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 Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)





Our Vision

To contribute to the emergence of an inclusive society in Bangladesh that is based on **equity, justice, fairness and good governance.**



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ABOUT CPD

Introduction

Over the last two decades the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) has emerged as a leading think tank stimulating all state actors, particularly the civil society, to become active players in influencing policy decisions to steer the country towards social and economic progress. With the vision of creating an inclusive society based on equity, justice, fairness and good governance, the CPD came into being in 1993, founded by eminent economist and civil society leader Professor Rehman Sobhan with support from premier civil society and NGOs in Bangladesh. The CPD's programme portfolio has evolved through decades of monitoring, research, activism and dialogue focusing on issues critical to the country's development.

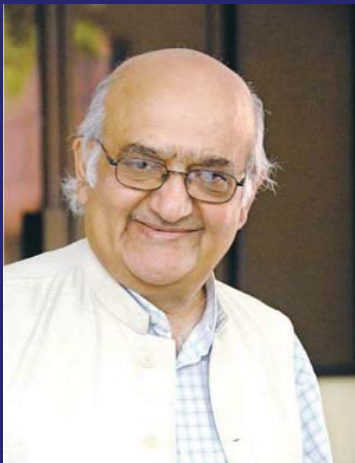
Our Mission

To service the growing demand of the civil society of Bangladesh for a demand-driven and accountable development process by stimulating informed debate, generating knowledge and influencing policy-making through research, dialogue, dissemination and policy advocacy.

Programme Portfolio



It is with some satisfaction to note that the CPD, founded in 1993 with a mandate to promote and stimulate constructive engagement among key stakeholders in Bangladesh's development, was able to make its mark through impressive achievements in the course of the journey of the last two decades. Throughout these years CPD has strengthened itself institutionally, broadened its areas of work, expanded its outreach from national to regional and global fronts – building on its original portfolio of conducting research, dialogue and publication. But the mission that we dreamt to carry out since the beginning – to engage the civil society in a participatory and accountable development process – has never been deviated from our mind or work.



Message from
Professor Rehman Sobhan
Chairperson

Apart from being the 20th anniversary year, 2013 has been significant for CPD in many other ways. I was particularly pleased to witness the Kolkata to Kunming (K2K) Car Rally taking place in February 2013. This was a key milestone in the journey of the BCIM Forum, an initiative pioneered by the CPD in collaboration with partners in India, China and Myanmar back in 1999. The idea was to rejuvenate the ancient links while forging new bonds of connectivity and friendship among these countries. It was envisaged that this non-government (Track II) initiative would eventually transform into Track I (inter-governmental) process. With the holding of the K2K Car Rally, with close cooperation among governments of the four countries, the BCIM initiative made an important step in this direction. It is encouraging to see that, initiative has now been taken to establish BCIM-Economic Corridor and Joint Study Group is working on identifying various measures and projects to implement the idea. I was happy to see that in Bangladesh, the organisation, hosting and reception of the rally participants was a joint effort of concerned government institution and the CPD.

It seems his message is only the shaded area. The year 2013 also witnessed the worst man-made disaster in the history of Bangladesh when a building with five RMG factories collapsed and claimed lives of 1,134 workers. The sympathy and promises were abundant as always happen in such situations. I was very happy to see that, to ensure that the workers did not die and suffer in vain, that appropriate initiatives were put in place in the areas of compensation, rehabilitation, better safety and security of workers and better compliance as regards workers' rights and working environment CPD took up an initiative to forge a partnership to monitor post-Rana Plaza follow-ups. The initiative titled "Post Rana Plaza Monitoring: A Civil Society Initiative", with fifteen civil society partners and with support of eminent people, did a highly commendable job in putting under scrutiny the actions and initiatives that were taken, in identifying weaknesses and gaps and in coming up with concrete recommendations to address the attendant tasks. The initiative has drawn a lot of attention from not only the stakeholders in Bangladesh, but also those who are concerned at the international level. Results of the CPD Monitoring exercise were cited in many international fora where rules as regards safety concerns of the RMG workers at the workplace were discussed and designed.

This Annual Report gives a flavour of CPD's work in 2013, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our contributors, partners and well-wishers who have contributed to CPD's various activities implemented not only during 2013, but also through these 20 years. However, nothing would have been possible in 2013, and over the last twenty years, without the dedicated and exceptionally hard work of my CPD colleagues in the Research, Dialogue and Communications, Administration and Finance Divisions. I am hopeful in the years to come they will carry the torch forward to take CPD to newer heights and standards of excellence and achievements.

The year 2013 marked the twentieth year of CPD's coming into being as a civil society think tank committed to bringing the voice of the marginalised into the policy arena and public domain through evidence-based research, constructive dialogues process, public policy agenda building and targetted policy influencing. Over the past years CPD has endeavoured to do its best to service this mandate and live up to the expectations that its activities and achievements have generated among its key stakeholders. In its twentieth year, CPD can genuinely take credit in what it has achieved along this two decade-long journey. As will also be recalled, a significant part of 2013 was a period of political turmoil, violence and considerable uncertainty. However, inspite of the difficulties and disruptions, CPD was able to implement its research, dialogue and other planned activities. Indeed, in terms of new research areas covered, quality of the research outputs and introduction of innovative practices to take CPD's outputs and messages to the broader audience, 2013 was yet another milestone of success in CPD's distinctive journey.

The year 2013 started with the expert group meeting convened under the aegis of the "Southern Voice on Post-MDGs," a global network that was hosted by the CPD. CPD also spearheaded a number of activities as part of the "LDC IV Monitor," an initiative to track the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs, which is also hosted by the CPD. CPD's multidimensional activities to promote the cause of the LDCs in the WTO, through research and organisation of various events including those in Bali, also helped CPD to project itself as a think tank of global recognition. Together, these initiatives enhanced both global reach and reputation of the CPD.

Research works undertaken and events organised in 2013 consolidated CPD's credentials as a leading think tank in South Asia. The successful organisation of the BCIM Car Rally in February 2013, from Kolkata to Kunming (K2K), was a milestone in CPD's longstanding efforts to deepen regional cooperation and integration in Southern Asia through development of transport network and seamless connectivity. As a founding member of the pioneering BCIM Forum, CPD can claim genuine satisfaction in the transformation of the BCIM from a predominantly civil society endeavour to an intergovernmental, Track 1, initiative. The grand reception that CPD had organised when the Car Rally passed through Bangladesh played an important role in highlighting the potentials of the BCIM-wide cooperation and bringing this to the notice of wider audience in Bangladesh.

The Rana Plaza tragedy in April 2013 shook the very core of our conscience. As a tribute to the memory of the dead and as an expression of our civic commitment to ensure that this never happens again, in August 2013 CPD launched the 'post-Rana Plaza Monitoring: A Civil Society Initiative', in partnership with several civil society organisations and eminent individuals. The idea was to put under continuing scrutiny and monitoring the post-Rana Plaza deliverables in such areas as compensation for the families of the victims, treatment and rehabilitation of the injured, securing building and work place safety, compliance assurance, enforcement of workers' rights and introduction of higher minimum wage and decent wage in the RMG sector. A host of activities including research, dialogue and organisation of awareness raising events were undertaken as part of this ongoing initiative which has attracted a lot of attention and received high praise from all concerned stakeholders.

I am hopeful that, with the inspiring guidance of CPD's Founding Chairman Professor Rehman Sobhan, continuing support of the CPD Board of Trustees and dedicated work of our exceptionally talented colleagues, CPD will be able to attain newer heights of excellence in the coming years, by building on its past achievements. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all our partners and well-wishers who have supported, encouraged and collaborated with the CPD in implementing its multidimensional activities at national, regional and global levels.



Message from
Professor Mustafizur Rahman
Executive Director

2013

in retrospect



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Performance of Bangladesh Economy in a Year of Uncertainty



Introduction

The pre-election year 2013 weighed heavily on the economy of Bangladesh which sustained major shocks as a result of prolonged nationwide political violence and disruption of day-to-day activities. CPD's flagship programme titled *Independent Review of Bangladesh's Development* (IRBD) assessed the performance of the country's economy through this turbulent period, conducting research and analysis throughout the year and marking the impact of the volatile political climate on the country's economy. CPD also engaged key national and international stakeholders in discourse regarding its findings and the future of the country through a number of dialogues, calling urgent attention to the magnitude of loss incurred by the country.

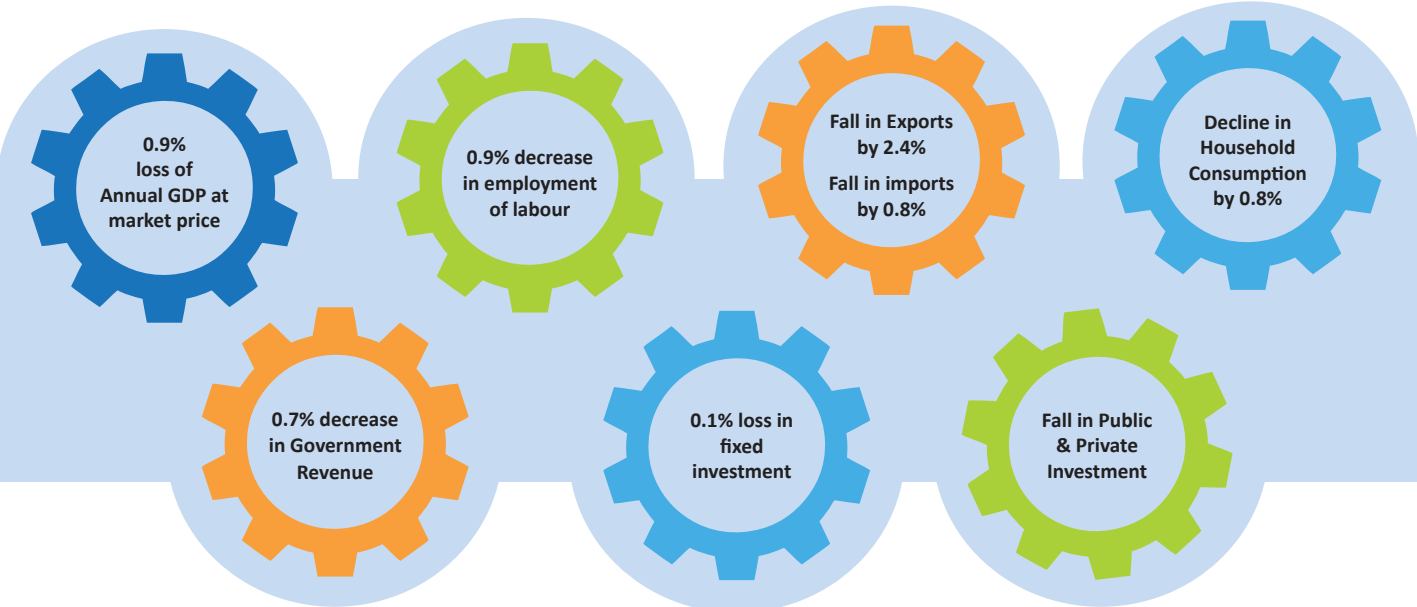


“ **The country's macroeconomic stability may be undermined by existing challenges and prolonged political instability.** ”

► **Bangladesh Economy in FY2012-13: First Interim Review of Macroeconomic Performance**

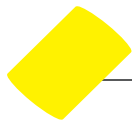
In January 2013, IRBD's report *State of the Bangladesh Economy Report: Analytical Review of Bangladesh's Macroeconomic Performance in FY2012-13* found a relatively more stabilised macroeconomic situation compared to the previous fiscal year.

Economy-wide impact of 1% loss in capital supply as a result of hartals revealed through CGE Model Exercise by CPD



1995 

With the idea of producing a home-grown perspective of Bangladesh's economic performance on an ongoing basis, CPD's flagship programme was launched with its first IRBD report published in 1995.



The Economy under Political Turmoil

2001

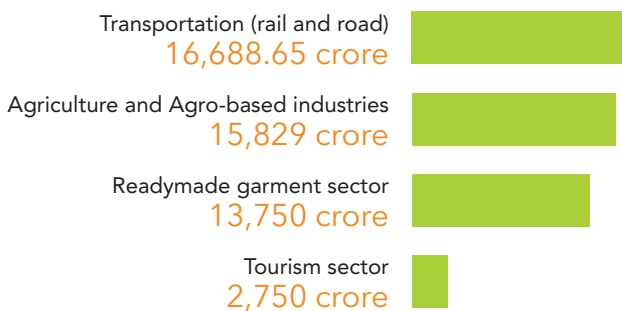


In 2001 CPD launched a programme for preparing a number of Policy Briefs with a view to influencing the policy discourse during the run-up to the parliamentary election held in 2001.

As a result of continued hartals the Bangladesh economy faced a combination of direct financial losses through destruction of property and indirect long-term effects on the economy in the private, public, import, export and various other sectors. In a report prepared by CPD researchers, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was apprehended to moderate at a range between 5.6 per cent and 5.8 per cent, a value that was much lower than previously expected targets. Further damage was caused to land transport (rail and road) sector, followed by agriculture, agro-based industries, clothing and textile among others. The hartals and other political events also caused businesses to remain closed, thereby affecting productivity and day-to-day business operations.

FINANCIAL LOSSES DUE TO HARTALS BETWEEN JULY 2013 TO JANUARY 2014 : CPD

LOSSES INCURRED



Equivalent to **4.7 %** of GDP at Market Price



Create an enabling environment for dialogue among the political parties in order to protect the economy and democracy as a whole.



► “Economy in Double Jeopardy”

- Dialogue on April 13, 2013

In the backdrop of growing political unrest CPD organised a dialogue titled “*Bangladesh 2013: Assessing Economic Implications of the Present Political Shocks.*” The keynote presentation by Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, CPD, included the results of a CGE modeling exercise which revealed that a major long term impact arising from Hartals was the loss of capital stock, and 1 per cent decline in supply of capital costs the loss of about 0.9 per cent GDP at market price.

