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In memoriam

Dr Mahabub Hossain (19945-2016)

It is with profound sorrow we remember Dr Mahabub Hossain, a member of the Board of Trustees with CPD. A man of immense grace and integrity, we recall with sincere gratitude the valuable contribution he has made towards institutional development and raising the quality of research at CPD. Although Dr Mahabub was with us for only one year, the Board has immensely benefitted from his advice, guidance and constructive ideas. We convey our deepest respect to Dr Hossain. We honor his achievements and contribution towards policymaking for Bangladesh's agriculture and rural development, cherish his goodwill and support towards CPD and his valuable service to Bangladesh. Dr Hossain will always be an inspiration to us all. May his soul rest in peace.



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Message

Looking back from the vantage point of closing of the year 2016, one is reminded that ever since its founding in 1993, CPD has been on a journey that crossed a succession of milestones which have come to define what CPD is today. Nonetheless, even in the backdrop of such an exceptional track record, 2016 stands out for several reasons. CPD was able to make important new strides in this year in its quest to realise its ambition to be a think tank with difference, a think tank with local roots and global reach. In implementing research, dialogue and outreach activities in 2016, CPD was able to raise the bar significantly, in terms of diversity of the portfolio, level of performance and quality of the delivery.

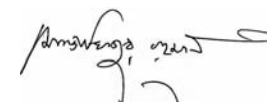
In addition to CPD's built-in flagship research programmes such as the Independent Review of Bangladesh's Development (IRBD), CPD researchers took up important new studies which will define Bangladesh's development trajectory over the coming years. These included research on the ongoing economic and social upgradation in the country's export-oriented apparels sector, inclusiveness of Bangladesh's economic growth, safeguarding the interests of Bangladesh's Muslin through CPD work on geographical indication (GI), and an in-depth exploration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development from the Southern perspectives. CPD's network expanded to include new partners, thanks to the Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh, of which CPD is the Secretariat. Successful hosting of the Ninth South Asia Economic Summit (SAES IX) demonstrated the high calibre of CPD's organisational capacity and further consolidated CPD's reputation as a thought-leader in South Asia. The Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals network, hosted by the CPD, enabled the Centre to play a pivotal role in spearheading and coordinating the work of some of the best think tanks of the global South working on SDG implementation and delivery, helping to embed the voice of South in the global discourse on SDGs. CPD's special attention to making best use of the potentials of the social media and newly emerging tools of communications started to pay rich dividends by broadening the reach and by raising the efficacy of CPD's outreach activities.

All these have been possible, thanks to the exceptional support CPD management has received, from each and every member of the CPD Family, under the inspiring guidance of CPD's Founding Chairman Professor Rehman Sobhan. My debt of gratitude goes to the members of the CPD Board of Trustees for their exceptional support, encouragement and helpful advice. I would like to put on record my deep appreciation of the cooperation extended by CPD's senior management team, which has given strategic leadership and direction to enable CPD to implement its work plan for 2016 and attain the targets set therein. I would like to particularly register my sincere thanks to Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, CPD for his outstanding support and wise counsel to ensure accountability, efficiency and high quality of delivery of the outputs. Ms Anisatul Fatema Yousuf, Director, Dialogue and Communication, CPD has demonstrated exemplary leadership to raise the efficacy of CPD's increasingly expanding dialogue and outreach programmes. CPD's Research Director Dr Fahmida Khatun has inspired our colleagues to set for themselves high standards of research quality and outputs. Mr M Shafiqul Islam, Additional Director, Administration and Finance, CPD has ensured that administrative efficiency and functional good governance is maintained in every way and in all cases.

As 2016 drew close, CPD was getting ready to set in motion the timely transition to a new leadership team, with Dr Fahmida Khatun taking up the stewardship as CPD's new Executive Director and Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem taking up the responsibility as its new Research Director. I strongly believe that this capable leadership team will infuse new vigour and dynamism into CPD's activities, and will take CPD to newer heights of achievements and excellence. The CPD Family will no doubt extend its fullest support as the new team gets on with the challenging task of steering CPD to its next lap of journey in the coming days and years.



Professor Rehman Sobhan
Chairman



Professor Mustafizur Rahman
Executive Director

shape and influence
the country's
development prospects

Our Focus

CPD strives to focus on the frontier issues that are critical to the development process of Bangladesh in the present context, and which are expected to shape and influence the country's development prospects over the mid-term horizon.

equity, justice,
fairness and good
governance.

