

International Seminar on

**TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES:
INSIGHTS FOR SOUTH ASIA**

New Delhi: 16-17 December, 2015

Programme

**Venue: Lecture Hall II, India International Centre (IIC),
Lodhi Estate, New Delhi**

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Day 1: 16 DECEMBER, 2015

0830-0930 hrs	Tea and Registration
0930-1030	Inaugural Session
Welcome & Opening Remarks	<p>Professor Alakh N. Sharma, Director, Institute for Human Development</p> <p>Dr. Sher Verick, Deputy Director, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia and Country Office for India</p>
Keynote Address	Professor Ramesh Chand , Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India
Chair	Professor S.R. Hashim , Chairman, IHD and Former Member, Planning Commission
1030-1100	Tea
1100-1300	Session 1: Round Table on Trade Policies for Employment and Sustainable Growth
Chair	P.P. Mitra , Labour and Employment Adviser, Ministry of Labour and Employment of India
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sher Verick, Deputy Director, ILO • B.S. Bhalla, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India • Gyula Cserey, Director General (Employment), European Commission, Brussels, Belgium • Rakesh Patry, Director General, International and Intergovernmental Affairs, Labour Program, Employment and Social Development, Canada • Pablo Lazo, Labour attaché, Permanent Mission of Chile to United Nations • Gregory Schoepfle, Bureau of International Labour Affairs, United States Department of Labour
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1600	Session 2: Changing Patterns of Trade, Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and Employment in Asia
Chair	Deepak Nayyar , Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi; Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi; and Former Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India

Presenters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond Torres, Director, ILO Research Department, Geneva • Nagesh Kumar, Director, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia • Saman Kalegama, Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo
Discussants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parthapratim Pal, Professor of Economics, IIM Calcutta • B.N. Goldar, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi
1600-1630	Tea
1630-1830	Session 3: Round Table on Trade in Employment - Intensive Sectors in South Asia
Chair	Rajiv Kumar , Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pankaj Vashisth, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi • Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University
Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernesto Norohna, Professor, IIM, Ahmadabad • Virjesh Upadhyay, General Secretary, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh • R. Chandrasekharan, Member, ILO Governing Body and President, Indian National Trade Union Confederation (INTUC), Kerala Branch • Anil Bhardawaj, Secretary-General, FISME, India • Ali Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute
1900	Dinner <i>Venue: Terrace Pergola, IIC, New Delhi</i>

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0900-1030 hrs	Session 4: Regional Trade Agreements: Employment Challenges and Opportunities of Integrated Markets in South Asia
Chair	Rehman Sobhan , Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka
Presenters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rahul Sen, Auckland University of Technology • Prabir De, Research and Development System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi • C. Veeramani, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai • Atul Sarma, Visiting Professor, IHD and Shyam Sundar, Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs, Hyundai Motor India Limited
Discussants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaqar Ahmad, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad • Indra Nath Mukherjee, Executive Member Secretary, Centre for International Relations and Community Well Being and Former Professor, Centre for South Asian States, Jawaharlal Nehru University
1030-1045	Tea
1045-1245	Session 5: Panel Discussion on Regional Integration and Employment from the Perspective of South Asian Economies
Chair	Muchkund Dubey , President, Council for Social Development, Delhi and Former Foreign Secretary of India

Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheel Kant Sharma, Former Secretary General, SAARC • Ram Upendra Das, Professor, Research and Information System • Suraj Vaidya, Acting President, SAARC Chamber of Commerce, Islamabad • Khondoker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director, CPD, Dhaka • Mr. Zubair Ahmed Malik, Former President, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry • Swarnim Wagle, Former Member, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal • Karamat Ali, Executive Director, Pakistan Institute of Labour and Education, Karachi
1245-1330	Lunch
1330-1500	Session 6 : Employment Implications of Value Chains and Trade in South Asia
Chair	Rashmi Banga , Adviser and Head (Trade Competitiveness), Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London
Presenters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Viegelahn, ILO Research Department • Dev Nathan and Sandip Sarkar, Professors, IHD • Selim Raihan, Professor, Dhaka University and Executive Director, SANEM
Discussants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilli Raj Khanal, Founder Chairman, Institute of Policy Research and Development (IRPAD), Kathamandu • Sukhpal Singh, Professor, Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA), IIM, Ahmadabad

1500-1515	Tea
1515-1615	Concluding Panel Discussion on “Trade, Investment and Employment Policies for Sustainable Development”
Chair	Rajat Kathuria , Director-General, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marva Corley-Coulibaly, Research Coordinator, ILO Research Department • Alakh N. Sharma, Director, IHD • Biswajit Dhar, Professor, Center for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi • Rounaq Jahan, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka and Senior Research Scholar and Adjunct Professor of International Affairs, Columbia University • Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow (Trade and Economic Policy), Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore National University
1615-1700	Valedictory Session
Welcome	Ms. Panudda Boonpala , Director, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team (DWT) for South Asia and Country Office for India
Special Remarks	Mr. Shankar Agarwal , Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India
Valedictory Address	Mr. Bandaru Dattatreya , Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour and Employment, Govt. of India
Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks	Professor Alakh Sharma , Director, Institute for Human Development