PhD Student, BITS, Rajasthan, India; **Ms Pooja Yadav**, PhD Student, BITS, Rajasthan, India and Dr Geetilaxmi Mohapatra, Associate Professor, BITS, Rajasthan, India (Online Presentation)

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Mr Abul Kalam Azad**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM Open discussion

03:35 PM – 03:45 PM Remarks by the Chair

BREAKOUT SESSION 16 ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Environmental-cost Adjusted National Accounts for Coal Mining in India”, by **Mr Dasarathi Padhan**, PhD Student, National Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhubaneswar, India
- “Structural Comparison of Regional Growth between China and India”, **Dr Sunetra Ghatak**, Assistant Professor, O. P. Jindal Global University, India (Online Presentation)
- “Macroeconomic Determinants of Income Inequality in South Asia”, by **Ms Kanthasamy Tharani**, Student, Department of Business Economics, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka; Ms Thilani Lavanga Navaratne, Senior Lecturer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Mr Pasindu Dissanayake, Assistant Lecturer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (Online Presentation)
- “A Proposal of Dynamic Human Development Index for G7 Countries: Re-visiting Human Development Index”, by **Ms Bhawna Mudgal**, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Central University of Rajasthan, India and Dr Hemlata Manglani, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh, Ajmer, India (Online Presentation)

03:00 PM – 03:15 PM Discussant: **Mr Md. Tuhin Ahmed**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Sheikh Hasina University, Netrokona, Bangladesh

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM Open discussion

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BREAKOUT SESSION 17 LABOUR MARKET IV

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Chair **Dr Mohammad Mainul Islam**, Professor, Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Building Resilience to Shock for Workers in the RMG Sector: Role of Social Policies”, by **Ms Maheen Sultan**, Senior Fellow of Practice and Head of Gender and Social Transformation Cluster, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) and **Ms Iffat Jahan Antara**, Senior Research Associate, BIGD
- “Demographic Transition and Economic Growth: A Comparative Study of India and Bangladesh”, by **Ms Ishika Jaiswal**, PhD Student, University of Lucknow, India and **Dr Bimal Jaiswal**, Professor, University of Lucknow
- “Who is More Likely to be Underutilized in the Labour Market of Bangladesh?” by **Mr Md. Tuhin Ahmed**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Sheikh Hasina University, Netrokona, Bangladesh and **Mr Omar Raad Chowdhury**, Research Associate, SANEM
- “The Digital Drive: Structural Transformation of Employment in India through Digitalization”, by **Mr Abhishek Singh**, Research Scholar, Department of Applied Economics, University of Lucknow, India; **Dr Karuna Shanker Kanaujiya**, Assistant Professor, University of Lucknow and **Mr Sarvesh**, Research Scholar, University of Lucknow (Online Presentation)

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM Discussant: **Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

05:30 PM – 05:50 PM Open discussion

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BREAKOUT SESSION 18 TRADE AND INDUSTRY II

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr M. A. Razzaque**, Research Director, Policy Research Institute (PRI), Bangladesh

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Do Sri Lankan Firms Oppose Trade Liberalization? Evidence from an Experiment Survey”, by **Mr Anushka S. Wijesinha**, Director and Co-Founder, Centre for a Smart Future, Colombo, Sri Lanka (Online Presentation)
- “Are Export Standards Always ‘Optimum’? -A Game Theoretic Analysis”, **Dr Atreyee Sinha Chakraborty**, Assistant Professor, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, India (Online Presentation)
- “Factors that impact agricultural and manufacturing trade of India with ASEAN trading partners”, by **Ms Saba Gulnaz**, PhD Student, Department of Economics, Central University of Rajasthan, Rajasthan, India and **Dr Hemlata Manglani**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Rajasthan, India (Online Presentation)
- “Digitalization and Exports: A Case of Indian Manufacturing MSMEs”, by **Ms Sugandha Huria**, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi; **Ms Kriti Sharma**, IIFT, New Delhi; **Dr Neha Jain**, Assistant Professor, IIFT and **Ms Ashley Jose**, Research Analyst, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, India (Online Presentation)

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM Discussant: **Mr Md. Nazmul Hossain**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

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BREAKOUT SESSION 19 GENDER INEQUALITY

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Nazneen Ahmed**, Country Economist, UNDP Bangladesh

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Persisting Gender Inequality: Time Use for Paid and Unpaid Work”, by **Ms Jyoti Thakur**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India
- “Gender Pay Gap in the Microfinance Industry: Empirical Evidence”, by **Dr Md Aslam Mia**, Senior Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Universiti Sains Malaysia; **Dr Lucia Dalla Pellegrina**, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, **Dr Wai-Yan Wong**, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Selangor, Malaysia and **Mr Sunil Sangwan**, Institute of Rural Management Anand, India (Online Presentation)
- “Impact of Intimate Partner Violence on Children's Nutritional Outcome in India: Evidence from National Family Health Survey 2019-21”, by **Dr Amrita Chatterjee**, Assistant Professor, Madras School of Economics, India and **Ms Ngawang L Thakur**, Business Analyst, Deloitte Consulting India Pvt Ltd (Online Presentation)
- “Impact of Women's Education on Fertility Rate in South Asian Countries”, by **Ms Fathima Rakeesa**, Student, Department of Business Economics, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka; **Ms Thilani Lavanga Navaratne**, Senior Lecturer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and **Mr Pasindu Dissanayake**, Assistant Lecturer, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (Online Presentation)

05:15 PM – 05:30 PM Discussant: **Dr Kanti Ananta Nuzhat**, Associate Professor, North South University

05:30 PM – 05:50 PM Open discussion

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BREAKOUT SESSION 20 HEALTH II

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3rd Floor

Chair **Dr Rumana Huque**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

04:15 PM – 05:15 PM **Paper Presentations**

- “Had We Chosen the Right Location for Our Livelihood? Impact Over Health: Empirical Evidence from India”, by **Mr Binay Shankar**, PhD Student, Department of Economics, Shiv Nadar University, New Delhi, India; **Mr Sk Niyaj Mohammed**, PhD Scholar, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi; **Ms Agrani Gupta** and **Mr Saptashya Ghosh**, Student, Department of Economics, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi
- “Socio-Economic Risk Factors for Antenatal Care Attendance in Bangladesh: An Empirical Analysis Utilizing the Hurdle Negative Binomial Model”, by **Ms Faria Hossain Borsha**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Premier University, Chittagong, Bangladesh and **Mr Sujan Rudra**, Researcher, Bangladesh
- “Towards Distributive Equity of Health Insurance: Evidence from Nationally Representative Survey in India”, by **Mr Milind Kumar Yadav**, PhD Student, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India; **Dr Pratap C. Mohanty**, Associate Professor, IIT-Roorkee, India and **Mr Akash Pal**, Junior Research Fellow, IIT-Roorkee, India
- “Exploring the Determinants of Access to Health and Psychosocial Support Services among Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: Does Health Expenditure Matter?”, by **Md Rabiul Karim**, Assistant Professor, Jagannath University; **Dr Mohammad Afshar Ali**, Assistant Professor, Jagannath University; **Dr Md Rakibul Hoque**, Professor, University of Dhaka; **Dr Khorshed Alam**, Professor, University of Southern Queensland, Australia and **Ms Afia Mubashshira Tiasha**, Research Associate, SANEM



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CLOSING SESSION

Venue: Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Closing Remarks

Dr Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM

Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

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