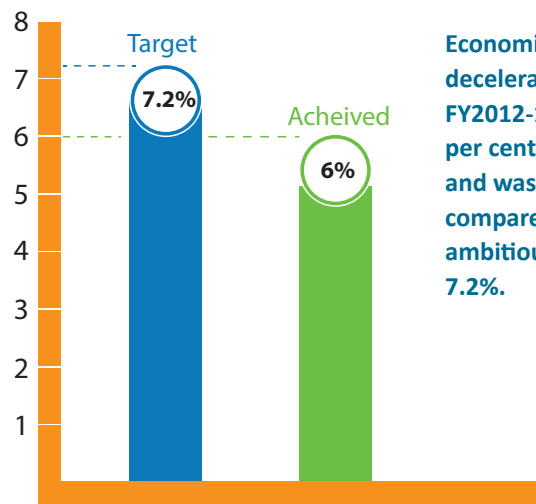


▶ **Bangladesh Economy in FY2012-13: Second Interim Review of Macroeconomic Performance**

The CPD IRBD report released on 3 June 2013 highlighted the year-end growth prospect, issues related to public finance (including an assessment of options for Padma Bridge financing), review of the external sector performance of the outgoing fiscal, governance issues in the banking sector and an analysis of the impact of the then ongoing confrontational and uncertain political environment on the Bangladesh economy.



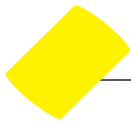
Growth of Credit to the Private Sector secularly declined throughout FY2012-13 hitting a low of 11% - lowest in the last decade.



Economic growth decelerated to 6% in FY2012-13 from 6.2 per cent in FY2011-12, and was off-track compared to the ambitious target of 7.2%.

2003

CPD reconvened the Task Forces of 2001 in April 2003 under its National Policy Review Forum 2003 initiative. National Policy Review Forum revisited the recommendations of the Pre-election Task Force Reports of 2001.



Reaction & Analysis: National Budget 2013-14



Like every year, the CPD gave its formal reaction to the National Budget FY2013-14 through a press conference on 7 June 2013, a day after the budget announcement. Some positive measures noted in CPD's analysis included enhanced public investment, efforts to promote local industries including SMEs, higher allocation for the education sector, introducing pilot district budget and maintaining separate gender budget in 40 ministries.

“ Fiscal Framework of the national budget is the weakest link. ”

However, CPD observed that attainment of the additional Tk. 24,785 crore revenue target and achieving a GDP growth of 7.2 per cent were ambitious targets. Underlying challenges also included decline of the private sector, inadequate revenue earnings, dependency on bank loans and challenges emanating from financing the Padma Bridge. Questions were also raised on the legalization of black money through investing in land and real estate. Probable political uncertainties ahead of elections were predicted to take a toll on the economy.

Prior to this the CPD had presented its recommendations for the national budget on 20 April 2013 through a media briefing.



On 15 June 2013, the CPD post-budget dialogue titled "Analysis of the National Budget" was held where Dr Fahmida Khatun, Research Director, CPD, presented the keynote titled "Reflections on the Nine Issues from the Post-Budget Debate." These highlighted nine issues pertaining to private investment and economic growth; revenue target; foreign financing of fiscal deficit and bank borrowing; allocative budgetary priorities and fiscal measures including ADP; the subsidy issue, as well as allocations for social sectors, district budget and local government financing.

2007



Encouraged by past experience the CPD undertook a series of activities to voice citizens' perspectives on important developmental issues and to contribute to the policy debates during the run-up to the parliamentary elections, 2007. One of CPD's major initiatives was compilation of Bangladesh Vision 2021 prepared under the initiative of the Nagorik Committee and based on wide-ranging consultations.



(From left) Mr Syed Manzur Elahi, Treasurer, CPD Board of Trustees; Mr Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Post and Telecommunications; Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, CPD; Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, CPD Distinguished Fellow Mr Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury, Vice Chairman, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

Bangladesh in Crisis: Citizens' Concerns

A dialogue titled '*Bangladesh in Crisis: Citizens' Concerns*' was organised by the CPD in partnership with Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), Sushasoner Jonno Nagorik (SHUJAN) and Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), at the Lakeshore Hotel in Dhaka. At the dialogue eminent citizens urged the government to defer the 5 January 2014 parliamentary election to make it participatory and credible. Leaders of the Awami League and the BNP were

asked to take into account the national interest above their partisan interests and engage in dialogue to sort out the nature of election-time government. Discussants also demanded immediate cessation of violence across the country.

With 154 out of 300 parliament members already elected uncontested and elections to the rest of the seats without participation of the opposition parties, those

present at the dialogue expressed their concern regarding upholding the democratic values of having equal representation in a rather uncontested election. Chaired by Professor Rehman Sobhan and moderated by Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, the discussion was addressed by business leaders, academicians, members of the parliament and representatives from the civil society and NGOs.

CPD Anchors Live Talk Show Series

The CPD anchored a live talk show series titled *Daily Economic and Budget Discussions* for the first time that brought to light the current Bangladesh economy and outlook for National Budget FY2013-14. The first four episodes were aired prior to the announcement of the national budget for FY2013-14. After the budget was announced, the fifth episode focused on the challenges of budget implementation with a number of former ministers, government officials, economists and academics, trade and business body representatives present as panelists.

THE SHAHBAG MOVEMENT Young Citizens and Their Take on the Political Scenario

As part of CPD's Young Scholars Seminar Series (YSSS), CPD associates set out to explore the online and civic activism at a seminar titled *Emergence of Shahbag Movement: Theoretical Framework and Role of Media* at the CPD office.

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**Workers' Rights and Work Place Safety:
Where Do We Stand Today?**



RANA PLAZA TRAGEDY JUSTICE DENIED OR DELAYED?



The CPD has engaged donors, RMG Factory owners, Government officials and the Civil Society to push for justice and redress for Rana Plaza victims.

Post-Rana Plaza Monitoring: A Civil Society Initiative

On 24 April 2013, the collapse of eight-storied commercial building Rana Plaza resulted in the death of 1,136 workers, marking one of the greatest industrial tragedies in the country's history. The event drew worldwide attention to the hazardous conditions under which RMG workers in Bangladesh work and the violations they regularly suffer. Since the Rana Plaza Tragedy, CPD, in association with fourteen other relevant organisations and individuals, undertook an independent monitoring initiative on Post-Rana Plaza commitments, including compensations, made by various stakeholders.

Since its inception the CPD has assessed the vulnerabilities of workers in Bangladesh and advocated for policies to protect their rights and ensure their wellbeing. Fair living wages for RMG workers, workplace safety, victim compensation for occupational accidents are some of the key areas in which the CPD has focused its work in the interest of workers in Bangladesh.

2002

In 2002, the CPD published a report titled '*Corporate Responsibility Practices in Bangladesh: Results from a Benchmark Study.*' The study attempted to capture the existing status of the corporate responsibility practices in Bangladesh during 2002. Carried out by a team led by Dr Ananya Raihan, Research Fellow, CPD, the study was the first of its kind where the exercise of quantification of corporate responsibility status was done.

1st Independent Report on 100 Days of Rana Plaza Tragedy by CPD

The CPD arranged a dialogue with members of the parliament, civil society organizations, representatives from business chambers and trade unions and others on 3 August 2013 to present and discuss its report titled “100 Days of Rana Plaza Tragedy: A Report on Commitments and Delivery.” This independent monitoring report on the Rana Plaza collapse included an audit of what was being done since the incident and to accordingly mount pressure on key stakeholders so that appropriate and adequate actions were taken. Recommendations surfaced towards consolidating the efforts to address the unfulfilled needs of the victims. Several victims of the tragedy shared their plight at the dialogue, particularly noting the issue

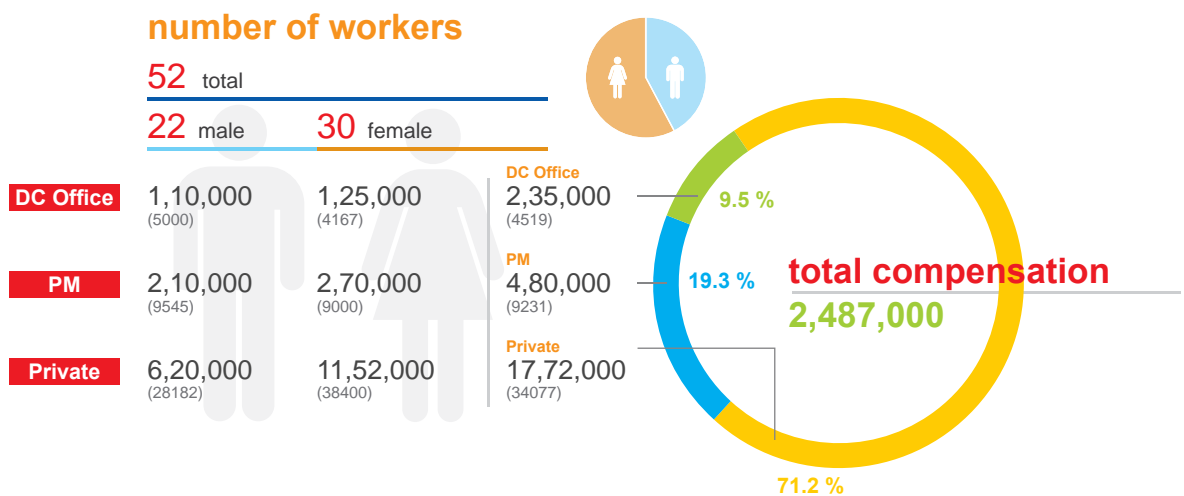
Rana Plaza Victims Await Compensation

of inadequate compensation even after three months of the incident. The Prime Minister’s Office was urged for a transparent account of the aid received on behalf of the victims.

“ This sort of incident will continue to happen unless owners are brought to justice. ”

INJURED WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

as of May 2013



Source: Independent Monitoring Report on Post Rana Plaza Initiatives, CPD, 2013.

Note: Figures in parentheses indicate the amount per worker.

2003 

In January 2003, CPD published a report titled “Corporate Social Responsibility in Bangladesh: Where Do We Stand?” The report highlighted key issues discussed during a dialogue organised by CPD on 4 August 2002.

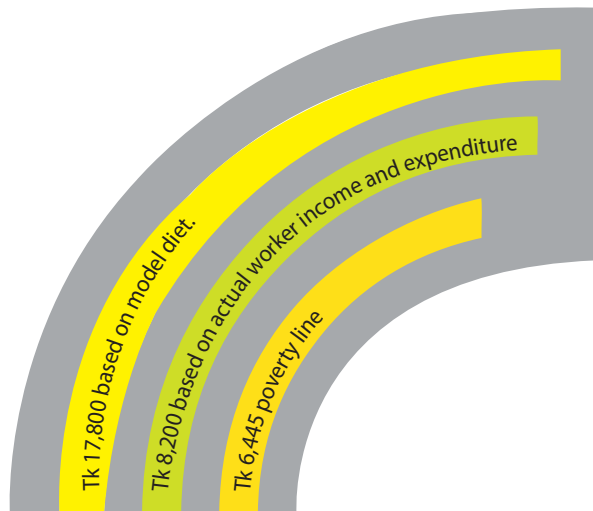


Pushing the Drive for Safe Working Conditions

There is no alternative to **forming trade union** for protecting the basic rights of workers.

In the months preceding the Rana Plaza disaster, on 26 January 2013, the CPD had organised a dialogue titled “*Work Environment in RMG Sector & Labour Safety: Consequences and What Needs to be Done.*” This dialogue addressed yet another garments factory disaster in 2012 where 112 workers had burned to death in a fire at Tazreen Fashion Factory. Lawmakers, labour leaders and civil society members present at the dialogue demanded exemplary punishment of the Tazreen Fashion owners and others responsible for the deaths of 112 workers. Israfil Alam, Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Employment Ministry stated at the dialogue that no owner had taken responsibility in any of the incidents or deaths of workers in factories in the country. He criticized the report of BGMEA that termed Tazreen fire incident an act of ‘sabotage,’ stating that it seemed to be aimed at protecting the owners.





What is an Acceptable Minimum Wage for RMG Workers?

A study by CPD tried to estimate a revised minimum wage for RMG workers using three separate methodologies – upper poverty line based on data from national statistics, actual worker income and expenditure and a living wage based on model diet.

Minimum Wage Means For Survival

Even though the RMG industry is the largest source of foreign revenue, a reasonable minimum wage for workers of this sector never received priority. In 2006, the minimum wage was set for RMG workers at Taka 1,500 and increased to Taka 3,000 in 2010. However, these wages were not set on the basis of any globally accepted standards or studies. The CPD has undertaken studies to determine a minimum living wage for RMG workers based on specific indicators. On 24 September 2013, the CPD’s recommendations regarding minimum wage were discussed at a dialogue titled “*Review of Minimum Wage for the RMG Sector: Analysis & Proposals*” with policy makers, key stakeholders and civil society representatives. The CPD study recommended fixing the minimum wage for an entry level apparel worker at Taka 6,560 in the first year and gradually increasing it to Taka 8,200 in the second year.

The US-GSP Hearing: Submission by CPD

The US Generalized System of Preference is a programme designed to promote economic growth in developing countries like Bangladesh by providing preferential duty-free entry for up to 5,000 products. Ever since the legal authorization of the US-GSP scheme expired in July 2013, the US Congress has been considering legislation to extend the authorization of GSP. The CPD has submitted a list of recommendations urging the US government not to apply sanctions on Bangladesh's GSP availability in the US market. In its submission, the CPD has requested the US to offer Bangladesh duty-free access for its garment exports as an incentive to the stakeholders to further improve working conditions and enforce labour rights in Bangladesh’s RMG sector.



