

First Draft Workshop
“Discussion on first draft of thematic papers”
September 2-3, 2019, BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali, Dhaka

Agenda

First day: September 2, 2019

09:00 AM – 09:20 AM	Registration and tea
09:20 AM – 09:30 AM	Welcome
09:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Overview of the Project Objectives by Prof. Francois Bourguignon , Former Chief Economist, the World Bank and Chair Emeritus, Paris School of Economics
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Presentation of the “Country overview and the Country Institutional Survey” by Dr. Selim Raihan , Executive Director, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka 10.00 AM – 10.30 AM Presentation of the “Country overview” 10.30 AM – 11.00 AM Presentation of the “Institutional Survey” 11.00 AM – 11.30 AM Open discussion
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Tea/coffee break
11:45 AM – 01:15 PM	Presentation of the draft thematic study on “Banking sector” by Dr. Mirza M. Hassan , Senior Research Fellow & Head, Governance & Politics Cluster, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD). Co-authors are Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha, Research Director, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, and Mr. Towhid Iqram Mahmood, Research Economist, SANEM 11.45 AM – 12.15 PM Presentation 12.15 PM – 12.30 PM Comments by Dr Thorsten Beck , Professor of Banking and Finance, Cass Business School, London, Research Fellow, CEPR; Co-Editor Journal of Banking and Finance; (Co-) Managing Editor Economic Policy 12.30 PM – 12.45 PM Comments by Prof. Francois Bourguignon/ Dr Umar Salam , Oxford Policy Management 12.45 PM – 01.15 PM Open discussion
01:15 PM – 02:15 PM	Lunch

02:15 PM – 03:45 PM

Presentation of the draft thematic study on “Public Expenditure on Primary Education” by **Dr. Bazlul Haque Khondker**, Chairman, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. Co-authors are Mr. Zubayer Hossen, Research Economist, SANEM, and Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM

02.15 PM – 02.45 PM Presentation

02.45 PM – 03.00 PM Comments by **Dr Elizabeth M. King**, Formerly Director of Education, Vice President for Human Development, and Senior Education Adviser of the World Bank, Washington, DC.

03.00 PM – 03.15 PM Comments by **Prof. Francois Bourguignon/ Dr Umar Salam**, Oxford Policy Management

03.15 PM – 03.45 PM Open discussion

03:45 PM – 04:00 PM

Tea/coffee break

04:00 PM – 05:30 PM

Presentation of the draft thematic study on “Land” by **Dr. Selim Raihan**, Executive Director, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. Co-authors are Mr. Jahid Ebn Jalal, Research Associate, SANEM, Ms. Eshrat Sharmin, Research Associate, SANEM, and Dr. M. Abu Eusuf, Professor, Department of Development Studies and Executive Director, Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID).

04.00 PM – 04.30 PM Presentation

04.30 PM – 04.45 PM Comments by **Prof. Dilip Mookherjee**, London School of Economics

04.45 PM – 05.00 PM Comments by **Prof. Francois Bourguignon/ Dr Umar Salam**, Oxford Policy Management

05.00 PM – 05.30 PM Open discussion

07:00 PM

Dinner

Second day: September 3, 2019

09:00 AM – 09:20 AM	Registration and tea
09:20 AM – 09:30 AM	Recap of Day 1
09:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<p>Presentation of the draft thematic study on “Judiciary” by Dr. Kazi Maruful Islam, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka. The co-author is Ms. Rafiqua Ferdousi, Research Economist, SANEM</p> <p>09.30 AM – 10.00 AM Presentation 10.00 AM – 10.15 AM Comments by the Prof. Jean-Philippe Platteau, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Namur, Belgium 10.15 AM – 10.30 AM Comments by Prof. Francois Bourguignon/ Dr Umar Salam, Oxford Policy Management 10.30 AM – 11.00 AM Open discussion</p>
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Tea/coffee break
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	<p>Presentation of the draft thematic study on “Taxation” by Dr. Sadiq Ahmed, Vice Chairman, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI)</p> <p>11.30 AM – 12.00 PM Presentation 12.00 PM – 12.15 PM Comments by Prof. Christopher Heady, The University of Kent 12.15 PM – 12.30 PM Comments by Prof. Francois Bourguignon/ Dr Umar Salam, Oxford Policy Management 12.30 PM – 01.00 PM Open discussion</p>
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch
02:00 PM – 03:30 PM	<p>Presentation of the draft thematic study on “RMG and Export Diversification” by Dr. Selim Raihan, Executive Director, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p> <p>02.00 PM – 02.30 PM Presentation 02.30 PM – 02.45 PM Comments by Prof. Jaime de Melo, Emeritus Professor at the University of Geneva 02.45 PM – 03.00 PM Comments by Prof. Francois Bourguignon/ Dr Umar Salam, Oxford Policy Management 03.00 PM – 03.30 PM Open discussion</p>
03:30 PM – 03:45 PM	Tea/coffee break
03:45 PM – 04:45 PM	<p>Synthesis – Brainstorming session What are the common institutional weaknesses identified? Are there any missing elements in the analysis? What are their proximate and fundamental causes? What are their impact on economic development in Bangladesh? What are the directions for reform including the political economy of reforms</p> <p>03.45 PM – 04.00 PM Synthesis presentation by Dr. Selim Raihan 04.00 PM – 04.45 PM Open discussion</p>
04:45 PM – 05:00 PM	Wrapping up and closing

Participants

1. Professor Francois Bourguignon, Former Chief Economist, the World Bank and Chair Emeritus, Paris School of Economics
2. Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, Eminent Economist. (TBC)
3. Dr Thorsten Beck, Professor of Banking and Finance, Cass Business School, London, Research Fellow, CEPR; Co-Editor Journal of Banking and Finance; (Co-) Managing Editor Economic Policy
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9. Dr. Umar Salam, Oxford Policy Management
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11. Dr. Bazlul Haque Khondker, Chairman, SANEM and Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka
12. Dr. Sadiq Ahmed, Vice Chairman, Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI) (TBC)
13. Dr. Mirza M. Hassan, Senior Research Fellow & Head, Governance & Politics Cluster, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)
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20. Mr. Jahid Ebn Jalal, Research Associate, SANEM
21. Ms. Eshrat Sharmin, Research Associate, SANEM
22. Mr. Josh Chipman, Oxford Policy Management, Dhaka
23. Mr. Ashibur Rahman, Assistant Director (HR and Admin), SANEM