CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

2nd SANEM International Development Conference (SIDC) 2021

COVID-19 Recovery: Contexts and Priorities

June 17-19, 2021

Live on Zoom, SANEM’s Facebook page and YouTube channel

The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to May 7, 2021

About the Conference

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) is going to host the 2nd SANEM International Development Conference (SIDC) 2021 on the theme of "COVID-19 Recovery: Contexts and Priorities" on June 17-19, 2021. The conference will be conducted through the web conference application, Zoom and broadcasted live on SANEM's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered one of the worst global economic crises in recent times. As more and more businesses are facing risks of closure, unemployment is on the rise globally with millions of livelihoods upended by the pandemic. Moreover, nationwide lockdowns and international mobility restrictions have disrupted global supply chains and negatively affected the interconnected system of international trade. The pandemic has also placed enormous strain on healthcare systems, exposing fragilities in public health infrastructure, particularly in the developing world. Governments and policymakers around the world are now faced with a daunting challenge of devising effective restoration policies to bring back employment and poverty figures to pre-pandemic levels. Undoubtedly, drawing lessons from the gaps and vulnerabilities of the current economic system is instrumental to build back better and embark towards a sustainable recovery process. In this regard, this conference aims to bring together empirical and theoretical research on the emerging development challenges and areas that must be prioritized in the COVID-19 recovery strategies.

The 1st SANEM International Development Conference (SIDC) 2020 on "COVID-19 and Development Challenges" was held on 1-3 October 2020. A total of 24 papers on various themes related to macroeconomic challenges, international trade, public health, education, labour market, employment, remittances, migration, poverty, inequality, and social protection, were presented during the conference. Professor Dani Rodrik, Ford Foundation Professor of International Political Economy at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, joined the conference as the keynote speaker. The conference was also
attended by Professor Francois Bourguignon, Former Chief Economist, the World Bank, and Chair Emeritus, Paris School of Economics, Professor Kunal Sen, Director, UNU-WIDER and eminent Bangladeshi economist, Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud. All the sessions of the conference are available on the YouTube channel of SANEM.

### Keynote Presentation

Professor Lant Pritchett, RISE Research Director at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, is going to deliver the keynote presentation on “Coping with bad shocks: Lessons from growth dynamics” at the 2nd SANEM International Development Conference (SIDC) 2021. The keynote presentation will be held on June 17, 2021, at 4:00 PM-6:00 PM (GMT+6).

Professor Lant Pritchett is the RISE Research Director at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. Previously, he was a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development and Professor of the Practice of International Development at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In 2017 he published two co-authored books through Oxford University Press: Building State Capability and Deals & Development: The Political Dynamics of Growth Episodes. He also published two solely authored books with the Center for Global Development, Let Their People Come (2006) and The Rebirth of Education (2013), and over a hundred articles and papers (with more than 25 co-authors) on a wide range of topics, including state capability, labour mobility, and education, among many others.

### Call for Paper Submissions

The papers are expected to identify the challenges posed by the pandemic related to the following themes. However, this list is not exhaustive. The papers can be empirical or theoretical and can be based on any specific country or cross-country experiences.

- COVID-19 and the Global Economy
- Macroeconomic Challenges
- Recovery of Global Supply Chains and Trade
- Recovery of Domestic Agricultural, Industry and Services Sectors
- Recovery of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Institutional Challenges for COVID-19 Recovery
- Poverty and Inequality
- Remittance and Migration
- Labour Market Challenges
- Gender Inequality
- Technology and Digital Divide
- Public Health and Healthcare Services
- Education and Human Resource Development
- Strategies for Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery
Important Dates and Deadlines

- Extended Deadline for Abstract Submission: 7 May 2021
- Selection of Abstracts: 12 May 2021
- Last Date for First Draft Submission: 5 June 2021
- PowerPoint Presentation Submission: 10 June 2021
- Conference: 17-19 June 2021

Format for Abstract Submission

An extended abstract clearly outlining the objective of the research, a brief description of the methodology and the main findings of the paper must be submitted. The abstract should be in Calibri font, 12-point font size with single spacing and must not exceed 4 pages. Interested individuals are requested to submit their abstracts along with a CV to sanem.conference@gmail.com by 7 May 2021.

Eligibility for Paper Submission

People engaged in academics, economic research, policy advocacy with an educational background in economics or related fields are encouraged to submit their research work.

Call for Conference Participation

Interested participants are required to register in order to confirm their participation. Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/2w73k766
The registered participants will be notified of further details of the conference via email.

Conference Convener

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About SANEM

SANEM, launched in January 2007 in Dhaka, is a non-profit research organization registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms in Bangladesh. It is also a network of economists and policymakers with a special emphasis on economic modeling. SANEM aims to promote objective and high quality research in the areas of international trade, macroeconomy, poverty, labour market, environment, political economy and economic modeling. SANEM contributes to governments’ policy-making by providing research supports both at individual and organizational capacities. SANEM has maintained strong research collaboration with global, regional and local think-tanks, research and development organizations, universities, and individual researchers. SANEM arranges regular training programs on economic modeling and contemporary economic issues.