

International Conference on Entrepreneurship and Development: Experiences, Practices and Policies

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Venue: BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212
Date: 27-28 March 2011

Tentative Programme (the final version will be circulated in the conference)

Day one – 27 March 2011	
09:00 - 9:30	Arrival of participants
09:30 - 11:00	<p>Inaugural session : Promoting micro-entrepreneurship</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr. M. Syeduzzaman, former Finance Minister, GOB</p> <p>Chief Guest: Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque Hon'ble Minister for Food and Disaster Management, GOB</p> <p>Special Guest: Dr. Mashiur Rahman Hon'ble Adviser to the Prime Minister on Economic Affairs, GOB</p>
09:30 - 09:35	Welcome address: Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC
09:35 - 09:45	Overview of the conference and agenda: Prof. Robin Burgess, London School of Economics and IGC
09:45 - 10:10	Keynote paper: Promoting micro-entrepreneurship in the developing world Prof. Chris Woodruff, University of Warwick
10:10 - 10:20	Discussions: Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharjee, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue Dr. S.R. Osmani, University of Ulster
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10:30 - 10:40	Address by the Special Guest: Dr Mashiur Rahman
10:40 - 10:50	Inaugural address by the Chief Guest: Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque
10:50 - 11:00	Concluding remarks from the Chairperson
11:00 - 11:30	Tea/Coffee break

11.30 - 13:30	<p>Second session: Small and micro-entrepreneurship development in Bangladesh: constraints and policies Chairperson: Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, former Governor, Bangladesh Bank</p>
11:30 - 11:50	<p>Paper presentation: Constraints to entrepreneurship development in Bangladesh and policy support, Mr. Mamun Rashid, former CEO, Citibank, Bangladesh</p>
11:50 - 12:00	<p>Discussions: Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, former Advisor to the Caretaker Government, GOB</p>
12:00 - 12:10	<p>Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo, Chairperson, Lal Teer Seed Limited</p>
12:10 - 12:30	<p>Open discussions</p>
12:30 - 12:50	<p>Paper presentation: Promoting small enterprises through access to finance: the case of BRAC Bank, Prof. Baqui Khalily, University of Dhaka</p>
12:50 - 13:00	<p>Discussions: Mr. Syed Mahbubur Rahman, CEO, BRAC Bank</p>
13:00 - 13:10	<p>Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC</p>
13:10 - 13:30	<p>Open discussions</p>
13:30 - 13:40	<p>Concluding comments from the Chairperson</p>
13:40 - 14:30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
14:30 - 17:15	<p>Third session: Evaluation of the ultra poor programmes Chair: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman Former Advisor to the Caretaker Government, GOB and Executive Chairman, PPRC</p>
14:30 - 14:50	<p>Paper presentation: Can entrepreneurship programmes transform the economic lives of the poor?, Prof. Imran Rasul, University College London</p>
14:50 - 15:00	<p>Discussions: Prof. Syed M Hashemi, Director, BRAC Development Institute, BRAC University</p>
15:00 - 15:10	<p>Dr. Imran Matin, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC International</p>
15:10 - 15:20	<p>Dr. Zashem Ahmed, The Centre for Development</p>
15:20 - 15:35	<p>Open discussions</p>
15:35 - 16:00	<p>Tea/Coffee break</p>
16:00 - 16:20	<p>Paper presentation: Targeting the hardcore poor: an impact assessment Prof. Jeremy Shapiro, Yale University</p>
16:20 - 16:30	<p>Discussions: Dr. Sajjad Zohir, Executive Director, Economic Research Group</p>
16:30 - 16:40	<p>Ms. Rabeya Yasmin, Associate Director, CFPR-TUP Programme, BRAC</p>
16:40 - 16:50	<p>Dr. Adnan Qadir Khan, Research Network Director, IGC</p>
16:50 - 17:10	<p>Open discussions</p>
17:10 - 17:25	<p>Concluding remarks from the Chair</p>

Day two – 28 March 2011

09:30 - 13:00	First session: Export dynamics and firm capabilities Chairperson: Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairperson, Centre for Policy Dialogue
09:30 - 09:50	Paper presentation: Export dynamics in Bangladesh: exploring the data Prof. Bernardo Diaz de Astarloa, Pennsylvania State University
09:50 - 10:00	Discussions: Dr. Fahmida Khatun, Head of Research, Centre for Policy Dialogue
10:00 - 10:10	Dr. Fatimah Afzal, Private Sector Development Adviser, DFID
10:10 - 10:30	Open discussions
10:30 - 10:50	Paper presentation: Export markets: implications for firms capabilities and policy, Dr. Rocco Macchiavello, Warwick University
10:50 - 11:05	Discussions: Prof. Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue
11:05 - 11:30	Open discussions
11:30 - 11:50	Tea/Coffee break
11:50 - 12:10	Paper presentation: Improving firm productivity: policy and business factors Dr. Jagadeesh M. Sivadasan, University of Michigan
12:10 - 12:25	Discussions: Prof. M. A. Sattar Mandal, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University
12:25 - 12:50	Open discussions
12:50 - 13:00	Concluding remarks from the Chairperson
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 16:30	Second session: Reflections, policy dialogue and way forward Chair: Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, former Advisor to the Caretaker Government, GOB Chief Guest: Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor, Bangladesh Bank
14:00 - 14:20	Synthesis of the proceedings: Dr. Imran Matin, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC International
14:20 - 15:20	Panel discussions: Prof. Robin Burgess, London School of Economics and IGC Mr. Arifur Rahman, Livelihoods Adviser, DFID Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, former Governor, Bangladesh Bank Dr. M.K. Mujeri, Director General, BIDS Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC Dr. Quazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Managing Director, PKSF
15:20 - 16:00	Response from the floor
16:00 - 16:20	Response of the Chief Guest: Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor, Bangladesh Bank
16:20 - 16:30	Conclusion of the seminar by the Chairperson
16:30 - 17:00	Refreshment