Professor Mustafizur Rahman (3L) at the US-GSP Hearing
Photo Credit: USTR

2007 

The CPD presented its study findings on the increasing wage disparity between male and female workers in the RMG sector at a dialogue titled “*The State of Women Workers in the RMG Sector: Findings from a Recent CPD Study.*”

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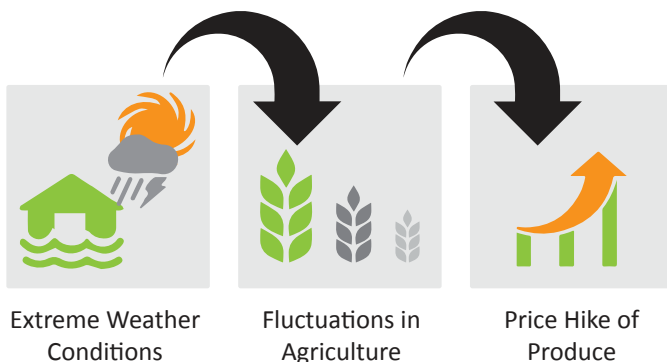
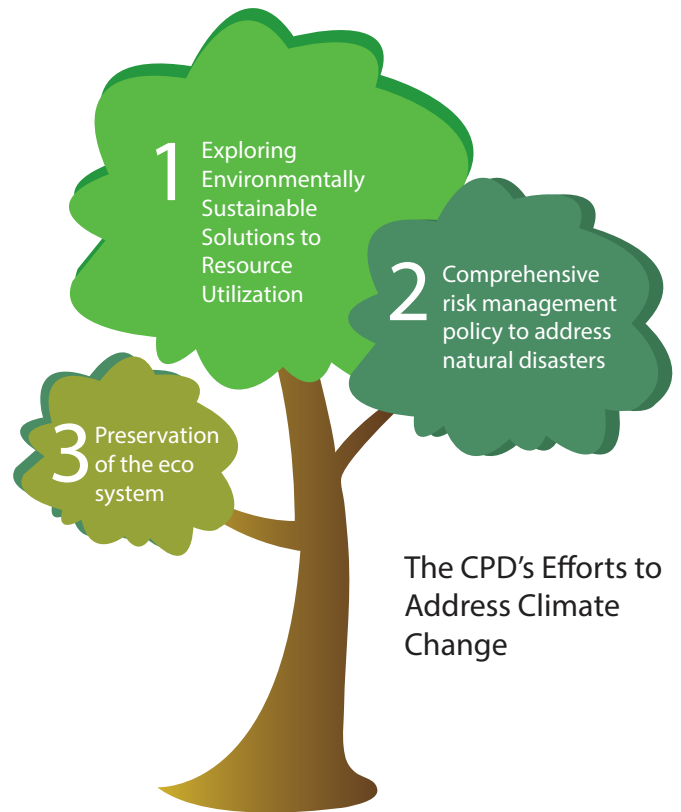


Green Growth Towards
Sustainable Development



Introduction

Developing countries suffer the worst impact of climate change, with extreme weather events like floods and cyclones severely obstructing economic progress. In Bangladesh, floods and cyclones such as *Sidr* in 2007 and *Mahasen* in 2013 have led to a fall in agricultural production and reduction in GDP growth leading to food shortage, price hike and subjecting the poor to suffering and hardship. CPD has been engaged in flagging policies for sustainable development that will reduce the vulnerability of the country to climate change.

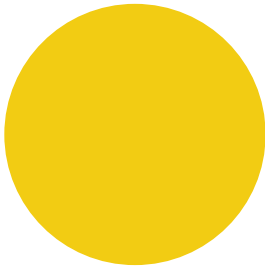


“ Invest in agriculture and food security to build resilience in Bangladesh and prepare institutional, financial and legal infrastructure to utilise aid for climate change impact. ”



▶ Dialogue and Launch of UNESCO Report

CPD organised a dialogue to mark the launch of the UNESCAP report titled “*Building Resilience to Natural Disasters and Major Economic Crises*” on 3 September 2013. The report ranked Bangladesh as one of the countries that are most at risk of natural disasters and economic crisis.



A research on “*Green Growth Strategy in Bangladesh: Lessons from Korean Experience*” has been conducted by Dr Fahmida Khatun, Research Director, CPD. This was prepared under the Fellowship of the Asia Foundation, Korea Office and KDI School, Korea. The paper explores the experience of Korea in promoting green growth which can be a learning process for Bangladesh. As an emerging donor and a leader in following the green growth strategy Korea can come forward to support Bangladesh in adopting similar path.



SOLAR ENERGY AS A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE IN BANGLADESH

Dr Sajed Kamal, sustainable energy expert, suggested going “off the grid” with renewable solar energy with his presentation titled “*The Untapped Energy Mine*” at an in-house dialogue at CPD on 20 August 2013.

Elaborating on 30 years of experience into setting up solar units across different parts of the world Dr Kamal gave the discussants room for debate as to the cost-effectiveness, prospects and feasibility of employing solar energy as an alternative to non-renewable energy in Bangladesh.

2008 

A CPD study on the impact of climate change on agricultural production in Bangladesh underscored the importance of strengthening research on drought, flood and saline-tolerant rice varieties to facilitate crop adaptation in the future.

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Economic Governance and Private Sector Development



Introduction

In 2010, the CPD signed a collaborative agreement with the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway and launched a 3-year research programme focusing on issues of common interest to both the organisations and the countries. The broad objective of the programme is to contribute towards improved governance and inclusive growth in Bangladesh. Under this programme studies were conducted under the themes “Good Governance” and “Inclusive Growth.” In 2013, findings of these studies were shared with stakeholders to get feedback.

Local Government Weaknesses

Findings of a CPD study

None of the pourashovas had any ward-level or town-level coordination committees.

Monthly meetings dominated by mayors and councilors who are unaware of their rights and obligations.

Tremendous fiscal stress experienced by pouroshovas even to operate and maintain existing services.

General residents excluded from budget meetings.

The Path to Improved Local Governance

▶ CPD and CMI, Norway organise Research Colloquium

The CPD advocates for a stronger, empowered and functioning local government to steer the country towards improved governance. Towards this end, a research colloquium was organised by the CPD and Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway on 10-11 March 2013. Discussions and presentations at the sessions were based on researches conducted under the programme.

The colloquium explored the devolution of fiscal and financial powers to the city corporations/municipalities. While advocating decentralization and strengthening of local government institutes (LGIs), CPD stressed the need for improved governance, transparency and accountability.

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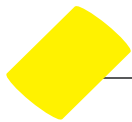
People lack trust in local government; they would pay taxes willingly only if the money is utilised properly and accountability is ensured.

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2011 

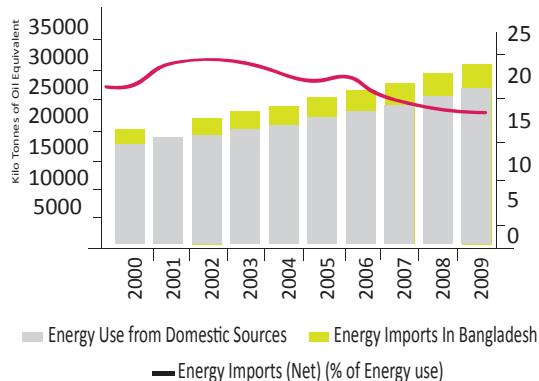
CPD in collaboration with CMI, Norway organised a dialogue titled National Parliament of Bangladesh: Representation and Accountability on 13 October 2011. Professor Rounaq Jahan, Distinguished Fellow, CPD and Dr Inge Amundsen, Senior Researcher, CMI jointly prepared a paper which was presented at the dialogue.



Energy Sector and Economic Growth

The current energy and power situation in Bangladesh calls for large investments in the sector both from domestic and external sources. Being heavily capital and technology-intensive, the energy sector needs both domestic and foreign resources. However, despite government incentives, flow of FDI has not picked up to the expected level due to lack of good governance, insufficient rules and regulations, corruption, inadequate infrastructure and logistic support and confrontational politics.

Energy Use from Domestic Sources & Energy Imports In Bangladesh



Share of **FDI** in the power, gas and petroleum sectors was **\$ 2.248 BILLION** in 2010

1/4
of the year's FDI flow into the country

Total energy use has doubled between 1994 and 2010 (WDI 2011). Increased energy use has led to higher imports of energy as domestic sources could not meet the demand.

“ Reasonable energy prices are required to attract international companies ”

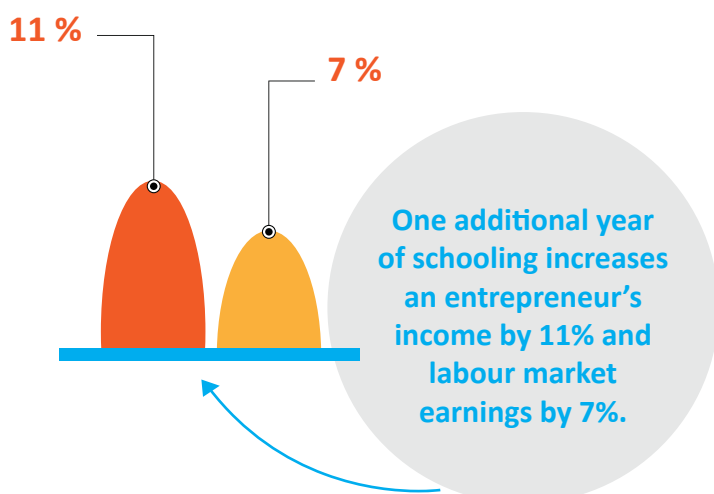
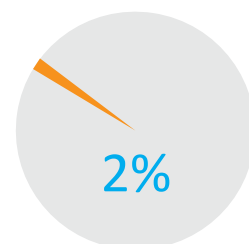
The research colloquium organised with CMI also focused on the role of FDI in the energy sector and economic growth of Bangladesh. Special Guest Mr Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Education stated that to ensure the country's energy security, a bill on banning the export of mineral resources is being planned to be placed before the Parliament in the next session. The other Special Guest of the session Major General (Retd.) Md Shubid Ali Bhuiyan, MP, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources called for reasonable energy prices to attract international companies.



Economic Development through Entrepreneurship

Chaired by Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Member of CPD Board of Trustees and Chairperson, BRAC, the session titled *“Entrepreneurship Development in Bangladesh: The Role of Human Capital”* at the research colloquium stressed the need for greater investment in the education sector, both for public and private sectors to develop entrepreneurship. Chief Guest, Mr Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Minister for Education, stated that the traditional education system cannot develop entrepreneurs and emphasized on technical education. The CPD-CMI study provided a number of observations and recommendations on this issue.

“
The Government spends only 2% of GDP in the education sector.”



The government should invest more for enhancing quality education at primary, secondary and tertiary levels in order to develop productive human resources

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Regional and Global Integration Through Trade and Connectivity



Introduction

Bangladesh economy is getting integrated with the global economy at a fast pace. This is happening through multiple channels including trade, transport, investment, aid and people to people connectivities. As an LDC, Bangladesh needs to pursue appropriate policies that would strengthen her interests in view of these ongoing developments. To promote Bangladesh's interests through strengthened global and regional integration, CPD conducted a number of important studies and organised several events in 2013. These included initiatives in view of WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, to promote the cause of Bangladesh's market access in South Asia and to identify best possible use of aid for trade facilitation.

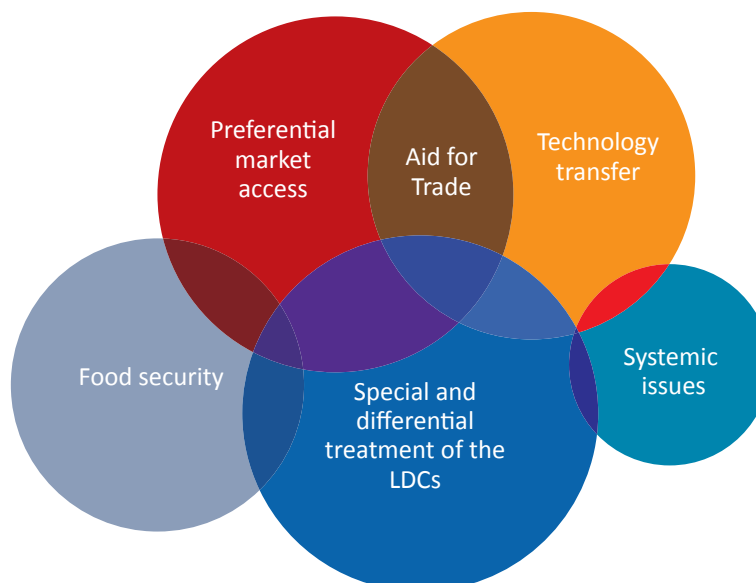
Customs duties imposed on Bangladesh's export to the US in 2012 was as high as USD 750 million in 2012.

Duty-free, quota free market access for all products for all LDCs continues to remain one of Bangladesh's major demands in light of WTO Hong Kong decision.

Global LDC Policies and its Effect on Bangladesh

On 25-26 October 2013, the CPD hosted an International Conference titled 'Upcoming Ninth WTO Ministerial: Securing the LDCs Deliverables' in Dhaka to highlight interests of the LDCs in the context of the then upcoming Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali. CPD particularly highlighted the need to address systemic issues in the WTO, issues of preferential market access, technology transfer, aid for trade, food security concerns and special and differential treatment of the LDCs.

► Issues discussed at International Conference organised by CPD on the then upcoming Ninth WTO Ministerial in Bali



1999 

In 1999, CPD designed a programme titled Trade Policy Analysis (TPA) with a view to carrying out research in areas related to Bangladesh's regional and global integration and to support Bangladesh's negotiations in the WTO.



The conference brought together a select group of overseas participants including WTO negotiators, ambassadors and trade experts. They were joined by high level policymakers, trade experts, business and labour leaders, academics and representatives of various stakeholder groups from Bangladesh. The outcome document prepared by CPD was finalised and widely disseminated among key stakeholders including WTO negotiators, LDC Ministers and other important stakeholders. The event’s co-organisers were The Commonwealth, London; Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Bangladesh Office; International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva; IDEAS Centre, Geneva; South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu and Think Tank Initiative (TTI), Ottawa.

- 1 Ensure commercially meaningful market access for LDCs in light of the decision of the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Conference
- 2 Design preferential Rules of Origin for the LDCs with a view to making those simple, flexible and transparent.
- 3 Address food security and cotton issue related concerns of the LDCs
- 4 Take steps towards operationalisation of the decision on services waiver for the LDCs
- 5 Ensure greater flow of resources as part of the aid for trade and aid for trade facilitation.

For LDCs, the package to be delivered in Bali included a number of key demands:

Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, CPD, participated in the UNCTAD-Commonwealth Discussion Session titled “Reflection on Global Trade: From Doha to Bali Ministerial Conference and Beyond” as a panellist on 3 December 2013.

