



RESEARCH
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2019

Date : 1-2 December, 2019

Venue : La Vita Hall, Lakeshore Hotel
Gulshan-2, Dhaka

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Sunday, December 1, 2019

09:30 am - 10:00 am	Registration and Tea
Inaugural Session	Tracking Bangladesh's Development
	Chair : <i>Dr. K.A.S. Murshid</i> , Director General, BIDS
	Chief Guest : <i>Mr. Abul Maal A Muhith</i> , Former Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Special Guests : <i>Dr. Shamsul Alam</i> , Senior Secretary & Member, General Economics Division (GED), Ministry of Planning Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh <i>Mr. Md. Nurul Amin</i> , Secretary, Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
11:00 am -11:15 am	Tea Break
Technical Session 1	Agriculture and Rural Non-farm Sector
	Paper 1: Dynamics of Rural Nonfarm Sector in Bangladesh: 2000-2016 <i>Kazi Iqbal, Kazi Ali Toufique, Nazneen Ahmed, Nahid Ferdous Pabon and Wahid Ferdous Ibon</i>
	Paper 2: Holy Cows and Unholy Institutions: Analyzing the Pattern of Growth of Cattle Population in India <i>Kazi Ali Toufique, Kazi Iqbal and Wahid Ferdous Ibon</i>
11:15 am - 12:45 pm	Paper 3: Rice Market in Bangladesh: Role of Key Intermediaries <i>Nazneen Ahmed, Md. Mainul Hoque and Nahian Azad Shashi</i>
	Session Chair: <i>Dr. M Asaduzzaman</i> , Former Research Director, BIDS
	Discussants: 1. <i>Dr. Firdousi Naher</i> , Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka 2. <i>Dr. Shubhasish Barua</i> , Assistant Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka
12:45 pm - 01:45 pm	Lunch
Technical Session 2	Poverty and Unemployment
	Paper 1: S-Curve, Mini Big-Push and Escape from Poverty: Insights from a Micro Panel Data <i>Binayak Sen and Mohammad Riaz Uddin</i>
	Paper 2: Why is Poverty So Pervasive and Increasing in Some Districts in Bangladesh? <i>S.M. Zulfiqar Ali and K.A.S. Murshid</i>
01:45 pm - 03:45 pm	Paper 3: Employment and Unemployment amongst Educated Youth-A Study Based on a Large Online Survey in Bangladesh <i>K. A. S. Murshid, Tanveer Mahmood and Nahian Azad Shashi</i>
	Paper 4: Urban Informal Sector: Dualism, Growth and Employment <i>Binayak Sen, Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Shahidul Islam, Anwara Begum and Iqbal Hossain</i>
	Session Chair: <i>Dr. A T M Nurul Amin</i> , Professor and Chairperson, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, BRAC University
	Discussants: 1. <i>Dr. Imran Matin</i> , Executive Director, BIGD, BRAC University (TBC) 2. <i>Dr. Syed Abul Basher</i> , Professor, Department of Economics, East West University 3. <i>Dr. Atomu Rabbani</i> , Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

03:45 pm - 04:00 pm	Tea Break
Technical Session 3	Macro Model, Industry and Firm Performance
04:00 pm - 05:30 pm	<p>Paper 1: A Macro Model of the Bangladesh Economy <i>Mohammad Yunus, Nazneen Ahmed, A. K Enamul Haque, M Salimullah and Rizwana Islam</i></p>
	<p>Paper 2: Impact of Compliance Standards on Firm Performances and Risks of Workplace Hazards: Evidence from the RMG Industry in Bangladesh <i>Monzur Hossain, Kazi Iqbal and Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury</i></p>
	<p>Paper 3: Pharmaceutical Industry in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges <i>Nazneen Ahmed, Kazi Iqbal, Rizwana Islam and Nahid Ferdous Pabon</i></p>
	<p>Session Chair: <i>Dr. M. Ismail Hossain</i>, Pro Vice-Chancellor & Professor, North South University</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr. Selim Raihan</i>, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka & Executive Director, SANEM <i>Dr. Khondaker Golam Moazzem</i>, Research Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

