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Conference Agenda

Time and Venue	Program
9.00 am - 9.30 am	Registration: <i>Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium, Social Science Building, University of Dhaka</i>
9.30 am - 10.30 am <i>Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium, Faculty of Social Sciences Building, University of Dhaka</i>	Opening Session Welcome Speech by Dr. Selim Raihan , Professor, Department of Economics, & Director, Bureau of Economic Research (BER), University of Dhaka (10 minutes) Welcome Speech by Prof. Masuda Yasmeen , Professor & Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Conference Speech by Prof. Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud , Eminent economist and former professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka (20 minutes) Speech by the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. A. S. M. Maksud Kamal , Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka (20 minutes) Speech by the Chair of the session by Prof. Dr. M. M. Akash , Chairman, Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka.
10.30 am - 11.45 am <i>Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium, Faculty of Social Sciences Building, University of Dhaka</i>	Organized Session O1: Macroeconomics and Resilience Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Atonu Rabbani Distinguished Panelists: Dr. Ahsan H. Mansur, PRI (10 minutes) Dr. Habibur Rahman, Bangladesh Bank (10 minutes) Dr. Fahmida Khatun, CPD (10 minutes) Mr. Syed Nasim Manzur, Apex (10 minutes) Open discussion (20 minutes) Wrap-up from the session chair (10 minutes)
11.45 am - 12.00 pm	Tea Break 1
12.00 pm – 1.15 pm <i>Room 302, Department of Economics, (2nd Floor, Faculty of Social Sciences) University of Dhaka</i>	Break-out Session A1: Agriculture, Food, and Poverty Session Chair: Dr. Firdousi Naher, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. Papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Monetary Poverty and Multidimensional Poverty in Hilly Region of Manipur: A Static and Dynamic Comparative Analysis,” paper presented by Dr. Utpal Kumal De, co-authors: S. Solomon, Department of Economics, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India. (12 minutes) ▪ “Consequences of Land Acquisition on Rural People: A Case Study from West Bengal, India,” Presented by Dr. Arup Majumder, Department of Linguistic, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India (12 minutes) ▪ “Effects of Remittance on Dietary Diversity & Protein Consumption Evidence from HIES 2022,” paper presented by Mahjabin Rashid Lamisha, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh (12 minutes) Discussant: Dr. Sakib Bin Amin, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, North South University (12 minutes) Open discussion (15 minutes) Wrap-up from the session chair (12 minutes)
<i>Room 303, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</i>	Break-out Session A2: Macroeconomic issues Session Chair: Dr. Kazi Iqbal, Research Director, BIDS, Bangladesh Papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Sources and Consequences of Oil Price Shocks Towards the Household Decision in Bangladesh: Do Macroeconomic Variables Matter?,” paper presented by Farhan Khan (NSU), co-author(s): Sakib Bin Amin (NSU) Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary, School of Global Studies, Tokai University, Japan, and Adiba Nawaz (NSU). (12 minutes) ▪ “Remittance Dynamics: Unveiling the Nexus with Economic Growth in Bangladesh,” paper presented by Afrouse Fatema Mili, co-author(s): Mosharraf Sharif Hossain, Department of Economics, Jagannath University, Bangladesh. (12 minutes) ▪ “Rising Inflation and the Livelihoods of Rickshaw Pullers in Dhaka: A Socio-Economic Analysis,” paper presented by Sahara Islam Nesa, co-author(s): Noushin Jahan, Institute of Social Welfare and Research, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. (12 minutes) Discussant: Dr. Asad Karim Khan Priyo, Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Economics, North South University (12 minutes) Open discussion (15 minutes) Wrap-up from the session chair (12 minutes)