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Measures towards improving trade facilitation are key to raising competitiveness, reducing lead time and taking advantage of regional and global value chains. It is estimated that implementation of trade facilitation measures could lead to an additional gain of one trillion dollar to the global economy.

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▶ CPD hosts international dialogue at Bali Trade and Development Symposium

During 3-5 December 2013, the CPD organised a dialogue on ‘*Integrating Trade Issues in Post-2015 International Development Framework: Ongoing Debates and Potential Opportunities*,’ as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS) at the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

The session highlighted the importance of making trade work for achieving the post-2015 international development goals and targets. It was stressed that stimulating investment flows to LDCs, mobilising the needed resources, ensuring greater flow of aid for trade and technology transfer will play an important role if post-2015 ambitions were to be achieved.

During the session Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, CPD, underscored that the work of the multilateral trading system should be more attuned to the trade interests of low income countries in light of the evolving demands of the global trading system. This required both systemic reforms and issue-specific measures.

The Cotton Issue

Withdrawing cotton subsidies may have pushed its prices up in the international market and Bangladesh as a consumer of the product will be affected.



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CPD hosted a dialogue on *Small and Big Players in Regional Trading Blocs: Canada’s Experience with NAFTA* as part of a collaborative programme on Trade Policy Analysis implemented by CPD and the Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL), Carleton University, Ottawa.

► The Bali Package: Implications for Bangladesh

On return from the WTO Bali Ministerial, the CPD briefed the media about its activities during the Ministerial. The press conference was held on 9 December, where CPD stressed the need for Bangladesh to do its homework in view of the Bali decisions. CPD particularly highlighted the need to identify Bangladesh's interests as regards market access in services, measures concerning trade facilitation and defensive initiatives to ensure food security.

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya and Dr Fahmida Khatun addressed a Consultation Meeting for the European Report on Development (ERD) 2014 on 'Financing and Other Means of Implementation in the Post-2015 Context,' as part of the Bali TDS. The consultation addressed the role of trade facilitation, Aid for Trade and economic transformation in the post-2015 context.



The ERD 2014 is being prepared by a consortium of ODI, ECDPM, DIE, the University of Athens and the Southern Voice Network on behalf of the European Commission and four member states – France, Germany, Finland and Luxembourg. The ERD 2014 will include a chapter on Bangladesh which will be written by CPD researchers led by Dr Fahmida Khatun.



Aid for Trade: Second Generation Issues for Bangladesh

Although Aid for Trade (AfT) was designed to support trade-related capacity building towards strengthening of the global integration of the LDCs, the impact of AfT in Bangladesh context has been rather discouraging. A CPD study revealed that the flow of AfT has been declining in the key areas of infrastructure development and capacity building in the country. These observations emerged from the CPD dialogue on 'Aid for Trade: Second Generation Issues for Bangladesh,' co-organised with International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva on 24 October 2013.



Opening Boundaries

2002 
 2007
 2013

CPD, one of the founders of the BCIM initiative, hosted three Forums in Dhaka, in 2002, 2007 and 2013. These Forums were attended by high-level policymakers, academics, trade leaders and representatives of key stakeholder groups in Bangladesh who were exposed to the potential benefits that could originate from closer BCIM-wide cooperation. The idea of BCIM economic corridor, linking Kunming with Kolkata, as a major economic artery and a linchpin of connectivity, gradually gained traction and momentum.

► CPD Hosts 11th BCIM Forum

A founding partner of the BCIM initiative, CPD hosted the 11th Forum titled 'Recent Developments in BCIM Countries: New Opportunities and New Challenges for BCIM Cooperation' on 23-24 February 2013. The two-day forum came up with a number of recommendations in the areas of sectoral initiatives, institutional arrangements and public-private partnerships to realise the economic potentials of BCIM-wide cooperation through deepening of trade, investment, transport and people to people connectivities.

48 delegates from China, India and Myanmar were present at the event. The event concluded with the signing of the Dhaka Statement by the delegation leaders of the BCIM member countries. High Commission of Canada, Dhaka and the Friedrich_Ebert-Stiftung (FES) partnered with CPD in this event.

BUILDING BONDS



FOSTERING FRIENDSHIP



► CPD Accords Grand Reception to K2K Car Rally Participants

CPD accorded a grand reception to the 75 participants of the Kolkata to Kunming (K2K) Car Rally, with great funfair, on 23 February 2013. With the theme “*Building Bonds, Fostering Friendship*”, the Car Rally embarked on its journey on 22 February 2013 from Kolkata, retracing historical routes of the Southern Silk Road that stretched for about three thousand kilometres. The Car Rally highlighted the formidable potentials of this transport link to stimulate and deepen trade and investment ties in the region and to promote closer cultural and people to people connectivity.

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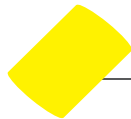


Global Policy Debates Concerning Post-MDGs and LDC IV



Introduction

The advent of the terminal year (2015) of the MDGs has sparked renewed global debates on the state of actual delivery on the development targets and articulation of the post-MDG framework, issues and targets. CPD published the first detailed analysis of the MDG performance in the LDCs in 2013. It has also taken initiatives to engage national and international think tanks in discourse and analysis of the progress of LDCs in MDG delivery and in drawing important experiential learning to influence the emerging Post-MDG development agenda.



Bangladesh: Where We Stand in MDG Delivery

Bangladesh lies in the area along with 'countries not accelerated, but on track', according to CPD report.

Of the 49 LDCs, Bangladesh and Cambodia were the best performers in the MDG index and likely to meet 8 out of 14 targets while making substantial progress in 4 other areas. Bangladesh is off track in two areas: proportion of land area covered by forest and employment to population ratio, where the situation has deteriorated since 1990 and lagging behind in areas like hunger-poverty reduction, employment generation, primary school completion rate, adult literacy rate, income inequality and creation of decent wage employment for women.

A dialogue organised by CPD and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) on 21 September 2013 disclosed these findings based on a CPD study titled "Attaining the MDGs: How Successful are the LDCs?"

Eight MDG Targets that Bangladesh is likely to meet by 2015



Under-five Mortality Rate



Proportion of one-year aged children immunised against measles



Population Below Minimum Level of Nutrition Consumption



Ratio of Girl to Boy in Primary Education



Maternal Mortality Ratio



HIV prevalence among population



Net Enrolment in Primary Education



Infant Mortality Rate

Performance of African and Island LDCs

The African LDCs are likely to miss all the targets among the 14 indicators. Island LDCs are likely to meet only two targets: Population using improved drinking water source and under-five mortality rate.



Neal Walker, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative addresses the dialogue as Chief Guest.

Performance of Asian LDCs

Asian LDCs are likely to meet the following two indicators:



Population Below Minimum Level of Nutrition Consumption

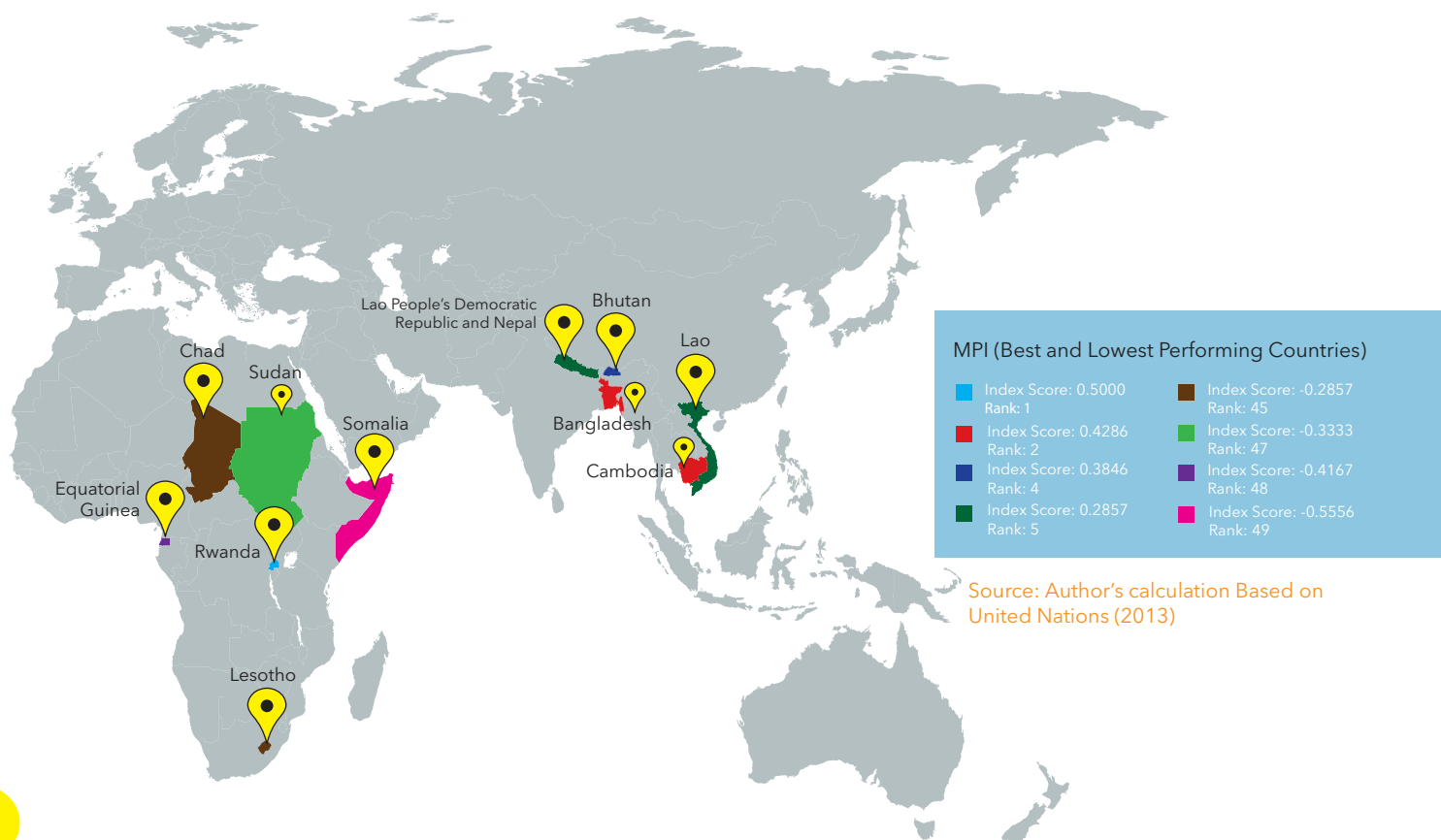


Under-five Mortality Rate

For six indicators the progress could be more than 95 per cent of the target:

- HIV prevalence among population
- Population using improved drinking water source,
- Maternal mortality ratio
- Population below minimum level of nutrition consumption
- Girl-boy ratio in primary education
- Infant mortality rate.

Country Performance based on MDG Progress Index (MPI)





Participants of the EGM of Southern Voice on Post MDGs organised by CPD in Dhaka

Beyond 2015: Deliberations on Post-MDG Action Plan

The CPD has actively engaged think tanks from the international community to articulate MDG experiences from the field in the process of formulating future targets. In a new global initiative titled *'Southern Voice on Post-MDGs'*, the CPD brought together 49 think tanks drawn from South Asia, Africa and Latin America on one platform. As the initiative's Secretariat, the CPD organised an EGM in January 2013 in Dhaka. Recommendations regarding the post-MDG initiative titled *"First Approximations on Post-MDG International Development Goals"* were compiled as inputs to the report of the UN-Secretary General's High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

It remains to be seen how, in an uneven world, a universal framework will accommodate the specific concerns and interests of the countries with special needs — including the LDCs.



Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Chair of Southern Voice on Post-MDGs providing closing remarks at the *"Dialogue on Advancing Regional Recommendations on Post-2015,"* in New York at UNGA Session.

Towards a sustainable future for Least Developed Countries

The CPD has been an active participant in the global movement to steer the LDCs towards an improved and sustainable future. It is a partner institution of the eight-member global independent partnership of the LDC IV Monitor. The partnership intends to add value to the official process of monitoring and review mechanism of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for the LDCs adopted by the Fourth United Nations Conference on the LDCs (UN LDC IV). The major objective of the IPoA is to halve the number of LDCs to 24 within the current decade.



LDC IV Monitor

Two Expert Group Meetings (EGM) on the LDC IV Monitor's first report were held in 2013, discussing the progress and detailed content of the issues identified for incorporating in the report. The second EGM of LDC IV Monitor was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, between 4-6 February 2013 where the CPD Executive Director Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Research Director Dr Fahmida Khatun and Additional Director (Research) Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem participated as keynote speakers and designated discussants. The third EGM was held in London from 18-20 June 2013.

Focus on Employment

A greater policy emphasis on employment generation is needed as a central development objective to create as many as 16 million jobs a year for new entrants to the labour market, underscored UNCTAD's Least Developed Countries Report 2013 titled "*Growth with Employment for Inclusive and Sustainable Development.*" At a media briefing, Dr Fahmida Khatun presented the major findings and recommendations of the UNCTAD report including a comparative analysis of Bangladesh's performance with respect to other LDCs.

Factors crucial to ensuring employment generation in the LDCs.



Formulate Expansive credit policy



Boost the private sector



Improve Education



Accelerate public investment in infrastructure

2012

In September 2012, CPD organised the first Expert Group Meeting (EGM) of LDC IV Monitor titled Development Challenges of the Least Developed Countries: Tracking the International Commitments.



Governance and Internal Management

MIC Members



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Management & Implementation Committee (MIC)

The MIC meets on a regular basis to review the progress of research and dialogue activities, and discuss future plans of the CPD. The committee is also mandated to take decisions on daily administrative and management issues. A total of 16 meetings of the MIC were held in 2013.

Research Management committee

The RMC works to ensure proper planning and implementation of CPD's various research programmes. Chaired by the Head of Research, the RMC includes mid to senior level CPD researchers as its members. The RMC takes stock of progress in research work, discusses research proposals, and deliberates on CPD's research collaborations and partnerships. It is the RMC's task to design a research strategy for CPD to submit before the BoT for consideration and approval. During 2013, the RMC met on 2 occasions.