DAY 2: Monday, December 2, 2019

09:30 am - 10:00 am	Registration and Tea
Technical Session 4	Urbanization and Social Change
10:00 am - 11:30 am	<p>Paper -1: A Glimpse into the Lives of Dhaka City Dwellers <i>S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Abdur Razzaque Sarker</i>, Maruf Ahmed and <i>S. M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury</i></p>
	<p>Paper 2: What Makes You a Smart User of Smartphone <i>Mohammad Golam Nabi Mozumder</i></p>
	<p>Session Chair: <i>Professor Nazrul Islam</i>, Chairman, Centre for Urban Studies (CUS)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr. Mohammad Mainul Islam</i>, Professor & Chairperson, Department of Population Sciences, University of Dhaka <i>Dr. Syed Abdul Hamid</i>, Professor, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka
11:30 am - 11:45 am	Tea Break

Technical Session 5	Renewable Energy and Climate Change Adaptation
11:45 am - 01:15 pm	<p>Paper 1: Does Renewable Energy Increase Farmers' Well-being? Evidence from Solar Irrigation Interventions in Bangladesh <i>Monzur Hossain and Azreen Karim</i></p> <p>Paper 2: Adapting to Climate Change: Migration, Vulnerability and Livelihoods in the Bengal Delta- The Search for Effective Policy Options <i>Anwara Begum, Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Azreen Karim and Maruf Ahmed</i></p> <p>Paper 3: Atmospheric Particulate Matter and Black Carbon in Dhaka City- A Contributor to Climate Change <i>Mitali Parvin</i></p> <p>Session Chair: <i>Dr. A. K. Enamul Haque</i>, Professor, Department of Economics, East West University</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr. Helal Ahammad</i>, Professor, Department of Economics, North South University <i>Ms. Sharmind Neelormi</i>, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University
01:15 pm - 02:30 pm	Lunch
Closing Session	Reviewing Bangladesh's Development Strategy (Round Table Discussion)
02:30 pm - 04:30 pm	<p>Chair : <i>Dr. K. A. S. Murshid</i>, Director General, BIDS</p> <p>Chief Guest : <i>Mr. M. A. Mannan, MP</i>, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Special Guest : <i>Dr. Shamsul Alam</i>, Senior Secretary & Member, General Economics Division (GED), Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Distinguished Panelists:</p> <p><i>Dr. Rizwanul Islam</i>, Former Special Adviser, Employment Sector, ILO, Geneva</p> <p><i>Dr. Mohammad Ali Taslim</i>, Former Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p> <p><i>Dr. Zahid Hussain</i>, Former Lead Economist, World Bank</p> <p><i>Dr. Binayak Sen</i>, Research Director, BIDS</p>
04:30 pm - 04:35 pm	<p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p><i>Minhaj Mahmud</i>, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS</p>
Refreshments	

RESEARCH ALMANAC 2019

It is time once again for the annual BIDS Research Almanac. As before, the idea of the 'almanac' is to present a sample of BIDS research that has been completed or are at an advanced stage of completion, in order to share our research findings with the broader development community. This flagship event along with the 'BIDS Critical Conversations' have now become established features of the development discussion landscape. This year we have a total of 15 papers spread over five sessions over two days. In addition there will be an inaugural session and a closing session. Out of the 15 papers, 9 were conducted under the Bangladesh Government's Special Research Programme for BIDS, sponsored by the Planning Division, Ministry of Planning.

The closing session will be organized as a round-table panel discussion where we review Bangladesh's development strategy in the light of our goals and weigh-in on what we are doing right and what aspects require critical intervention. While we broadly understand the development strategy that is being pursued, it is perhaps important to make this explicit now to promote a more focused discussion, especially in the context of a rapidly changing world.

I therefore, take great pleasure in inviting you to BIDS Research Almanac 2019 and eagerly look forward to seeing you in this important event.



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