



## ANNUAL BIDS CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT (ABCD) 2021 1-3 December 2021

Greetings from BIDS!

We are pleased to invite you to the **Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD) on the occasion of 50 years of Bangladesh. It will be held in a hybrid mode on December 1-3, 2021** at the Lakeshore Hotel, House no. 46, Road no. 41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The aim of the ABCD Conference is to provide a platform for the dissemination of research conducted by national and international scholars on different socio-economic issues and engage the wider community to envisage the next phase of Bangladesh's development journey. A total of 27 papers and 13 keynote speeches from Bangladesh and abroad will be presented at the conference.

We sincerely expect your face-to-face engagement and participation in this unique and prestigious conference. You will also have the opportunity of joining the conference via Zoom (Zoom meeting ID: 611 5005 1728 & Password: 1122021). We count on your presence and kindly request you to save these dates in your calendar for this conference.

A program schedule of the conference is enclosed herewith for your kind information.

Thank you and best regards.

**Binayak Sen**  
Director General



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# Annual BIDS Conference on Development 2021

*Celebrating 50 Years of Bangladesh*

Date : 1-3 December 2021

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



**BANGLADESH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (BIDS)**

# PROGRAM

## Day 1: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

09:00 am - 09:30 am	<b>Registration and Tea</b>
<b>Inaugural Session</b>	<b>Bangladesh at 50</b>
09:30 am - 11:00 am	<b>Opening Remarks: Bangladesh in a Comparative Perspective</b> <i>Binayak Sen, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</i>
<b>Keynote Speech 1</b>	<b>Nurul Islam, Emeritus Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission (1972-75)</b>
<b>Chief Guest</b>	<b>M. A. Mannan, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</b>
<b>Special Guests</b>	<b>A H M Mustafa Kamal, FCA, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</b> <b>Mashiur Rahman, Economic Affairs Adviser to the Honorable Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</b>
11:00 am -11:15 am	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 2</b>	<b>Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and Former Director General, BIDS</b>
11:15 am -11:45 am	
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Macroeconomic Policy, Covid-19 and Economic Recovery: Lessons and Future Pathways</b>
11:45 am - 01:30 pm	
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>ICTs and Economic Growth in Bangladesh: Rethinking Digitalization Strategies for Faster Economic Recovery</b> <i>Monzur Hossain</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>Covid-19, Public Expenditures and Fiscal Sustainability: Implications for Recovery</b> <i>Zahid Hussain</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Covid Impact and Macroeconomic Policy in Asia</b> <i>Calla Weimer</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	<b>Migrant Labor and Remittances: Macroeconomic Consequences and Policy Responses</b> <i>Sokchea Lim, A. K. M. Mahub Morshed, and Stephen J. Turnovsky</i>
<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	
<b>Session Organizer</b>	<b>Monzur Hossain, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</b>
<b>Session Chair</b>	<b>Calla Weimer, President, American Committee on Asian Economic Studies, USA and Former Editor, Journal of Asian Economics</b>
01:30 pm - 02:15 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 3</b>	<b>S. R. Osmani, Professor of Development Economics, University of Ulster, UK</b>
02:15 pm - 03:00 pm	
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>COVID-19 and Firms</b>
03:00 pm - 04:30 pm	
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>How Has COVID-19 Affected Micro Enterprises and Workers in Bangladesh?</b> <i>Asadul Islam, Atiya Rahman, and Rafia Nisat</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>The Performance of Value Chains during the Pandemic: Evidence from Bangladesh</b> <i>Reshad Ahsan and Kazi Iqbal</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Have Clustered SMEs Performed Better than Non-clustered SMEs during the Pandemic in Bangladesh? Evidence from Three Rounds of Worker-Linked Enterprise Surveys</b> <i>Kazi Iqbal, Tanveer Mahmood, and Mohammad Rezoanul Hoque</i>

<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	
<b>Session Organizer</b>	<b>Kazi Iqbal</b> , <i>Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</i>
<b>Session Chair</b>	<b>Sajjad Zohir</b> , <i>Executive Director, Economic Research Group (ERG), Dhaka</i>
04:30 pm - 04:45 pm	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 4</b> 04:45 pm - 05:30 pm	<b>Mohiuddin Alamgir</b> , <i>Former Director, United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Rome and Former Research Director, BIDS</i>
<b>Session 3</b> 05:30 pm - 07:00 pm	<b>Political Economy of Climate Change Adaptation</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>Digging in. Evolving Migration Preferences in Communities Affected by Climate Change: Evidence from Bangladesh</b> <i>Arne Wiig, Minhaj Mahmud, Ivar Kolstad, Paivi Lujala, and Sosina Beju</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>How do Host-migrant Proximities Shape Attitudes towards Internal Climate Migrants?</b> <i>Päivi Lujala, Sosina Beju, Ivar Kolstad, Minhaj Mahmud, and Arne Wiig</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Does Changing the Narrative Improve Host Community Attitudes to Climate Migrants? Evidence from Bangladesh</b> <i>Ivar Kolstad, Sosina Beju, Paivi Lujala, Minhaj Mahmud, and Arne Wiig</i>
<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	
<b>Session Organizer</b>	<b>Minhaj Mahmud</b> , <i>Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</i>
<b>Session Chair</b>	<b>Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad</b> , <i>Chairman, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Dhaka</i>
<b>Keynote Speech 5</b> 07:00 pm - 07:45 pm	<b>David Hulme</b> , <i>Professor of Development Studies and Executive Director, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK</i>
07:45 pm	<b>Dinner</b>