Review, Coordination & Planning

The RECAP body is comprised of all the CPD staff as its members. RECAP meetings provide an opportunity for the CPD staff to discuss issues pertaining to research dialogue, administration or any other institutional matters. Seven RECAP meetings were convened during 2013.

Board of Trustees (BoT)

The highest body in CPD's governance structure is the BoT, members of which include some of the leading lights of the Bangladesh civil society. The BoT meets at least twice a year and is tasked with providing overall guidance to the activities undertaken by the Centre. It takes decisions with regards to recruitment of senior officials, approval of research and dialogue programmes, and endorsement of the annual budget of the Centre.

In 2013, two BoT meetings were held in August and December. The Executive Committee (EC) of the Board, which includes a Member-Secretary and a Treasurer, meets as and when needed as per advice of the Chairman, CPD, between BoT meetings. No EC meeting was held in 2013.



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Chairman, CPD
Former Member of
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Council



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Chairman, Bangla Academy



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Financial Report 2013



Financial Affairs

CPD is committed to maintain the highest possible standards with regards to its financial management by following stipulated rules and regulations and best accounting practices, through internal auditing and independent external auditing, which are conducted on a regular basis. On financial matters CPD remains accountable to its Board of Trustees, NGO Affairs Bureau, National Board of Revenue (NBR) and its supporting agencies and institutions.

Financial Statement of CPD

S F Ahmed & Co. Chartered Accountant (Associate of Ernst & Young International, USA) has carried out the audit of the financial statements of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) for the calendar year 2013.

The Auditor has reported that the financial statements, prepared in accordance with Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards/Bangladesh Accounting Standards, give a true and fair view of the state of the CPD and its projects' affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of the results of its consolidated operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended and comply with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

The summary of the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure) for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as on 31 December 2013 provided below. These extracts provide an overview of the state of financial affairs of the Centre.

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2013

	Amount in Taka ('000)	
	Year ended 31 Dec 2013	Year ended 31 Dec 2012
<u>Incoming resources</u>		
Fund and grants	101,784	80,506
Other Receipts	21,309	21,157
Total resources	123,093	101,663
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Administrative & management expenditure	54,212	49,431
Project / programme expenditures	97,668	81,301
Total Expenditure	151,880	130,732
Reserve/Deficit	(28,787)	(29,069)

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31 December 2013

	Amount in Taka ('000)	
	As at 31 Dec 2013	As at 31 Dec 2012
Assets		
Fixed Assets	117,645	119,256
Current Assets	178,163	164,979
Less: Current Liabilities	(1,066)	(669)
Net Assets	294,742	283,566
Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds	227,028	206,706
Restricted Funds	67,714	76,860
	294,742	283,566



Annexes



Annex 1: Research Programmes

Projects undertaken in 2013

Commissioned by	Name of the Study	Researcher(s)
1 CPD-IRBD (Macro FY2012-13)	1.1 State of the Bangladesh Economy in FY2012-13 and Outlook for FY2013-14	CPD Team
	1.2 Proposals for the National Budget for FY2013-14	
	1.3 Analysis of the National Budget for FY2013-14	
	1.4 Bangladesh Economy in FY2013-14: Three Months after the Budget, Three Months before the Elections	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Mustafizur Rahman, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Md. Zafar Sadique, Md. Afshar Ali, Gazi Joki Uddin, Farzana Sehrin, Umme Salma
2 CPD-IRBD (Special)	2.1 Bangladesh 2013: Assessing Economic Implications of the Present Political Shocks	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Md. Zafar Sadique, Mashfique Ibne Akbar
	2.2 Exchange Rate Movements and Bangladesh's Export Performance	Mustafizur Rahman, Khaleda Akhter
	2.3 Bangladesh's Export Competitiveness	Mustafizur Rahman, Khaleda Akhter, Naimul Gani Saif
	2.4 Green Growth Strategy of South Korea: Lessons for Bangladesh	Fahmida Khatun
	2.5 Macroeconomic Implications for Green Growth Strategy in Bangladesh	Fahmida Khatun, Muhammad Al Amin, Shahzeen Hafiz
	2.6 Prospects for Development of Capital Goods Industry in Bangladesh	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Kishore Kumer Basak, Farzana Sehrin
	2.7 Recent Fire Incidences in RMG Factories and Challenges for Improving the Occupational Health and Safety	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Farzana Sehrin
	2.8 Recent Developments in Myanmar and Opportunities for Sub-Regional Cooperation: A Bangladesh Perspective	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Mashfique Ibne Akbar
	2.9 Will LDCs Attain the MDGs? A New Synthetic Approach to Assessment and Lessons for the Post-2015 Framework	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Umme Salma
3 CPD	3.1 Challenging the Injustice of Poverty: Operationalising Agendas for Inclusive Development Across South Asia	Rehman Sobhan
	3.2 Post-Rana Plaza Monitoring: A Civil Society Initiative	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Meheruna Islam Chowdhury
	3.3 Eleventh BCIM (Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar) Forum	
	3.3.1 Concept Note of the Eleventh Forum & K2K Car Rally	Mustafizur Rahman
	3.3.2 Energy Cooperation in the BCIM Region	Fahmida Khatun, Mazbahul Golam Ahamad, Umme Salma
	3.3.3 Institutional Arrangement for Effective Cooperation in the BCIM Region	Debapriya Bhattacharya
	3.4 Building Competitiveness of the Private Sector in South Asia	Mustafizur Rahman, Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Farzana Sehrin

Commissioned by	Name of the Study	Researcher(s)
4 CPD-CMI	4.1 Impact of India's Rice Trading Policy on Prices, Availability and Supply of Rice in Bangladesh	Towfiqul Islam Khan, Selim Raihan (Professor, Department of Economic, University of Dhaka)
	4.2 Private Sector: Role of Education in Entrepreneurship Development	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Kishore Kumer Basak, Arne Wiig (Research Director, CMI), Ivar Kolstad (Senior Researcher, CMI)
	4.3 FDI in Energy Sector in Bangladesh	Fahmida Khatun, Mazbahul Golam Ahamad
	4.4 The Political Parties in Bangladesh	Rounaq Jahan, Inge Amundsen (Senior Researcher, CMI), Meherun Nesa
	4.5 Democracy-Corruption Nexus in Bangladesh: An Interpretation from Economic Perspective	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Shouro Dasgupta, Dwitiya Jawher Neethi
	4.6 Impact of Corruption on Economic Growth: Bangladesh Case Study	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Shouro Dasgupta, Dwitiya Jawher Neethi
	4.7 Financing Local Government	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Mobasser Monem (Professor, Public Administration, University of Dhaka), Hasan Muhammad Baniamin (Research Student, University of Bergen, Norway), Umme Shefa Rezbana
	4.7.1 Finance for Local Government in Bangladesh: An Elusive Agenda 4.7.2 Financial Management and Governance of City Corporations and Pourashavas in Bangladesh: Citizen's Perceptions	
5 LDC IV Monitor	First Monitoring Report <i>Mobilising Financial Resources for Development and Capacity-building of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA)</i>	
	5.1 Study on Cross-Cutting Issues	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Towfiqul Islam Khan
	5.2 Study on ODA	Fahmida Khatun, Mazbahul Golam Ahamad
	5.3 Study on Domestic Resource Mobilisation	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Mashfique Ibne Akbar
	5.4 Study on Remittances	Mustafizur Rahman, Md. Zafar Sadique
	5.5 Study on FDI	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Saifa Raz
6 CPD-TTI Network	Exploring the Macroeconomic issues for the Attainment of MDGs: Lesson for the Future	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Md. Afshar Ali
7 CPD-GINI	<i>Tax Policy and Enterprise Development in South Asia</i>	
	7.1 The Impact of Tax Exemptions and Concessions on Enterprise Development	Mustafizur Rahman, Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Mehruna Islam Chowdhury, Saifa Raz
	7.2 The Impact of the Value-Added-Tax on Enterprise Development	Mustafizur Rahman, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Md. Zafar Sadique
	7.3 The Impact of Property Tax on Enterprise Development	Mustafizur Rahman, Swapan Kumar Bala (Professor, Department of Accounting and Information Systems, University of Dhaka)
8 CPD-SANDEE	Industrial Waste Management in the Textile Sector of Bangladesh: Challenges for Improving Environmental Compliance Standards	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Mehruna Islam Chowdhury

Commissioned by	Name of the Study	Researcher(s)
9 CPD-The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Dhaka	Living Wage in International Supply Chain	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Saifa Raz
10 CPD-ICTSD	Effectiveness of the Aid for Trade Initiative in Bangladesh	Fahmida Khatun, Samina Hossain, Napoleon Dewan
11 CPD-WEF	Global Competitiveness Report 2013-14 and Bangladesh Business Environment Study 2013	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Kishore Kumer Basak
12 CPD-ICRIER	Strengthening the Textile and Clothing Sector in South Asia: The Case of Bangladesh	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Farzana Sehrin
13 CPD-Manusher Jonno Foundation	Women's Contribution to the Economy: The Case of Bangladesh	Fahmida Khatun, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Shahida Pervin
14 CPD-Asia Foundation	Taking Advantage of Duty Free Market Access Offer of India to Bangladesh: Addressing the Challenges & Realising the Potential Opportunities	Mustafizur Rahman, Khaleda Akhter, Naimul Gani Saif
15 CPD-ITC	Participation of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the Global Value Chain (GVC): Trends, Determinants and Challenges	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Umme Salma, Farzana Sehrin
16 CPD-NCCB	Protection of Jamdani as a Geographical Indication (GI) in Bangladesh	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Iftkhar Iqbal (Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka)
17 CPD-FES	17.1 Economy of Tomorrow: How to Produce Socially Just, Sustainable and Green Dynamic Growth for a Good Society (Case Study of Bangladesh)	Mustafizur Rahman, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Muhammad Al-Amin
	17.2 Perspective: Lagging Behind: Lessons from the Least Developed Countries for a Development Agenda Post-2015	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Umme Salma, Gazi Joki Uddin
18 CPD-SAWTEE	18.1 Adaptation to Climate Change in South Asia	Fahmida Khatun, Samina Hossain
	18.2 Trade and Transport Facilitation Audit in Bangladesh	Mustafizur Rahman, Khaleda Akhter, Md. Naimul Gani Saif
19 CPD-FES-CS-ICTSD-SWATEE-TTI	WTO Pre-Bali Event Concept Note	Fahmida Khatun, Mustafizur Rahman, Debapriya Bhattacharya, Naimul Gani Saif
20 CPD-ENDA	Why and What S&D Treatment for LDCs in the WTO?	Fahmida Khatun
21 CPD-CEPA	Ownership for Sustainability and Instruments for Delivery during Post-2015	Fahmida Khatun, Nusrat Jahan
22 CPD-ESCAP	Food Security in South Asia	Towfiqul Islam Khan
23 CPD-CIDA	Post-Rana Plaza Development Implications for Worker's Rights: Compliance Assistance and Export Performance	Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Kishore Kumer Basak, Saifa Raz, Farzana Sehrin
24 CPD-US Embassy in Dhaka	24.1 Assessing Benefits of Trade Facilitation through BD-India MVA	Mustafizur Rahman, Md. Zafar Sadique
	24.2 Addressing SPS Issues and Concerns in Bangladesh-India Trade: Designs of a Draft SPS Agreement	Mustafizur Rahman, Khaleda Akhter, Md. Naimul Gani Saif

	Commissioned by	Name of the Study	Researcher(s)
25	CPD-ADBI	Connecting Asia and Southeast Asia: Bangladesh Country Report	Mustafizur Rahman, Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Mehruna Islam Chowdhury, Farzana Sehrin
26	CPD-NSI-SV	Post-2015 Data Test: Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level – Bangladesh Country Study	Mustafizur Rahman, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Md. Zafar Sadique, Mostafa Amir Sabbih
27	CPD-ERD 2014	<i>Financing and other means of implementation in the post-2015 context</i>	
		27.1 Country Illustrations for Post-2015 Implementation – Kenya, Mauritius, Indonesia, Ecuador, Moldova	Debapriya Bhattacharya, Afnan Ashfaque
		27.2 Country Illustration: Bangladesh Regional Investment Cooperation in South Asia: Policy Issues	Fahmida Khatun
28	CPD-Commonwealth Secretariat	Regional Investment Cooperation in South Asia: Policy Issues	Khondaker Golam Moazzem

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Annex 3 Working Committee Memberships, 2013

Involvement of CPD Officials in Policymaking and Government's Advisory Bodies

Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director

- Member, Government Delegation formed by the Ministry of Commerce on GSP Hearing for Bangladesh of the US Government to Washington, D.C., USA
- Member, Advisory Committee on the WTO set up by the Ministry of Commerce
- Member, Advisory Committee on Share Market set up by the Ministry Finance
- Member, National Consumer Right Protection Parishad (NCRPP)
- Member, Joint Study Group on BCIM-Economic Corridor
- Member of the Panel of Economists for the Seventh Five Year Plan of Bangladesh

Dr Fahmida Khatun, Research Director

- Director, Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Foundation
- Member, National Steering Committee on Evaluation of the Implementation of Paris Declaration, Phase II, Aid Effectiveness Unit, Economic Relations Divisions, Government of Bangladesh

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director

- Advisory Committee on US-GSP related issues, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh
- Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) 2012, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh
- Members Advisory Board of Sustainable Supplier Project (SSP), GIZ, Dhaka

Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow

- Representative from non-government research organisation, National Statistical Council, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)
- Member, Technical Committee for Revision and Rebasing of Consumer Price Index (CPI), National Accounting Wing, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)
- Member, Technical Committee, National Accounting Wing, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)

Ms Khaleda Akhter, Senior Research Associate

- Member, Core Group on Trade Facilitation, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh

Annex 4

Institutional Capacity Building for CPD, 2013

International Programmes

Avra Bhattacharjee, Nazmatun Noor, Deputy Directors, Dialogue and Outreach, A H M Ashrafuzzaman, Senior System Analyst, and Muhammad Nabil, Dialogue Associate

- Participated in peer exchange visit to Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), as part of the TTI Peer Exchange Programme, during 25-28 November 2013, in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow

- Participated in the ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop on CGE Modelling for Trade Policy Analysis, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), on 22-26 July 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Khaleda Akhter, Senior Research Associate

- Participated in the Sixth Edition of South Asian Training Programme on CGE (Computable General Equilibrium) Modelling, jointly organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka and the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), New Delhi, during 22-26 October 2013 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Md. Zafar Sadique, Research Associate

- Participated in the Ninth ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research on Trade Flows and Trade Policy Analysis, organised by WTO, ESCAP and ITD, on 24-28 June 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mehrana Islam Chowdhury, Research Associate

- Participate in a workshop on Policy Analysis and Environmental Economics, on 19-22 May 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Participated in the 27th Biannual Research and Training Workshop, organised by the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), during 9-14 December 2013, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

F I M Muktadir Boksh, Research Associate

- Attended the ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop on Use of Gravity Modeling, organised by the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network (ARTNeT), on 19-22 March 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Farzana Sehrin, Research Associate

- Participated in the Ninth ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research on Trade Flows and Trade Policy Analysis, organised by WTO, ESCAP and ITD, on 24-28 June 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Saifa Raz, Research Associate

- Participated in a Regional Workshop on Promoting Intra-regional Trade, Investment and Connectivity through Bankable Aid for Trade Projects: Addressing Developmental Needs with Effective Aid for Trade, on 17-18 April 2013, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Mahenaw Ummul Wara, Research Associate

- Participated in FES New York 2013 Fall Academy Course on How to Make Best Use of UN Capacities, a training course for young international policy analysts organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, during 11-15 November 2013, in New York, USA.