<p>Seminar room, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p>	<p>Break-out Session A3: Education Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Nazma Begum, Former professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Investigating educational inequality in Bangladesh: A decomposition analysis,” paper presented by Sakil Ahmmed, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, co-author(s): Md. Nadim Uddin, BIDS, Dhaka, Bangladesh. (12 minutes) ▪ “What determines the accessibility of early childhood education in Bangladesh?” paper presented by Sayed Arafat Zubayer, Department of Economics, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, co-author(s): Md. Tuhin Ahmed, Department of Economics, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Bangladesh. (12 minutes) ▪ “Parents’ Education and Children’s Health: A Propensity Score Analysis,” paper presented by Sayed Jubair Bin Hossain, co-author(s): Prof. Dr Syed Naimul Wadood and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahadat Hossain Siddiquee, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. (12 minutes) <p>Discussant: Mr. Md. Nazmul Hossain, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. (12 minutes)</p> <p>Open discussion (15 minutes) Wrap-up from the session chair (12 minutes)</p>
<p>Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury</p>	<p>Break-out Session A4: Health Economics</p>
<p>Auditorium, Social Science Building, University of Dhaka</p>	<p>Session Chair: Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Research Director, BIDS, Bangladesh</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Impact of Women’s Empowerment on Children’s Diets and Nutritional Status: A Case Study on Urban-Rural Areas in Bangladesh,” paper presented by Ahmed Eshtiak, DataSense at iSocial, co-author(s): Taslima Begum, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, and Shanjida Momtaz, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh. (12 minutes) ▪ “Decomposition of smokeless tobacco (SLT) use among adults in Bangladesh: Findings from Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) 2017,” paper presented by Amina Khatun, Department of Economics, Bangladesh University of Professionals, co-author(s): Emran Hasan, Department of Economics, Bangladesh University of Professionals, Moriam Khanam, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka. (12 minutes) ▪ “Assessing the Impact of Maternal and Newborn Care on Neonatal Mortality: Evidence from Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18,” paper presented by Lubaba Binth Halim, co-author(s): Mayeesha Tabassum, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. (12 minutes) <p>Discussant: Prof. Nahid Akhter Jahan, Professor, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka. (12 minutes)</p> <p>Open discussion (15 minutes) Wrap-up from the session chair (12 minutes)</p>
<p>1.15 pm - 2.30 pm Room 301, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>2.30 pm – 3:45 pm Room 302, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p>	<p>Break-out Session B1: Banking and Finance Session Chair: Dr. Shubhashish Barua, Associate Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Does Business Group Affiliation Affect Cash Holdings? Moderating Role of Political Connection,” paper presented by Dr. Muhammad Shahin Miah, Department of International Business, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. (12 minutes) ▪ “Analysing the Impact of Financial Inclusion on Women’s Empowerment in Rural Bangladesh,” paper presented Samiha Islam, ARCED Foundation, co-author(s): Dr. Md. Deen Islam, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. (12 minutes) ▪ “Dynamics of banking sentiment in capital formation and saddle path stability,” paper presented by Maniruzzaha Rahaman, Rani Birla Girls’ College, co-author(s): Bidisha Chakraborty, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. (12 minutes) <p>Discussant: Dr. Javed Hossain, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, North South University. (12 minutes)</p> <p>Open discussion (15 minutes) Wrap-up from the session chair (12 minutes)</p>
<p>Room 303, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p>	<p>Breakout Session B2: Development Economics Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahadat Hossain Siddiquee, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “The Dynamics of Climate Variability, Household Headship, and Occupational Diversification: Insights on Household Welfare in Rural Bangladesh,” presented by Hasibul Hasan (BIGD), co-author(s): Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. (12 minutes) ▪ “Factors associated with women’s attitude towards physical violence to wife in Bangladesh,” paper presented by Md. Saiful Islam, co-author(s): Sayed Jubair Bin Hossain, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Dhaka. (12 minutes) ▪ “Impact of Rampal Coal Power Plant on Livelihood of Local Community”, paper presented by Abdul Elah

	<p>Al-Mahde- Development Studies Discipline, Khulna University, co-author(s): Md Amirul Islam- Development Studies Discipline, Khulna University, Jannatul Mawya Binte Kabir- Department of English, Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka. (12 minutes)</p> <p>Discussant: Dr. Narayan C. Das, Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow, BIGD, Bangladesh. (12 minutes)</p> <p>Open discussion (15 minutes)</p> <p>Wrap-up from the session chair (12 minutes)</p>
<i>Seminar Room, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</i>	<p><u>Breakout Session B3: Environmental Issues</u></p> <p>Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Helal Ahammad, Professor and Dean, School of Business & Economics, North South University</p> <p>Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Implications of Taxation Alternatives in India’s Energy Transition: ESAM Analysis,” presented by Rajat Verma, co-author(s): Laveesh Bhandari, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), New Delhi, India. (12 minutes) ▪ “Navigating the Transition towards Cleaner Energy: An Empirical Study of Energy Stacking Behavior in Nepal,” paper presented by Aarya Shrestha, Department of Economics, Kathmandu University, Kathmandu, Nepal. (12 minutes) ▪ “Electoral Competitiveness, Political Accountability, and Retrospective Voting: Evidence From Local Level Elections in Nepal,” paper presented by Asim Kafle, co-author: Aarya Shrestha, Department of Economics, Kathmandu University, Kathmandu, Nepal. (12 minutes) <p>Discussant: Mr. Mohammad Akbar Kabir, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. (12 minutes)</p> <p>Open discussion (15 minutes)</p> <p>Wrap-up from the session chair (12 minutes)</p>
3.45 pm–4:00 pm	Tea break 2
4:00 pm – 5:15 pm <i>Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium, Social Science Building, University of Dhaka</i>	<p><u>Organised session O2: Inclusive Development</u></p> <p>Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Sayema Haque Bidisha, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</p> <p>Panellists: Dr. Binayak Sen, Director General, BIDS, Bangladesh (15 minutes) Prof. Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, CPD (15 minutes) Prof. Dr. Niaz Asadullah, Monash University Malaysia. (15 minutes)</p> <p>Open discussion (20 minutes)</p> <p>Wrap-up from the session chair (10 minutes)</p>
5.15 pm – 5.30 pm <i>Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium, Social Science Building, University of Dhaka</i>	<u>Closing session and vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. Selim Raihan.</u>
5.30 pm – 6:30 pm <i>Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium, Social Science Building, University of Dhaka</i>	<u>Cultural program by the Economics Cultural Club, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.</u>
6.30 pm – 9:30 pm	<u>Conference Dinner.</u>