## Day 2: Thursday, December 2, 2021

08:30 am - 09:00 am	<b>Registration and Tea</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 6</b> 09:00 am - 09:45 am	<b>Martin Ravallion</b> , <i>Edmond D. Villani Professor of Economics, Georgetown University, USA</i>
09:45 am - 10:00 am	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Session 4</b> 10:00 am - 11:45 am	<b>Spatial Dimensions of Development</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>Dhaka's Overgrowth and Its Costs</b> <i>Ahmad Ahsan</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>Convergence in Income, Poverty, and Inequality across Districts of Bangladesh</b> <i>Mohammad Yunus</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Risk, Poverty or Politics? The Determinants of Subnational Public Spending Allocation for Adaptive Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangladesh</b> <i>Azreen Karim and Ilan Noy</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	<b>Rural Development in Bangladesh over Three Decades: Findings from Mahabub Hossain Panel Data and the Way Forward</b> <i>Mohammad Abdul Malek, Aiko Kikawa, Abul K Azad, and Yasuyuki Sawada</i>

**Q&A Session**

**Session Organizer** **Mohammad Yunus**, *Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)*

**Session Chair** **Quazi Shahabuddin**, *Former Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)*

**Session 5 Surviving and Thriving of Women through Major Shocks**

11:45 am - 01:15 pm

**Paper 1 Maternal Depression, Parental Investment, and Child Development**

*Victoria Baranov*

**Paper 2 The Power of Lakshmi: Monetary Incentives for Raising a Girl**

*Laura Zimmermann*

**Paper 3 Information Campaign and Marriage Market: The Case of Arsenic Exposure in Rural Bangladesh**

*Shyamal Chowdhury*

**Q&A Session**

**Session Organizer** **Shyamal Chowdhury**, *Associate Professor, University of Sydney, Australia*

**Session Chair** **Binayak Sen**, *Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)*

01:15 pm - 02:15 pm **Lunch Break**

**Keynote Speech 7** **Yasuyuki Sawada**, *Professor, University of Tokyo, Japan and Former Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank*  
02:15 pm - 03:00 pm

**Session 6 Human Capital and Public Policy**

03:00 pm - 04:30 pm

**Paper 1 Student Performance in Online Education in Bangladesh**

*Nazmul Hoque, Syed Basher, and A.K. Enamul Haque*

**Paper 2 Global Value Chains and Public Policy Dilemma in Covid Times: Evidence from Bangladesh**

*Abeer Khandker*

**Paper 3 Impact of Floods on Education Outcomes: Evidence from Bangladesh Using Satellite and Census Data**

*Mohammad Mainul Hoque and Kazi Iqbal*

**Q&A Session**

**Session Organizer** **A. K. Enamul Haque**, *Professor, Department of Economics, East West University, Dhaka*

**Session Chair** **Mohammed Farashuddin**, *Chief Adviser, East West University, Dhaka*

04:30 pm - 04:45 pm **Tea Break**

**Keynote Speech 8** **Naila Kabeer**, *Professor of Gender and Development, Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK*  
04:45 pm - 05:30 pm

**Session 7 Nutrition and Well-Being**

05:30 pm - 07:00 pm

**Paper 1 Trends and Inequality of Childhood Undernutrition in Bangladesh: A Household Level Analysis (2004-2018)**

*Abdur Razzaque Sarker*

**Paper 2 Spatial and Social Dimensions of Poverty: A Multidimensional Approach**

*S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Badrun Nessa Ahmed, Mathilde Maitrot, Joe Devine, and Geof Wood*

<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Adolescent Motherhood in Bangladesh: Trends and Determinants</b> <i>Mohammad Mainul Islam, Md. Kamrul Islam, Mohammad Sazzad Hasan, and Mohammad Bellal Hossain</i>
<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	
<b>Session Organizer</b>	<b>S.M. Zulfiqar Ali</b> , <i>Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</i>
<b>Session Chair</b>	<b>Atiur Rahman</b> , <i>Bangabandhu Chair Professor, University of Dhaka and Former Governor, Bangladesh Bank</i>
07:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b>

