

BIDS RESEARCH ALMANAC, 2016

Accelerating Growth and Human Development

Date: 7-8 December, 2016

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

Programme

DAY 1

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

09:30 am- 10:30 am	Registration and Refreshment
Inaugural Session	
10:30 am– 11:15am	Chair: Dr. K A S Murshid, Director General, BIDS Chief Guest: Mr. A H M Mustafa Kamal, FCA, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Planning Guests of Honour: 1. Mr. M A Mannan, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Finance and Planning 2. Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Advisor to the Former Caretaker Government Special Guest: Mr. Tariqul Islam, Secretary, Planning Division
Technical Session 1: Labour Employment & Skills	
11:15 am– 01:30 pm	Paper 1: Labour Market, Human Resource Development and Skill Gap in Bangladesh: Macro Level Issues <i>Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman</i> Paper 2: Analysis of Skills Gap: Findings from Ten Sectors <i>Dr. K A S Murshid</i> Chief Guest: Mr. Mahbub Ahmed, Senior Secretary, Finance Division Session Chair: Dr. Rizwanul Islam, Former Special Adviser, Employment Sector, ILO, Geneva Distinguished Panelists: 1. Mr. Abdur Rouf Talukder, Executive Project Director, SEIP Project, Finance Division 2. Ms. Sunhwa Lee, Principal Social Development Specialist, ADB 3. Dr. Atiqur Rahman, Former Lead Strategist and Policy Coordinator, IFAD
1:30 pm- 2:30 pm	Lunch
Technical Session 2: Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy	
02:30 pm- 4:30 pm	Paper 1: Subsidy in Solar Home Systems in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Monzur Hossain and Dr. Mohammad Yunus</i>

Paper 2: Petroleum Import: Experience of Bangladesh <i>Dr. Nazneen Ahmed</i>	
	<p>Session Chair: Dr. Mohammad Tamim, Professor, Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering, BUET</p> <p>Distinguished Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Zubair K M Sadeque, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank 2. Mr. Mahmood Malik, Executive Director and CEO, IDCOL 3. Dr. A K Enamul Haque, Professor, Department of Economics, East West University
04:30 pm- 05:00 pm	Tea

Day 2

Thursday, December 8, 2016

09:00 am- 09:30 am	Registration
Technical Session 3: Agriculture	
09:30 am- 11:00 am	<p>Paper 1: Rice Prices and Growth and Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh <i>Dr. K A S Murshid and Dr. Mohammad Yunus</i></p> <p>Paper 2: Inclusive Market Development: Opportunities and Challenges for Fisheries, Vegetable, Seed and Fertilizer Sectors in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Nazneen Ahmed and Dr. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan</i></p> <p>Session Chair: Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Former Director General, BIDS</p> <p>Distinguished Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Mohammad A Jabbar, Agricultural Economist 2. Dr. M A Sattar Mandal, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University
11:00 am- 11:30 am	Tea
Technical Session 4: Business Environment and Exports	
11:30 am- 01:00 pm	<p>Paper 1: How Do Exporters Cope With Violence? Evidence from Political Strikes in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Kazi Iqbal and Mr. Reshad Ahsan</i></p> <p>Paper 2: Impact of Natural Barriers on Export Competitiveness of Fruits and Vegetables <i>Dr. S M Zahedul Islam Chowdhury</i></p> <p>Session Chair: Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmad, President, FBCCI</p> <p>Distinguished Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Minhaj Mahmud, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development 2. Mr. Ali Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute 3. Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta, Executive Director, Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB)

01:00 pm- 02:00 pm	Lunch
Technical Session 5: Social Development	
2:00 pm- 4:00 pm	<p>Paper 1: Disadvantaged Women and Access to Healthcare <i>Dr. Anwara Begum</i></p> <p>Paper 2: Health, Education and Labour Market Outcomes in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Mainul Hoque</i></p> <p>Paper 3: Impact of Primary Education Stipend on Household and School Level Outcomes in Bangladesh <i>Dr. Mohammad Yunus and Ms. Sibana Shahana</i></p> <p>Session Chair: Dr. Kaniz N. Siddique, Health-Education Sector Expert</p> <p>Distinguished Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Syed Abdul Hamid, Professor & Director, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka 2. Dr. Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean & Professor, JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University 3. Mr. Carlos Acosta, Chief, Social Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, UNICEF
4:00 pm- 4:30 pm	Tea
Closing Session	
Bangladesh and the World: Changing Dynamics	
4:30 pm- 6:00 pm	<p>Chief Guest: Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Hon'ble Adviser to the Prime Minister, International Relation Affairs</p> <p>Special Guest: Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member, General Economic Division, Planning Commission</p> <p>Session Chair: Dr. K A S Murshid, Director General, BIDS</p> <p>Distinguished Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Lead Economist, World Bank 2. Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue 3. Prof. S R Osmani, Department of Economics, University of Ulster