

Conference on

Bangladesh Emerging from the Pandemic: Coping Experiences and Policy Choices

Date: 12-13 December 2021

Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Programme Schedule

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Day 1: Sunday, 12 December 2021

Time	Session
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration and Welcome Tea/Coffee
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Opening Session (Auditorium)
9:30 am - 9:35 am	Welcome Remarks by Citizen's Platform Ms Anisatul Fatema Yousuf Coordinator, Citizen's Platform
9:35 am - 9:40 am	Opening Remarks by the Chair Advocate Sultana Kamal Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform Member, Board of Trustees, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)
9:40 am - 9:45 am	Opening Statement by Dr Fahmida Khatun Executive Director, CPD
9:45 am - 9:55 am	Presentation on The COVID Consensus: Bangladesh's Experiences in Dealing with the Pandemic Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya Convenor, Citizen's Platform and Distinguished Fellow, CPD
9:55 am - 10:05 am	Remarks by the Special Commentator Dr Sultan Hafeez Rahman Professorial Fellow BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)
10:05 am-10:15 am	Remarks by the Special Guest Mr Sudipto Mukerjee Resident Representative UNDP, Bangladesh
10:15 am-10:25 am	Remarks by the Chief Guest Mr M A Mannan MP Hon'ble Minister Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh
10:25 am-10:30 am	Closing Remarks by the Chair
10:30 am-11:00 am	Refreshments (in the lobby)

Time	Session
11:00 am-1:00 pm	Plenary 1 (Auditorium): Macro-economic and Household Level Impact
11:00 am - 11:05 am	Introductory Remarks by Co-Chair Professor Mustafizur Rahman Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform and Distinguished Fellow, CPD
11:05 am - 11:20 am	Presentation on COVID-19 and Bangladesh: Macroeconomic Impact and Policy Choices Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan Senior Research Fellow, CPD
11:20 am - 11:35 am	Presentation on Marginalised Communities in Bangladesh Dealing with the Fallout from the Pandemic: Findings from a Household Survey Mr Estiaque Bari Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics East West University
11:35 am - 11:49 am	Remarks by Discussants Professor Dr Selim Raihan

	Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM Ms Subhra Bhattacharjee Strategic Planner and Head of RCO, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator United Nations in Bangladesh
11:49 am - 12:55 pm	Open Discussion
12:55 pm - 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks by Co-Chair Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman Chairperson, BRAC and Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch (in the lobby)

Time	Session	
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Parallel Session 1 (Auditorium at 2nd floor): Health and Education	Parallel Session 2 (Conference Room at 1st floor): Coping Strategy and Social Safety Net
2:00 pm - 2:05 pm	Introductory Remarks by Co-Chair Ms Rasheda K Choudhury Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform Executive Director, CAMPE	Introductory Remarks by Co-Chair Ms Shaheen Anam Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform Executive Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation
2:05 pm - 2:20 pm	Presentation on COVID Impact on Vaccination, Food Consumption, Maternal and Child Health Ms Fabiha Bushra Khan Research Associate, CPD	Presentation on Strategies Applied by Marginalised Communities to Cope with COVID-19 and its Effects Ms Afra Tahsin Chowdhury Research Associate, CPD
2:20 pm - 2:35 pm	Presentation on Education during COVID-19: impact, coping and policy support Ms Najeeba Mohammed Altaf Research Associate, CPD	Presentation on Relief Supports in Pandemic Times: Raising the Delivery Effectiveness Mr Muntaseer Kamal Senior Research Associate, CPD
2:35 pm - 2:49 pm	Remarks by Discussants Dr Rumana Huque Professor, Department of Economics University of Dhaka Dr Safiqul Islam Former Director, BRAC Education Program (BEP)	Remarks by Discussants Dr M Abu Eusuf Professor & Chairman, Department of Development Studies University of Dhaka Mr Zakir Hossain Chief Executive, Nagorik Uddyog
2:49 pm - 3:48 pm	Open Discussion	Open Discussion
3:48 pm - 3:55 pm	Remarks by Special Commentator Ms Hasin Jahan Country Director WaterAid Bangladesh	Remarks by Special Commentator Dr Badiul Alam Majumdar Member Secretary, SHUJAN and Country Director, The Hunger Project
3:55 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing Remarks by Co-Chair	Closing Remarks by Co-Chair Dr Iftekharuzzaman

	Dr Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform and Convener, Bangladesh Health Watch (BSW)	Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform and Executive Director, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Refreshments (in the lobbies)	

Day 2: Monday, 13 December 2021

Time	Session
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Welcome Tea/Coffee
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Plenary 2 (Auditorium) Implications of COVID for the Labour Market
9:30 am - 9:35 am	Introductory Remarks by Co-Chair Mr Asif Ibrahim Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform and Vice-Chairman, New Age Group and Industries
9:35 am - 9:50 am	Presentation on Responding to COVID 19: Findings on Employment Related Adjustments from Household Survey in Bangladesh Professor Mustafizur Rahman Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform and Distinguished Fellow, CPD
10:05 am - 10:20 am	Remarks by Discussants Dr Sharmin Neelormi Professor, Department of Economics Jahangirnagar University
	Dr Minhaj Mahmud Senior Research Fellow Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)
10:20 am - 10:55 am	Open Discussion
10:55 am - 11:00 am	Closing Remarks by Co-Chair Mr Syed Nasim Manzur Core Group Member, Citizen's Platform and Managing Director, Apex Footwear Limited

Time	Session
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Closing Session (Auditorium)
11:00 am - 11:05 am	Introductory Remarks by the Chair Ms Parveen Mahmud FCA Member, CPD Board of Trustees and Chairperson, UCEP Bangladesh
11:05 am - 11:20 am	Presentation on Bangladesh Emerging from the Pandemic: Towards an Inclusive and Equitable Transition Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya Convenor, Citizen's Platform and Distinguished Fellow, CPD
11:20 am - 11:35 pm	Remarks by Special Commentators Dr Zahid Hussain Eminent Economist

	<i>Dr Rounaq Jahan</i> Distinguished Fellow, CPD
11:35 pm - 12:30 pm	Open Discussion
12:30 pm - 12:40 pm	Remarks by the Special Guest <i>Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud</i> Eminent Economist and Former Advisor to the Caretaker Government
12:40 pm - 12:55 pm	Remarks by the Chief Guest <i>Professor Rehman Sobhan</i> Founding Chair, CPD
12:55 pm - 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks by the Chair
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch (in the lobby)