



BIDS RESEARCH ALMANAC 2018

Date

11-12 November, 2018

Venue

Lakeshore Hotel, House-46, Road-41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka

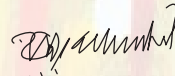


Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)

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You are cordially invited to join the BIDS Research Almanac 2018, to be held on 11-12 November at Lakeshore Hotel, Gulshan. This is the annual flagship event of the institute – a platform to officially share research findings and engage the wider academic community in discussion and debate arising from our work that cover a wide range of topics reflecting both national priorities as well individual research interests of researchers. The conference will be inaugurated by Dr. Mashur Rahman, Hon'ble Advisor to the Prime Minister for Economic Affairs. We also expect Mr. M. Syeduzzaman, former Finance Minister, to be present as Guest of Honour. Mr. Ziaul Islam, Senior Secretary, Planning Division will be present as Special Guest.

A total of 17 presentations distributed over five technical sessions are planned. The sessions encompass Agriculture and Employment, SMEs and Entrepreneurship, Quality of Growth and Human Development, Urbanization and Disasters, Energy Use, Migration and Household Welfare. In addition, the inaugural session will commence with a brief introduction to this year's noble laureates in Economics, William Nordhaus and Paul Romer and draw insights from their work for Bangladesh's development journey in the face of climate change and the need to sustain growth. The closing plenary will bring on board eminent experts who will endeavor to provide 'key messages to the next government' in the context of the overall development outlook faced.



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PROGRAMME

Day 1 : Sunday ■ November 11, 2018

09:00 am- 9:30 am
09:30 am- 10:30am
10:30 am- 10.45 am

Registration and Tea
Inaugural Session
Tea Break

Technical Session 1 : Agriculture and Employment

10:45 am- 01:00 pm

- Paper 1 : **Rise of Landless Tenancy in Bangladesh**
Binayak Sen
- Paper 2 : **Why do Bangladeshi Cattle yield High Positive Returns?**
Kazi Ali Toufique, Kazi Iqbal and Wahid Ferdous Ibon
- Paper 3 : **Assessing Competition in the Onion Market of Bangladesh**
Nazneen Ahmed and Mainul Hoque
- Paper 4 : **Tell-tale Signs from Recent BBS Surveys on Changes in Female Mobility**
M Asaduzzaman

Session Chair : Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Former DG, BIDS.

Discussants:

1. Dr. Mohammed Helal Uddin

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

2. Dr. Samiul Haque

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, North South University.

01:00 pm- 02:00pm

Lunch

Technical Session 2: SME Productivity, Financing and Women Entrepreneurs

02:00 pm- 03:30 pm

- Paper 1 : **Cluster vs. Non-cluster SME : Productivity Differences and Marshallian Externalities**
Kazi Iqbal, Zabid Iqbal, Nahid Ferdous Pabon and Kazi Ali Toufique
- Paper 2 : **Local Financial Development, Access to Credit and SMEs Performance: Evidence from Bangladesh**
Monzur Hossain, Naoyuki Yoshino and Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary
- Paper 3 : **Women Entrepreneurs in SMEs: Bangladesh Perspective**
Nazneen Ahmed, Monzur Hossain and Iqbal Hossain

Session Chair: Dr. Sajjad Zohir, Executive Director, Economic Research Group.

Discussants:

1. Dr. Syed Basher

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, East West University.

2. Dr. Shubhasish Barua

Assistant Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka.

03:30 pm- 03:45 pm

Tea Break

Technical Session 3: Quality of Growth and Human Development

03:45 pm- 5:15pm

Paper 1 : **Quality of Growth in Bangladesh: Some New Evidence**

Kazi Iqbal and Nahid Ferdous Pabon

Paper 2 : **An Analysis of the Link between Education and the First Demographic Dividend of Bangladesh**

Shahidul Islam

Paper 3 : **Human Resource Development and the Challenge of Sustaining Quality Education**

Anwara Begum

Session Chair : Dr. M. Ismail Hossain

Professor and Chairperson, Department of Economics, North South University.

Discussants:

1. Dr. Farzana Munshi

Professor, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, BRAC University.

2. Dr. Selim Raihan

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director of SANEM.

End of Day 1

Day 2 : Monday ■ November 12, 2018

09:00 am- 09:15 am

Registration and Tea

Technical Session 4: Urbanization, Disaster Vulnerability and Social Safety Nets

09:15 am- 11:30 am

Paper 1 : **Organic Solid Waste Management and the Urban Poor in Dhaka City**
Mitali Parvin and Anwara Begum

Paper 2 : **An Evaluation of the Activities of Grihayan Tahobil (Housing Fund)**
Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Abdul Hye Mondal, Zabid Iqbal and Maruf Ahmed

Paper 3 : **Disaster Impacts: Are these "an equal opportunity menace" to Development?**
Azreen Karim

Paper 4 : **Implication of Employment Generation Programme for the Poorest (EGPP) to Reduce Disaster and Gender Vulnerability**
S. M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Md. Mainul Hoque, Golam Nabi Mozumder and M. A. Mannan

Session Chair : Dr. A T M Nurul Amin, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, BRAC University.

Discussants:

1. **Dr. Syed Naimul Wadood**

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

2. **Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha**

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

11:30 am- 11:45 am

Tea Break

Technical Session 5 : Energy Use, Migration and Household Welfare

11:45 am- 1:15 pm

Paper 1 : **Impacts of Improved Cooking Stoves: Evidence Relating to Bondhu Chula**
Nazneen Ahmed and Zabid Iqbal

Paper 2 : **Gender Differentiated Impacts of Kerosene Pricing Reform in Bangladesh**
K A S Murshid and Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury

Paper 3 : **Impact of Migration on Nutritional Condition of Children under Five Years of Age in the Rural Households of Bangladesh**
Kashfi Rayan and Maruf Ahmed

Session Chair : Dr. A. K. Enamul Haque

Professor, Department of Economics, East West University.

Discussants:

1. **Dr. Salma Begum Rahman**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, North South University.

2. **Dr. Atonu Rabbani**, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka

01:15pm- 02:30pm

Lunch

Inaugural Session : Sustaining Growth

Time : 09:30 am– 10:30 am

Opening Remarks :	Dr. K A S Murshid , Director General, BIDS.
Chief Guest :	Dr. Mashiur Rahman Economic Affairs Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
Guest of Honour :	Mr. M Syeduzzaman Former Minister for Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
Special Guest :	Mr. Ziaul Islam Senior Secretary, Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Closing Session: The Development Outlook-Key Messages for the Next Government

Time: 02:30 pm- 04:30 pm

Chair :	Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank .
Chief Guest :	Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud Former Advisor for Finance and Planning to the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh.
Special Guest :	Dr. Shamsul Alam Senior Secretary and Member, General Economics Division (GED), Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
	Distinguished Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Chairman, Policy Research Institute (PRI).2. Dr. M A Taslim, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.3. Dr. Mohammad Tareque Director, Bangladesh Institute of Governance and Management (BIGM).4. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Lead Economist, World Bank.5. Ms. Nihad Kabir Barrister-at-Law, President, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

04:30-4:35 pm

Vote of Thanks

Minhaj Mahmud

Senior Research Fellow, BIDS and
Convenor, BIDS Research Almanac 2018