



9TH SANEM ANNUAL ECONOMISTS' CONFERENCE (9SAEC) 2026

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES AND POLICY RESPONSES IN A CHANGING WORLD

9-11 JANUARY 2026 | BRAC CENTRE INN, DHAKA, BANGLADESH

CALL FOR PAPERS

The global economy has been transcending a phase of uncertainty. The wars in Europe and the Middle East have caused shockwaves around the world. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine war exacerbated inflationary pressure on developing countries. The recent crisis in the Middle East adds new layers of economic volatility and geopolitical tensions. This shift in geopolitical tension has led to a cut in the development assistance from the major donor countries such as the USA, the UK, Germany, Sweden, among others. These alterations will have long-run impacts on education, healthcare, employment and other development outcomes in the developing countries.

Meanwhile, the changes in the US tariff regime challenge the existing trade theories and models. These changes can have far-reaching impacts on developing countries, often beyond trade creation and trade diversions. In addition, the recent changes in immigration policies in the global north, such as in the USA and the UK, can cause significant impacts on migration, remittances, and the transfer of knowledge. Anecdotal evidence showed how migration and remittances are interlinked with the poverty and inequality dynamics of the origin countries. In the changing circumstances, what does this mean for the Global South countries is a topic to contemplate further.

Moreover, the emergence of Artificial Intelligence presents both a boon and bane. On the one hand, it promises increased productivity and dynamic capacities of skilled workers; on the other, it poses serious threats to jobs across multiple dimensions. The challenges are wide-ranging, from power dynamics to employment to the distribution of wealth. Compounding these challenges are the exacerbating issues of climate change and just transition in the Global South.

Against this backdrop, the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) calls for papers for the 9th SANEM Annual Economists Conference (9SAEC) 2026 on “Development Challenges and Policy Responses in a Changing World”, scheduled for 9-11 January 2026, BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

CONFERENCE THEMES

SANEM welcomes papers from academics, PhD Students, early career researchers, and practitioners working on the themes outlined below (but not limited to them).

1	Economic Transformation and Labour Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Agriculture and Agrarian Transformation➤ Structural Transformation➤ Labour Economics and Labour Market Issues➤ Migration and Remittances
2	Social Development and Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Poverty, Inequality and Wellbeing➤ Gender: Development, Discrimination and Divides➤ Social Protection, Demographic Transitions and Ageing➤ Aspirations and Challenges for New Bangladesh in the Post-Revolution Era
3	Environment, Climate Change and Just Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Environmental Sustainability and Natural Resource Management➤ Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation➤ Climate Resilience and Risk Reduction

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Climate Finance and International Cooperation ➤ Green Economic Growth and Just Transition ➤ Sustainability and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Issues
4	Political Economy, Geopolitics and International Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Political Economy and Heterodox Economics ➤ Geopolitical Shifts and Regional Integration ➤ International Trade and Global Value Chains ➤ Impacts of Development Aid and Aid for Trade
5	Technology, Innovation and Future of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work ➤ Digital Transformation and Innovation Ecosystems ➤ Health Economics and Tech-Driven Healthcare ➤ Education and Skills for a Digital Economy

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission of Extended Abstract	15 September 2025
Notification of Acceptance	07 October 2025
Submission of Final Paper	30 November 2025
Submission of Presentation	30 December 2025
Conference	9-11 January 2026

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1	Extended Abstract (max 2000 words) including objectives, methodology and expected findings	2	CVs of the author and co-authors, including titles, names, affiliations, and contact emails	3	Brief bio of the presenter (max 150 words)
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SUBMISSION LINK

Please submit your abstract via this link: <https://forms.gle/kiHA1Zrs3D4WHrv39>

FUNDING AND BURSARIES

SANEM will provide local accommodation and/or airfare to deserving paper presenters who do not have access to alternative funding.

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