National Programmes

Farzana Sehrin, Research Associate

- Participated in "National Professional Development Workshop on Gravity Model of International Trade Using Stata" at Jagannath University, during 3-6 June 2013, in Dhaka.
- Attended a workshop on Action Plan Development for Rana Plaza victims' Rehabilitation and Reintegration, organised by ILO, ActionAid and GIZ, on 14 September 2013, in Dhaka.

Naimul Gani Saif, Research Associate

- Participated in a Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research on "Trade Flows and Trade Policy Analysis," jointly organised by WTO, UNESCAP, ARTNeT and Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI), during 7-11 October 2013, in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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CPD Staff in 2013

Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman
Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director
Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow
Professor Rounaq Jahan, Distinguished Fellow

Research Division

Dr Fahmida Khatun, Research Director
Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director
Dr Uttam Deb, Additional Director and Head of Research (on leave from August 2010)
Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow
Mr Kazi Mahmudur Rahman, Senior Research Associate (study leave from February 2010)
Mr Syed Saifuddin Hossain, Senior Research Associate (study leave from February 2012)
Ms Khaleda Akhter, Senior Research Associate
Mr Subir Kanti Bairagi, Senior Research Associate (study leave from March 2010)
Mr Muhammad Al Amin, Senior Research Associate (rejoined after study leave from July 2013)
Mr Mazbahul Golam Ahamad, Senior Research Associate (study leave from July 2013)
Mr Salman Sakir, Senior Research Associate (June 2013)
Ms Nusrat Jahan, Senior Research Associate (rejoined after study leave from October 2013)
Ms Sharmin Chowdhury, Research Associate (till January 2013)
Mr Kishore Kumer Basak, Research Associate
Mr Md. Zafar Sadique, Research Associate
Ms Mehruna Islam Chowdhury, Research Associate
Mr Mashfique Ibne Akbar, Research Associate
Ms Meherun Nesa, Research Associate (study leave from September 2013)
Ms Shameema Nasreen Ahsan Mallik, Research Associate (till August 2013)
Mr F I M Muktadir Boksh, Research Associate (study leave from August 2013)
Ms Farzana Sehrin, Research Associate
Ms Saifa Raz, Research Associate
Ms Umme Salma, Research Associate
Ms Umme Shefa Rezbana, Research Associate (from January 2013)
Ms Mahenaw Ummul Wara, Research Associate (from January 2013)
Ms Prianka Maharin Musa, Research Associate ((August-September 2013)
Mr Md. Naimul Gani Saif, Research Associate (from August 2013)
Mr Mohammad Afshar Ali, Research Associate (from August 2013)
Ms Shahida Pervin, Research Associate (from November 2013)
Ms Afnan Ashfaque, Research Associate (from December 2013)
Ms Nusrat Jahan Tania, Programme Associate (till March 2013)
Ms Dwitiya Jawher Neethi, Programme Associate
Ms Samina Hossain, Programme Associate (till June 2013)
Mr Gazi Joki Uddin, Programme Associate (from August 2013)
Ms Shahzeen Hafiz, Programme Associate (from October 2013)

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Ms Anisatul Fatema Yousuf, Director
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Mr Avra Bhattacharjee, Deputy Director, Dialogue and Outreach
Mr A K M Fazley Rabbi Faruque, Publication and Print Associate
Ms Nandini Shahla Chowdhury, Dialogue Associate (till April 2013)
Mr Joseph Surjamoni Tripura, Dialogue Associate (till September 2013)
Mr Muhammad Nabil, Dialogue Associate (from June 2013)
Ms Afsanoor Ahmed, Programme Associate
Mr Md. Shaiful Hassan, Programme Associate (DTP)

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Mr M Shafiqul Islam, Additional Director, Admin. & Finance
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Mr M Humayun Kabir, Deputy Director, Administration
Mr Uttam Kumar Paul, Deputy Director, Accounts
Mr A H M Ashrafuzzaman, Senior System Analyst
Mr Hamidul Hoque Mondal, Senior Administrative Associate
Mr M Abdul Quddus, Senior Administrative Associate
Mr Kamalesh Chandra Mondal, Accounts Associate
Mr Md. Shamimur Rohman, Accounts Associate
Ms Sifat Sagufta Hossain, Executive Assistant
Ms Jennifer Hossain, Executive Assistant (from November 2013)
Mr Md. Hasanur Rahman, Front Desk Officer
Mr Shoeb Siddique, Junior Administrative Associate
Mr Harunur Rashid, Junior Administrative Associate

Support Staff

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Mr Sagar Ahmed, Driver
Mr Abdul Gafur, Office Assistant
Mr Abdul Quddus, Office Assistant
Mr Nazrul Islam, Office Assistant
Mr Babul Chandra Halder, Office Assistant
Mr Liton Miah, Office Assistant
Ms Maleka Begum, Cleaner
Ms Rahila Khatun, Cleaner

Interns

	Host Institution	Duration at CPD
Mr Elias Mahmud Dipu	University of Dhaka	7 January - 7 March 2013
Mr Praveen Chacko	Cochin University of Science and Technology, India	9 January - 31 January 2013
Mr Md. Naimul Gani Saif	University of Dhaka	5 May - 16 August 2013
Mr Gazi Joki Uddin	Jahangirnagar University	5 May - 16 August 2013
Mr Tashbid Shafat Sattar	Colorado College, USA	12 August - 28 August 2013
Ms Adiba Afros	Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka	17 December 2013 -

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CPD Professionals in National & International Fora, 2013

CPD Professionals in National Fora

Rehman Sobhan, Chairman

Addressed a discussion on “A Get-together to Follow-up on the Harvard-Berkeley Conferences of 2008, 2009 and 2013”, jointly organised by Policy Research Institute (PRI) and Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), on 25 July 2013, in Dhaka.

Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director

Attended the 54th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Finance on 20 January 2013.

Attended a seminar as Guest of Honour titled “Realizing the Ambition of Middle Income Status: Opportunities and Challenges for Bangladesh”, organised by the Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) on 14 February 2013.

As a Special Guest attended the Stakeholders’ Workshop on “Improving Working Conditions in the RMG Sector,” organised by Ministry of Labour and Employment and ILO, on 22 October 2013, at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, in Dhaka.

Chaired the session “Improving Workers and Consumer Welfare-Skills and Literacy, Labor and Work Safety” at a Workshop on Bangladesh Diagnostic Trade Integration Study, organised by Ministry of Commerce and World Bank, on 23 October 2013, at Winter Garden, Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, in Dhaka.

Chaired the session “Benefits and Constrains to HYV//Hybrid Rice Seeds Trade and Knowledge Sharing between Bangladesh and India” at an international conference titled “Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh”, organised by Unnayan Shamanny and CUTS International, on 22 December 2013, at BRAC Center Inn, Dhaka.

Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow

Delivered a lecture on “Sustainable Development of Bangladesh Economy” on 9 January 2013 at the National Defense Staff College, Dhaka.

Delivered a lecture on “Mahatma Gandhi's Socio Economic Ideas & their Relevance to the Contemporary World” on 30 January 2013 at the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka.

Delivered a lecture on “Current Challenges of Bangladesh Economy and Role of Energy Sector” on 30 March 2013 at the France Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCIFB), Dhaka.

Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director and Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow

Participated in a roundtable on the World Bank report “Bangladesh Poverty Assessment: Assessing a Decade of Progress in Reducing Poverty, 2000-2010,” organised by Hunger Project-Bangladesh, on 20 July 2013, in Dhaka.

Fahmida Khatun, Research Director

Made a presentation on “Green Growth Strategy for Bangladesh: Areas for Korean Support” at the Korean Embassy in Bangladesh on 11 February 2013.

Lectured on “Women, Gender, Development and Empowerment of Women in Bangladesh,” organised by Defence Services Command and Staff College, as part of Masters of Science in Military Studies programme at Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), on 4 November 2013, in Dhaka.

Was a discussant at plenary session on “International Banking, Sustainable Finance and Information Technology” at Annual Banking Conference 2013, organised by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) during 24-25 November 2013.

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director

Presented the keynote titled “Opportunities and Challenges for Bangladesh Framework Issues” at a seminar on Bilateral Free Trade Areas (FTAs), at Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) on 11 May 2013.

Presented the keynote titled “Positioning Bangladesh in Global RMG Industry: Issues of Wages” at a roundtable on “Living Wage in the Garment Sector: Case of Bangladesh” at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on 19 May 2013.

Attended a discussion session on “Proposed National Budget 2013-14” as a special guest, organised by the Institute of Cost and Accounting Management Bangladesh (ICMAB), on 26 June 2013.

Made a keynote presentation on "Crisis in the RMG Sector of Bangladesh: Challenges for Improvement of Workplace Safety and Security" at Presidency University, on 3 July 2013, in Dhaka.

Made a keynote presentation on "Crisis and Competitiveness in the RMG sector in Bangladesh: How to Address the Challenges" at a roundtable conference on "Garments Sector of Bangladesh: Prospect, Problems, Challenges and Way Out," organised by The Shippers' Council of Bangladesh (SCB) at The Daily Star Centre, on 7 July 2013, in Dhaka.

Made a keynote presentation titled "Enhancing Economic Growth of Bangladesh through Trade: Experience of Four Decades and Possible Future Strategies" at the National Seminar on "Assessing and Addressing the Effects of Trade on Employment (ETE)," at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka Office, on 15 July 2013, in Dhaka.

Participated in a dialogue titled "Multi Stakeholder Consultation on National & International Initiatives for Workplace Safety in the RMG Sector in Bangladesh: Challenges & Way Forward, jointly organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), on 28 September 2013, in Dhaka.

As a discussant attended a seminar on গার্মেন্টস শ্রমিকদের মজুরি বৃদ্ধির আন্দোলন: প্রাসঙ্গিক বিবেচনা, organised by Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) and Socialist Party of Bangladesh (SCP) on 7 October 2013.

Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow

Presented a paper on "Bangladesh's Development Story: Lessons from Korea" at a seminar titled "Strengthening Strategic Partnerships between Bangladesh and Korea", hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, on 23 June 2013.

Khaleda Akhter, Senior Research Associate

Attended a seminar on "Why SAARC is less-effective?: A neo-realist explanation of India's role in SAARC," organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) on 23 March 2013.

Muhammad Al Amin, Senior Research Associate

Participated in an international conference titled "Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh," organised by Unnayan Shamannay and CUTS International, on 22 December 2013, at BRAC Center Inn, Dhaka.

CPD Professionals in International Fora

Rehman Sobhan, Chairman

Received the BDI Lifetime Achievement Award at the "2013 International Conference on Bangladesh," organised by the Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) and the Center for South Asia Studies (CSAS), University of California, on 23 February 2013, in Berkeley Campus, University of California, USA.

Addressed as a key speaker at the regional launch of the 2013 Global Human Development Report titled "The Rise of the South: Human Progress in a Diverse World", organised by the International Centre for Human Development and the UNDP, on 11 April 2013, in New Delhi, India.

Attended a seminar on "Health in the Post-2015 Agenda", organised by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, on 2 May 2013, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Attended a Forum on Enhanced Exchange and Cooperation for Mutual Development, organised by the China-South Asian Countries Think Tank Forum, on 6-7 June 2013, in Kunming, China.

Attended the 5th West Asia – North Africa (WANA) Forum on the theme "The Uprooted"; facilitated the "Session 4: Micro and Macro Economic Development Strategies and Approach", on 10-11 June 2013, in Amman, Jordan.

Participated in the Expert Panel Discussion session on "Managing Intra-Country Growth Disparities in South Asia," at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Chaired the Closing Session at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in SACEPS Board Meeting on 4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in SEF Expert Workshop, organised by the Stiftung Entwicklung und Frieden (SEF), during 12-13 September 2013, in Berlin, Germany.

Delivered a public lecture on "Challenging the Injustice of Poverty: An Agenda for Inclusive Development in South Asia," co-sponsored by Blum Center for Developing Economies, as part of the Center for South Asia Studies (CSAS) Public Lecture Series, on 11 October 2013, at University of California, Berkeley, USA.

Participated as a discussant in the fourth session on “Redistributive Policies for Reducing Income Inequality” at the Expert Group Meeting on Reducing Inequality and Sustainable Development, organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), during 24-25 October 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in the 2013 Global Human Development Forum on “The Rise of the South: Human Progress in a Diverse World”, organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on 5 November, 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in the Development Policy Seminar on “Designing MDGs for a More Just World”, organised by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), on 6 November 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in a workshop titled “Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level: An Early Examination of Candidate Post-2015 Goals, Targets and Indicators”, organised by the United Nations Foundation, on 21 November 2013, in New York, USA.

