Call for Papers and Participation
Bay of Bengal Economic Forum 2021
“Post-COVID Challenges in the Bay of Bengal Region”

8-11 February 2021

Each Day 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Bangladesh Time (GMT+6)
Live on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube

About the Conference

Regional economic integration can promote socio-economic welfare through expanding markets for goods and services, maximizing allocation of natural resources, and enhancing the pathways for trade and investment. In regards to economic and strategic interdependence, the Bay of Bengal region has failed to fully realize the benefits of such collaboration. A timely initiative to strengthen economic and social ties between the countries can play a crucial role in generating co-operative solutions to multifarious and extensive regional issues. Strong interrelationship and exchange of cultural values can raise synergy among these countries and create an environment conducive to mutual growth and progress.

In the backdrop of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the necessity of greater regional cooperation is being realized as the nature of the crisis, especially in terms of its global impact, demands a multi-lateral integrated collective approach. Interaction among experts and researchers of the individual countries can provide valuable insights, actionable evidence and policy suggestions which can be beneficial for all. Therefore, a discourse among policymakers, economists, academicians, and development experts of the Bay of Bengal region has become the need of the hour. An informed discussion in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic will help to clearly define the scopes for collaboration. Such engagements can be particularly useful to assess and address the post-COVID challenges in the Bay of Bengal region.

Hereby, SANEM, in collaboration with some leading organizations in the region, is going to host the web-conference “Bay of Bengal Economic Forum 2021” on “Post-COVID Challenges in the Bay of Bengal Region” on February 8-11, 2021 and invites academicians, researchers, policy advocates, and students to submit competitive abstracts for paper presentations. The coorganizers of this conference are ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS, India; South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal; Indian Studies Center (ISC) of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD), Myanmar; Pathfinder Foundation (PF), Sri Lanka; and Centre for Research on Bhutanese Society (CRBS), Bhutan.
Call for Paper Submission

SANEM calls for papers on the following broad themes:

- Cross-border Trade, Investment and Value Chain
- Regional Cooperation in Agriculture and Food Security
- Regional Cooperation in Public Health Infrastructure
- Regional Cooperation for Poverty Alleviation
- Country Experience of COVID-19 Pandemic Management
- Regional Cooperation in Climate Change
- Labour Market, Employment Challenges, and Migration
- Travel and Tourism
- Development Finance

The papers should ideally explore the post-COVID challenges and/or policy pathways in relation to the themes above but need not be limited to only these themes. Papers can be based on any specific country or cross-country experiences. The submissions should follow the format provided below. Reproduction/extension of previous studies is also eligible for submission. However, in the case of pre-published papers, the authors must provide consents of all the publishers.

All the interested participants are requested to submit their extended abstract within the stipulated deadline.

Important Dates:

- Last Date for Submission of Extended Abstracts: 15 January 2021
- Notification of Selected Abstracts: 22 January 2021
- PowerPoint Presentation Submission: 30 January 2021
- Conference: 8-11 February 2021

The Format of the Extended Abstract:
The extended abstract should include the objectives, the research questions, a brief description of the methodology, and an outline of the paper. The text should be in 12-point font size, Calibri, single-spaced, and must not exceed FOUR (4) pages.

Submission of the Abstract:
The abstract along with the updated CV of the author/presenter should be sent to sanem.conference@gmail.com

Eligibility for Paper Submission:
Academicians, economic researchers, policy advocates with an educational background in economics or related fields may submit papers for the conference.

Special Session for the Youth:
The conference will host a special session dedicated to the youth of the BIMSTEC countries where young researchers can present their papers on the themes mentioned earlier. In this
regard, the conference organizers highly encourage Masters/Final Year students majoring in economics or related fields of social science to submit their paper.

Call for Conference Participation

Interested participants are requested to apply for registration. To register, kindly fill up the google form in this link: https://tinyurl.com/ycfe4cla

The registered participants will be notified of further details of the conference via email.

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