### Day 3: Friday, December 3, 2021

09:00 am - 09:30 am	<b>Registration and Tea</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 9</b> 09:30 am - 10:15 am	<b>Sajeda Amin</b> , <i>Senior Associate, Population Council, New York, USA</i>
10:15 am - 10:30 am	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 10</b> 10:30 am - 11:15 am	<b>Nazrul Islam</b> , <i>Chief of Development Research, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), New York, USA</i>
<b>Session 8</b> 11:15 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Income and Employment Diagnostics and Drivers</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	<b>Bangladesh Rural Income Diagnostics</b> <i>Maria Eugenia Genoni, Mansur Ahmed, Pablo Tillan, and Madhur Gautam</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	<b>From Jobs to Careers: Apparel Exports and Career Paths for Women in Developing Countries</b> <i>Gladys Lopez-Acevedo and Mexico Vergara</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>How Selling Online is Affecting Informal Firms in South Asia</b> <i>Maurizio Bussolo, Akshay Dixit, Anne Golla, Ananya Kotia, Jean N. Lee, Prema Narasimhan, and Siddharth Sharma</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	<b>Women's Employment and Safety Perceptions: Evidence from Low-income Neighborhoods of Dhaka, Bangladesh</b> <i>Tanima Ahmed</i>
<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	
<b>Session Organizer</b>	<b>Maria Eugenia Genoni</b> , <i>Senior Economist, Poverty Global Practice, World Bank</i>
<b>Session Chair</b>	<b>S. R. Osmani</b> , <i>Professor of Development Economics, University of Ulster, UK</i>
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	<b>Prayer &amp; Lunch Break</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 11</b> 02:00 pm - 02:45 pm	<b>Kunal Sen</b> , <i>Director, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Finland</i>
<b>Session 9</b> 02:45 pm - 04:45 pm	<b>Contemporary Agrarian Transition (Panel Discussion)</b>
<b>Keynote Speech 12</b> 02:45 pm - 03:15 pm	<b>Geof Wood</b> , <i>Emeritus Professor of International Development, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath, UK</i>
<b>Distinguished Panelists</b> 03:15 pm - 04:45 pm	<b>Mahbub Ullah</b> , <i>Former Professor of Development Studies, University of Dhaka</i> <b>Shapan Adnan</b> , <i>Professorial Research Associate, Department of Development Studies, SOAS, University of London, UK</i>

	<p><b>Abhijit Sen</b>, <i>Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India</i></p> <p><b>Arif Naveed</b>, <i>Lecturer, Education and International Development, University of Bath, UK</i></p> <p><b>Ratan Khasnabis</b>, <i>Director, Economics, Commerce and Business Management, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, India</i></p> <p><b>M. A. Sattar Mandal</b>, <i>Former Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh</i></p>
<b>Session Organizer</b>	<b>Binayak Sen</b> , <i>Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</i>
<b>Session Chair</b>	<b>Hossain Zillur Rahman</b> , <i>Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC), Dhaka and Chairperson, BRAC Bangladesh</i>
04:45 pm - 04:55 pm	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Session 10</b> 04:55 pm - 07:30 pm	<b>Turning Points in 2020s: Analytical and Policy Challenges (Roundtable)</b>
<b>Session Chair</b>	<b>Sultan Hafeez Rahman</b> , <i>Director, BIDS Graduate School of Economics, Dhaka</i>
<b>Chief Guest</b>	<b>Shamsul Alam</b> , <i>Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i>
<b>Distinguished Panelists</b>	<p><b>M Syeduzzaman</b>, <i>Former Finance Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i></p> <p><b>Ahmad Kaikaus</b>, <i>Principal Secretary to the Honorable Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i></p> <p><b>Fazle Kabir</b>, <i>Governor, Bangladesh Bank</i></p> <p><b>Abdur Rouf Talukder</b>, <i>Senior Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i></p> <p><b>Pradip Ranjan Chakraborty</b>, <i>Secretary, Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i></p> <p><b>Zaidi Sattar</b>, <i>Chairman, Policy Research Institute (PRI), Dhaka</i></p> <p><b>Asif Saleh</b>, <i>Executive Director, BRAC, Dhaka</i></p> <p><b>Syed Akhtar Mahmood</b>, <i>Former Lead Economist, World Bank</i></p> <p><b>Mustafizur Rahman</b>, <i>Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka</i></p> <p><b>Barrister Nihad Kabir</b>, <i>President, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry (MCCI), Dhaka</i></p> <p><b>Md. Jashim Uddin</b>, <i>President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce &amp; Industry (FBCCI), Dhaka</i></p> <p><b>Binayak Sen</b>, <i>Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</i></p>
<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>	
<b>Keynote Speech 13</b> 07:30 pm - 08:15 pm	<b>Wahiduddin Mahmud</b> , <i>Chairman, Economic Research Group (ERG), Dhaka</i>
08:15 pm - 08:20 pm	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Vote of Thanks</b>
08:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b>