M Syeduzzaman, Member, Board of Trustees

Chaired the session on “Secure Sustenance: Meeting the Food Security Challenge,” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director

Attended the Second Expert Group Meeting (EGM) of the LDC IV Monitor Development Challenges of the Least Developed Countries: Tracking the International Commitments, organised by the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), on 4-6 February 2013, in Dar es Salam, Tanzania.

Attended the 3rd Regional Meeting of the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) and Resource Mobilization Workshop, organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), on 13-17 March 2013, in Sri Lanka.

Attended the United States Trade Representatives (USTR) public hearing on Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) facility as part of the Government of Bangladesh Delegation, on 28 March 2013, in Washington D.C., USA.

Attended the annual Global Development Forum, organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), on 4-5 April 2013, in Paris, France.

Attended the Consultative Meeting on Multilateral Trade Issues for Commonwealth Small States Countries, organised by the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) of the Commonwealth Secretariat, on 8-9 April 2013, in London, UK.

Attended a high-level dialogue on “Linking Istanbul Plan of Action with Post-2015 Development Framework”, jointly organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) and Oxfam Novib, on 8 May 2013, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Attended the “Meeting to Review the First Biennial Report of the LDC IV Monitor”, on 18-20 June 2013, in London, UK.

Attended a series of meetings of the United Nations on “Post-2015 Development Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and perspectives of LDCs in international development”, jointly organised by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs, and United Nations Foundation (UNF), during 24-25 June 2013, in New York, USA.

Attended a conference on UN Secretary General’s High Level Panel (HLP) report titled “Turning Evidence into Action for the Post-2015 Agenda”, jointly organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and UN Foundation, on 25-26 June 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in the Regional Consultation on “Road to Bali: South Asian Priorities for the Ninth WTO Ministerial”, organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu and Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), in collaboration with Oxfam Novib, UNESCAP and Commonwealth Secretariat, on 2-3 July 2013, in Marawila, Sri Lanka.

Participated in a regional training programme for the economic journalists from South Asian countries titled “Trade, Climate Change and Food Security”, jointly organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu and Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), on 4-5 July 2013, in Marawila, Sri Lanka.

Participated as a panelist in South Asia Policy Dialogue on Regional Cooperation for Food Security, during 13-14 August 2013, in New Delhi, India.

Addressed the special event “Road to Bali: South Asian Position for the 9th WTO Ministerial” as a discussant at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated as a speaker in the session on “Working for Growth: Creating Productive Employment” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in the meeting for the South Asia Policy Engagement and Communication (PEC) Programme, during 26-27 September 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Participated as a panelist in the Inception Meetings of the projects “Trade and Transport Facilitation Audit in South Asia and Promoting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for Inclusive, Equitable and Sustainable Development in South Asia”, organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) and UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (APRC), with support from AusAID, during 1-2 October 2013, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Participated in a Technical Conference on “Connecting South Asia and Southeast Asia”, organised by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), during 6-7 November 2013, in Manila, Philippines.

Participated in the Stakeholders’ Conference titled “Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality”, organised by the CUTS International, during 15-16 November 2013, in Kolkata, India.

Participated in a workshop titled “Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level: An Early Examination of Candidate Post-2015 Goals, Targets and Indicators”, organised by the United Nations Foundation, on 21 November 2013, in New York, USA.

Attended as a panelist in the UNCTAD-Commonwealth Discussion titled “Reflection on Global Trade: From Doha to Bali Ministerial Conference and Beyond”, on 3 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Addressed the session “Integrating Trade Issues in Post-2015 International Development Framework: Ongoing Debates and Potential Opportunities,” jointly organised by CPD, ICTSD, SAWTEE, Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and LDC IV Monitor, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), on 5 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Made a Presentation titled “BCIM Initiative: How It All Started and Where We Are Now” at an intergovernmental First Joint Study Group (JSG) Meeting on “BCIM Economic Corridor,” organised by National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Yunnan Provincial Development and Reform Commission, during 18-19 December 2013, in Kunming, China.

Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow

Attended the OECD Policy Dialogue on Aid for Trade, organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), on 16-18 January 2013, in Paris, France.

Attended the Second Expert Group Meeting (EGM) of the LDC IV Monitor on “Development Challenges of the Least Developed Countries: Tracking the International Commitments”, organised by the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), on 4-6 February 2013, in Dar es Salam, Tanzania.

As part of an outreach mission for Southern Voice initiative –

- Attended a roundtable organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), on 14-15 February 2013, in London, UK.
- Attended a Policy Dialogue as Speaker, organised by the UN Foundation, on 18-19 February 2013, in New York, USA.
- Attended a roundtable as Principle Commentator, organised by the Center for Global Development (CGD), on 20 February 2013, in Washington D.C., USA.

Attended the EGM on Theme Study for the 69th Session of ESCAP “Building Resilience to Natural Disasters and Major Economic Crises”, organised by the UN-ESCAP, on 26-27 February 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Attended the 3rd Regional Meeting of the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) and Resource Mobilization Workshop, organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), on 13-17 March 2013, in Sri Lanka.

Attended the High-Level Consultation Meeting on “Beyond the MDGs: What Development Framework after 2015?” Post-MDG Meeting, organised by the Global Development Network (GDN), on 19 March 2013, in New Delhi, India.

Attended the annual Global Development Forum, organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), on 4-5 April 2013, in Paris, France.

Attended the launch event of the European Report on Development (ERD) 2013 titled “Post-2015: Global Action for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future”, supported by the European Commission and seven EU Member States, on 9 April 2013, in Brussels, Belgium.

Attended a number of programmes as part of the exchange programme under the research collaboration between CPD and CMI, during 5-18 May 2013, in Bergen, Norway. These include:

- A public lecture on “Southern Concerns Relating to Post-MDG Framework and Targets”, on 13 May 2013, at the CMI.
- Participation at a roundtable on “Challenges of Partnership in Delivering Post-MDG International Development Goals”, organised by NORAD and Norwegian Foreign Ministry in Oslo, on 15 May 2013.

Participated in three seminars titled “Creating Shared Value – An Effective Development Tool?”; “Achieving Food Security in Volatile Times – WTO Disciplines, Grain Reserves, and Other Public Policy Responses”; and “Writing the Rules for 21st Century Trade: New Solutions for old Problems in the Trans-Pacific and Trans-Atlantic Negotiations”, organised by the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC), during 22-24 May 2013, in Washington D.C., USA.

Attended the “Meeting to Review the First Biennial Report of the LDC IV Monitor”, on 18-20 June 2013, in London, UK.

Attended a series of meetings on the “United Nations on Post-2015 Development Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and perspectives of LDCs in international development”, jointly organised by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs, and United Nations Foundation (UNF), during 24-25 June 2013, in New York, USA.

Attended a conference on UN Secretary General’s High Level Panel (HLP) report titled “Turning Evidence into Action for the Post-2015 Agenda”, jointly organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and UN Foundation, on 25-26 June 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in the “Regional Consultation on Road to Bali: South Asian Priorities for the Ninth WTO Ministerial,” organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu and Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), in collaboration with Oxfam Novib, UNESCAP and Commonwealth Secretariat, on 2-3 July 2013, in Marawila, Sri Lanka.

Attended the session “Moving the Development Effectiveness Agenda Forward: Assessing the Impact of Aid for Trade” of the Fourth Global Review of Aid for Trade, organised by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), on 9 July 2013, in Switzerland, Geneva.

Chaired the session “Managing Intra-Country Growth Disparities in South Asia” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated as a speaker in the side event “ESCAP Policy Dialogue: Building Resilience to Natural Disasters and Major Economic Crises,” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Delivered a short talk on “Southern Development Goals?” at the Special Event “In 60 Minutes,” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated as a guest speaker in the Asia Foundation Workshop on Regional Economic Cooperation, on 10 September 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Chaired the Advisory Group of the DFID-funded Growth Research Programme of the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), on 17 September 2013, in London, UK.

Attended the kick-off meeting of the core research team for preparation of the European Report on Development (ERD) 2014 at Overseas Development Institute (ODI), on 18 September 2013, in London, UK.

Participated in the dialogue on “Advancing Regional Recommendations on Post-2015”, organised by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) along with Executive Office of the UN Secretary General (EOSG), on 22 September 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in “Domestic Resource Mobilisation within a Future Global Partnership for Development”, organised by the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, on 24 September 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated as a distinguished panelist in the launching of the Report “Getting To Zero” published by Save the Children, on 25 September 2013, in New York, USA.

Addressed the “Bi-Annual Meeting of the International Education Funders Group”, on 26 September 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in “Engineering a Development Data Revolution”, organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris, on 26 September 2013, in New York, USA.

Made a presentation on “Post-2015 International Development Framework: Challenges of Implementation,” at the Seoul Post-2015 Conference: Implementation and Implications, jointly organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of the Republic of Korea, on 7 October 2013, in Seoul, Korea.

Participated in the South Asian Consultation titled “Making Sustainability the Next Metric: The Post-2015 Development Agenda”, organised by the Centre for Poverty Analysis, during 6-7 November 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in the Johan Skytte International Workshop Uppsala, organised by the Department of Government, Uppsala University, during 15-16 November 2013, in Stockholm, Sweden.

Participated in a “Breakfast Roundtable with Development Initiatives and Member States”, organised by Institute of International Education (IIE), on 18 November 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in the Expert Briefing on “Macroeconomic Policy Questions in Preparation for the Upcoming Open Working Group Meeting of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)”, organised by the Institute of International Education (IIE), on 19 November 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in a workshop titled “Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level: An Early Examination of Candidate Post-2015 Goals, Targets and Indicators”, organised by the United Nations Foundation, on 21 November 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in the session on “Financing for Development Post-2015,” at the International Parliamentary Conference on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK, supported by UNDP, on 26 November 2013, in London, UK.

Addressed the “Closing Panel – A New Development Agenda: The Way Forward” at European Development Days, organised by the European Commission, on 27 November 2013, in Brussels, Belgium.

Attended the Informal Consultation Session for the European Report on Development (ERD) 2014 on “Financing and Other Means of Implementation in the Post-2015 Context”, on 3 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Addressed the session “Reviving Multilateral Trade Cooperation,” jointly organised by Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), on 4 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Participated in the session “The Future of Aid for Trade at the WTO,” jointly organised by ODI, The Commonwealth, SAWTEE, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), on 4 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Chaired the session “Integrating Trade Issues in Post-2015 International Development Framework: Ongoing Debates and Potential Opportunities,” jointly organised by CPD, ICTSD, SAWTEE, Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and LDC IV Monitor, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), on 5 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Addressed the session “The Way Forward After Bali: Challenges and Opportunities for LDCs,” organised by the IDEAS Centre, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), on 5 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Attended the High-level Expert Panel Discussion on “Implementing the Global Development Agenda: Asia Pacific Perspectives on Partnerships and Means”, during 10-11 December 2013, in New York, USA.

Attended the “UN General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals”, on 12 December 2013, in New York, USA.

Rounaq Jahan, Distinguished Fellow

Chaired the session “Mind the Gap: Addressing Gender Disparities,” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in a workshop titled “Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level: An Early Examination of Candidate Post-2015 Goals, Targets and Indicators”, organised by the United Nations Foundation, on 21 November 2013, in New York, USA.

Anisatul Fatema Yousuf, Director, Dialogue & Communication

Attended and chaired sessions at the South Asia Sub-Regional Meeting of the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), on 5-7 March 2013, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Participated in the meeting for the South Asia Policy Engagement and Communication (PEC) Programme, during 26-27 September 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Led a team from CPD Dialogue and Communication Division for peer exchange visit to Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), as part of the TTI Peer Exchange Programme, during 25-28 November 2013, in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Fahmida Khatun, Research Director

Attended the Second Expert Group Meeting (EGM) of the LDC IV Monitor “Development Challenges of the Least Developed Countries: Tracking the International Commitments”, organised by the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), on 4-6 February 2013, in Dar es Salam, Tanzania.

Attended the 3rd Regional Meeting of the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) and Resource Mobilization Workshop, organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), on 13-17 March 2013, in Sri Lanka.

Attended the “Conference on Intra-Regional Trade in South Asia”, on 21-25 April 2013, in Wadduwa, Sri Lanka.

Attended the “Meeting to Review the First Biennial Report of the LDC IV Monitor”, on 18-20 June 2013, in London, UK.

Attended a series of meetings of the “United Nations on Post-2015 Development Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and perspectives of LDCs in international development”, jointly organised by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), LDC IV Monitor, Southern Voice on Post-MDGs, and United Nations Foundation (UNF), during 24-25 June 2013, in New York, USA.

Attended a conference on UN Secretary General’s High Level Panel (HLP) report titled “Turning Evidence into Action for the Post-2015 Agenda”, jointly organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and UN Foundation, on 25-26 June 2013, in New York, USA.

Participated in the “Regional Consultation on Road to Bali: South Asian Priorities for the Ninth WTO Ministerial”, organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu and Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), in collaboration with Oxfam Novib, UNESCAP and Commonwealth Secretariat, on 2-3 July 2013, in Marawila, Sri Lanka.

Participated in the Expert Panel Discussion at the session “Managing Water Resources, Food Security, and Climate Change in South Asia,” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in a Regional Multi-Stakeholders Dialogue for West and Central Africa titled “Strengthening the Readiness of West and Central African Negotiators” for the 9th WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, organised by the African Centre for Trade, Integration and Development (Enda CACID), in partnership with the Ministry of Commerce of Senegal, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), and the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF), during 25-26 September 2013, in Dakar, Senegal.

Participated in a Conference on “Green Growth and Sustainable Development Goals”, organised by the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum), during 4-5 November 2013, in Seoul, Korea.

Made a presentation and chaired a session at the South Asian Consultation titled “Making Sustainability the Next Metric: The Post-2015 Development Agenda”, organised by the Centre for Poverty Analysis, during 6-7 November 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Spoke at a conference on “The Role of BRICS in the Post-2015 Development Agenda”, organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS), during 28-30 November 2013, in Shanghai, China.

Attended the Informal Consultation session for the European Report on Development (ERD) 2014 on “Financing and Other Means of Implementation in the Post-2015 Context”, on 3 December 2013, during the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference, during 3-6 December 2013, in Bali, Indonesia.

Attended the session “Integrating Trade Issues in Post-2015 International Development Framework: Ongoing Debates and Potential Opportunities,” jointly organised by CPD, ICTSD, SAWTEE, Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and LDC IV Monitor, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), on 5 December 2013.

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director

Attended the Second Expert Group Meeting (EGM) of the LDC IV Monitor “Development Challenges of the Least Developed Countries: Tracking the International Commitments”, organised by the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), on 4-6 February 2013, in Dar es Salam, Tanzania.

Participated in the “Capital Goods Industry” Panel of the 2013 International Conference on Bangladesh, organised by the Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) and the Center for South Asia Studies (CSAS), University of California, on 23 February 2013, in Berkeley Campus, University of California, USA.

Presented a paper titled “Regional Investment Cooperation in South Asia: Policy Issues”, at the International Conference on Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation in South Asia Trade: Challenges and Prospects, on 2 May 2013, in New Delhi, India.

Presented a paper titled “Deepening Trade and Investment in the BIMSTEC Region,” at the Brainstorming Meeting on BIMSTEC Transport Infrastructure and Logistics Study (BTILS) Updating and Enhancement, organised by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), on 20 May 2013, in Manila, Philippines.

Attended the “Meeting to Review the First Biennial Report of the LDC IV Monitor”, on 18-20 June 2013, in London, UK.

Attended the “Coordination Meeting on Tax Policy and Enterprise Development in South Asia”, organised by GINI, on 29 June-1 July 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Participated in the international conference on China-SAARC Relations: “Towards a Closer Partnership”, during 29-30 August 2013, in Shanghai, China.

Delivered the lead presentation at the session “Improving the Climate for Private Enterprise in South Asia” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in the session “Strengthening the Small: Inclusive Private Sector Development through SMEs” at the 6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI), organised by the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), during 2-4 September 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Participated in the Stakeholders’ Conference titled “Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality”, organised by the CUTS International, during 15-16 November 2013, in Kolkata, India.

Attended the “European Conference on Living Wage” as a designated speaker, organised by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, during 24-26 November 2013, in Berlin, Germany.

Attended the policy dialogue on “Regional Cooperation, Connectivity and Inclusive Development in South and South-West Asia”, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), during 28-29 November 2013 in New Delhi, India.

Attended the session “Integrating Trade Issues in Post-2015 International Development Framework: Ongoing Debates and Potential Opportunities,” jointly organised by CPD, ICTSD, SAWTEE, Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and LDC IV Monitor, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS), on 5 December 2013

Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow

Participated in the Asia Regional Conference on “Financial Transparency: Challenges and Opportunities for Developing Countries”, and the Asia Regional Strategy Meeting of the Task Force on Financial Integrity and Economic Development, on 3-5 April 2013, in New Delhi, India.

Attended the coordination meeting on “Tax Policy and Enterprise Development in South Asia”, organised by GINI, on 29 June-1 July 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Attended conferences on “Towards Transparency: Making the Global Financial System Work for Development”, organised by the Financial Transparency Coalition and Policy Forum; and “Transfer Pricing: Fairness in Taxing Multinationals and Extractive Industries,” organised by the Tax Justice Network Europe, Agenda Participation 2000, Kepa Tanzania and Norwegian Church Aid-Tanzania, during 30 September - 4 October 2013, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Attended a policy roundtable meeting on “Curtailing Transfer Mispricing: Africa’s Response to Global Challenges”, organised by The Tax Justice Network-Africa in collaboration with the Strathmore Tax Research Centre, during 28-29 November 2013, in Nairobi, Kenya.

Made a presentation titled “Regional Cooperation for Food Security in South Asia” at the Sixteenth Sustainable Development Conference on the theme of “Creating Momentum: Today is Tomorrow”, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), during 10-12 December 2013, in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Khaleda Akhter, Senior Research Associate

Attended an international conference on “BIMSTEC: What have been Achieved and Where to Go”, organised by the Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD), in collaboration with the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS) of University of Calcutta, on 12-13 March 2013, in Kolkata, India.

Muhammad Al Amin, Senior Research Associate

Attended the policy dialogue on “Regional Cooperation, Connectivity and Inclusive Development in South and South-West Asia”, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), during 28-29 November 2013 in New Delhi, India.

Kishore Kumer Basak, Research Associate

Participated in a conference on “Promoting Regional Economic Integration in South Asia”, on 11-12 April 2013, in New Delhi, India.

Participated as a discussant in the session “Country Presentations: Bangladesh and Nepal,” at the Regional Consultation on Food-related Legislation in South Asia, organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) in partnership with Oxfam, during 30-31 July, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Md. Zafar Sadique, Research Associate

Participated in the policy dialogue on “Economic and Transport Development in Border Areas in Eastern South Asia”, organised by UNESCAP, in collaboration with ADB and the Government of Meghalaya, during 4-5 December 2013, in Shillong, Meghalaya, India.

F I M Muktadir Boksh, Research Associate

Participated in the project launch meeting on “Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between India and Bangladesh”, on 19-20 April 2013, in Kolkata, India.

Saifa Raz, Research Associate

Participated in the Regional Expert Dialogue on Aid for Trade titled “Monitoring the Effectiveness and Development Impact of Aid for Trade”, organised by the UNESCAP Trade and Investment Division, during 18-19 November 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Annex 7: Chronology of CPD Events 2015

Date	Event
2 January	Expert Consultation on Analytical Review of Bangladesh’s Macroeconomic Performance in FY2012-13 (First Reading) held
5 January	Press Briefing on Analytical Review of Bangladesh’s Macroeconomic Performance in FY2012-13 (First Reading) organised
7 January	185th MIC Meeting held
9 January	Expert Consultation on Industrial Waste Management in the Textile Sector of Bangladesh: Challenges for Improving Environmental Compliance held
9 January	Media Briefing on the Upcoming Dhaka Expert Group Meeting of the Southern Voice on Post-MDGs organised
11-13 January	Dhaka Expert Group Meeting on Southern Voice on Post-MDGs: Setting the Agenda organised
24 January	In-house discussion on Telecom Policies by Robi held
26 January	Dialogue on পোশাক শিল্পের কর্মপরিবেশ এবং শ্রমিকের নিরাপত্তা: তাৎপর্য ও করণীয় organised
28 January	Briefing Meeting with Ambassadors on 11th BCIM Forum held
28 January	93rd RECAP Meeting held
28 January	Expert Consultation on Legal Framework for Geographical Indications and Commercial Interests for Bangladesh held
30 January	DFID officials visited CPD
4-6 February	Second Expert Group Meeting of the LDC IV Monitor held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
7 & 9 February	In-house workshop on STATA for CPD Researchers organised
11 February	Students of Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka visited CPD
12 February	Meeting with TTI Review Team held
14 February	Special Lecture with the Department of Economics of Bangladesh University of Business and Technology on Macroeconomic Situation and Policy Analysis arranged
17 February	186th MIC Meeting held
19 February	94th RECAP Meeting held
19 February	Media Briefing on the Upcoming Eleventh BCIM Forum organised
23-24 February	Eleventh BCIM Forum on Recent Developments in BCIM Countries: New Opportunities and New Challenges for BCIM Cooperation organised
23 February	CPD-FBCCI BCIM Business Forum organised
23 February	Reception Ceremony for the K2K Car Rally Participants organised

Date	Event
8 March	International Women's Day 2013 observed
10 March	Dialogue on Finance for Local Government: An Elusive Agenda organised (as part of CPD-CMI Research Colloquium)
11 March	Dialogue on Economic Growth and Energy Sector Development in Bangladesh: The Role of FDI organised (as part of CPD-CMI Research Colloquium)
11 March	Dialogue on Entrepreneurship Development in Bangladesh: Role of Human Capital organised (as part of CPD-CMI Research Colloquium)
11 March	Annual Review Meeting of CPD-CMI Programme Activities held
24 March	25th RMC Meeting held
31 March	Lunch Meeting held with Manusher Jonno Foundation Team to discuss the study on Women's Contribution to GDP
31 March	187th MIC Meeting held
1 April	95th RECAP Meeting held
1 April	YSSS on Emergence of Shahbagh Movement: Theoretical Framework and Role of Media held
13 April	Dialogue on বর্তমান বাংলাদেশ: রাজনৈতিক প্রেক্ষিত ও অর্থনৈতিক পরিস্থিতি organised
15 April	Collective Birthday (January-March 2013) of CPD staff celebrated
18 April	188th MIC Meeting held
20 April	CPD Press Briefing on Recommendations for the National Budget FY2013-14 organised
24 April	Meeting with FES officials held
27 April	Presentation on Use of Fire Extinguisher, Protection and Emergency Evacuation and Fire Drill held
29 April	Policy Dialogue with development partners on Recent Economic and Political Developments in the Country and their Implications for the Bangladesh Economy organised
6 May	189th MIC Meeting held
15 May	96th RECAP Meeting held
18 May	Discussion on Follow-up of Rana Plaza Tragedy held with Civil Society Initiative partners
30 May	Academic visit of students and faculty from Muhlenberg College, USA to CPD
30 May	Southern Voice Webinar held to discuss the draft report titled 'An Action Agenda for Sustainable Development', prepared by the Leadership Council of the Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN)
1 June	Expert Consultation on Analytical Review of Bangladesh's Macroeconomic Performance in FY2012-13 (Second Reading) held
1-4 & 11 June	CPD-Channel 24 Live Talk Show সাম্প্রতিক অর্থনীতি ও বাজেট সংলাপ aired
3 June	CPD Press Briefing on Current Challenges of Bangladesh Economy: Second Interim Report on FY2012-13 organised
4 June	190th MIC Meeting held
6 June	Video Conference arranged on Response to The High Level Panel Report on Post-MDGs
7 June	Press Briefing on CPD's Initial Reaction on the National Budget FY2013-14 organised
12 June	Special Lecture with Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on Analysis of National Budget for FY2013-14 arranged
13 June	Special Lecture with the Department of Economics of North South University (NSU) on Macroeconomic Situation and Policy Analysis arranged
15 June	Dialogue on Analysis of the National Budget FY2013-14 organised
15 June	Special Lecture with Green University on Reflection on National Budget FY2013-14 arranged
18-20 June	Third Expert Group Meeting of the LDC IV Monitor held in London, UK

Date	Event
15 July	191st MIC Meeting held
17 July	IDRC assessment meeting with CPD held
18 July	In-house workshop for CPD researchers on How to Write Manuscript for Submitting in the Referred Journal: From Its Preparation to Acceptance organised
21 July	Discussion Meeting on the Pre-Election Initiative held
22 July	Second Discussion Meeting on Follow-up of Rana Plaza Tragedy held
24 July	192nd MIC Meeting held
24 July	97th RECAP Meeting held
24 July	Special CPD Iftar held
3 August	Dialogue on 100 Days of Rana Plaza Tragedy: A Report on Commitments and Delivery organised
11 August	193rd MIC Meeting held
17 August	Meeting with Trade Union Leaders on Living Wage in the Garment Sector of Bangladesh held
18 August	US Embassy officials visited CPD
18 August	194th MIC Meeting held
18 August	40th BoT Meeting held
20 August	In-house Discussion on Renewable Energy held
21 August	Policy Dialogue with development partners on 100 Days of Rana Plaza Tragedy organised
22 August	World Bank Country Director visited CPD
26 August	195th MIC Meeting held
29 August	98th RECAP Meeting held
31 August	Meeting on Electoral Options held
2-4 September	6th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES VI) on Towards a Stronger, Dynamic, and Inclusive South Asia co-organised in Colombo, Sri Lanka
7 September	UNESCAP Report Launching Dialogue on Building Resilience to Natural Disasters and Major Economic Crises organised
9 September	Press Briefing on Launching of The Global Competitiveness Report 2013-2014 and Bangladesh Business Environment Study 2013 organised
12 September	196th MIC Meeting held
12 September	Collective Birthday (April-August 2013) of CPD staff celebrated
21 September	CPD-FES Dialogue on Delivery of the MDGs in LDCs and Reflections on Post-2015 Issues organised
24 September	Dialogue on পোশাক শিল্পে নতুন ন্যূনতম মজুরি পুনর্নির্ধারণ: বিশ্লেষণ ও প্রস্তাবনা organised
30 September	197th MIC Meeting held
5 October	CPD-CMI Dialogue on Local Government Financing: Global Experience and Local Reality organised
5 October	CPD-CMI Programme Review Meeting held
14 October	Meeting with Chinese experts on BCIM Corridor held
22 October	Press Briefing on Bangladesh Economy in FY2014: Three Months after the Budget, Three Months before the Elections organised
24 October	CPD-ICTSD Dialogue on Aid for Trade: Second Generation Issues for Bangladesh organised
25-26 October	International Conference on Upcoming Ninth WTO Ministerial: Securing the LDCs Deliverables organised
29 October	198th MIC Meeting held
12 November	26th RMC Meeting held
13 November	Consultation with diplomats and development partners held on Framing and Delivery of CPD's Research and Outreach Plan

Date	Event
20 November	Press Briefing on Launching of UNCTAD LDC Report 2013 – Growth with Employment for Inclusive and Sustainable Development organised
20 November	Expert Consultation on Geographical Indications held
25 November	Indian IAS Officers visited CPD
1 December	Focus Group Discussion on বাংলাদেশের করনীতি এবং ক্ষুদ্র ও মাঝারি শিল্পের বিকাশে এর প্রভাব arranged
1 December	199th MIC Meeting held
5 December	Dialogue on Integrating Trade Issues in Post-2015 International Development Framework: Ongoing Debates and Potential Opportunities, as part of the Bali Trade and Development Symposium (TDS) at the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia
9 December	Media Briefing on Bali Outcome of the WTO: What it Means for Bangladesh organised
11 December	99th RECAP Meeting held
15 December	200th MIC Meeting held
21 December	Focus Group Discussion on Bangladesh-India Trade arranged
26 December	41st BoT Meeting held
28 December	CPD-ASK-SHUJAN-TIB Discussion Forum on সংকটে বাংলাদেশ: নাগরিক ভাবনা organised
31 December	Celebration of New Year 2014 arranged



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