Our Vision

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

research, dialogue,
dissemination and
policy advocacy

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.

poverty alleviation
trade, investment,
transport

Our Objectives

CPD aims to enhance national capacity for economy-wide policy analysis; foster regional cooperation in poverty alleviation, trade, investment, transport and other key areas; address issues which concern Bangladesh's effective integration into the process of globalisation.

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Highlights of 2016



In October, CPD hosted the Ninth South Asia Economic Summit (SAES IX) themed “Reimagining South Asia in 2030” in Dhaka, Bangladesh. With 500 attendees including 60 foreign guests, 100 speakers and 15 sessions, SAES IX successfully took forward the dialogue on strengthening regional cooperation in South Asia and mapping an inclusive, equitable and sustainable future for the region.

Deliberations focused on envisioning South Asia as an upper middle-income region with a high GDP growth rate, a strong middle class, zero hardcore poverty and hunger, sustainable cities, and resilient economies with a strong manufacturing sector. The recommendations put forward adopt a regional approach with an aim to improve integration and cooperation in South Asia. These include addressing gaps in the regional supply chain, establishing a trust fund to tackle climate change, building political consensus to develop a regional power sector master plan, fostering connectivity by implementing transit protocols that can help lower trade costs and forming regional economic hubs to reduce inequality in South Asia.

“We want a South Asia where there'll be no poverty, where there'll be opportunities for decent jobs and decent works, where distribution will be just and governance will be participatory, and where people will live in harmony with nature.”

MR MD ABDUL HAMID
Honourable President of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh





Distinguished personalities from SAES IX partner countries at the event

1. **Mr Romi Gauchan Thakali**, Minister for Commerce, Government of Nepal
2. **Dr Sarath Amunugama**, Minister for Special Assignments, Government of Sri Lanka
3. **Emeritus Professor Deepak Nayyar**, Chair, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), India
4. **Mr Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan**, Member, National Assembly of Pakistan and Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan
5. **Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury**, MP, Hon'ble Speaker, National Parliament of Bangladesh

Climate Compatible Development Pathway or Pipedream?



CPD Anniversary Lecture 2015

In January, CPD invited Mr Simon Maxwell, CBE, Executive Chair of Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), and Chair of the European Think-Tanks Group to provide insights into climate compatible development at its second Anniversary Lecture. Currently, the impact of climate change on development is raising serious concern. Yet, the poverty reduction and social inclusion goals of the Sustainable

Development framework are non-negotiable. Mr Maxwell highlighted that climate compatible development offers a framework to overcome the 'wicked problems' of dealing with the challenges that countries such as Bangladesh face. It will also help achieve 'zero-zero' – eradicating poverty and simultaneously saving the planet—and aid Bangladesh to attain the Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs) poverty reduction target.

Global report launch in New York



In July, in New York, Southern Voice and the United Nations Foundation organised a dialogue drawing on CPD's findings from its research project, "Post-2015 Data Test: Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level". The project was a collaborative initiative with Southern Voice and the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA).

The research unpacked the challenges and opportunities related to data for the SDGs in Bangladesh, Canada, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Turkey. The summary report of the Post-2015 Data Test, "Implementing Agenda 2030: Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level" published by CPD was also launched at the event.

Eminent researchers from each of the case countries, thought leaders from the UN, member state missions, academia and civil society were present at the event.



“The ambition of the SDGs is to be the largest collective effort in history to improve the lives of billions of people by setting quantitative goals and targets to drive evidence-based policy-making...This volume takes one large step forward to make sure this happens.”

HOMI KHARAS
Lead Author and Executive Secretary
United Nations High Level Panel on the
Post-2015 Development Agenda

CAPTURING TRANSFORMATIONS IN BANGLADESH'S APPARELS SECTOR



CPD RMG STUDY 2016
Stitching a better future for Bangladesh



Launched in May, CPD's two-year study—"New Dynamics in Bangladesh's Apparel Enterprises: Perspectives on Restructuring, Upgradation and Compliance Assurance"—will examine key ongoing changes within the RMG sector, bridge the existing knowledge gap and assess implications for the sector's performance. It will focus on economic and social upgrades and assess the nature of gender-embeddedness across various initiatives undertaken post-Rana plaza tragedy in 2013.

Based on evidence gathered from an in-depth survey spanning 350 enterprises and involving 2000 workers, the study will recommend strategic policy options towards a globally competitive, highly compliant and sustainable RMG industry in Bangladesh.

We partnered with the Embassy of Sweden, Bangladesh, the Netherlands Embassy, Bangladesh, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Bangladesh and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to conduct the study.

Rehman Sobhan's memoir

Revisiting the making of independence

of Bangladesh



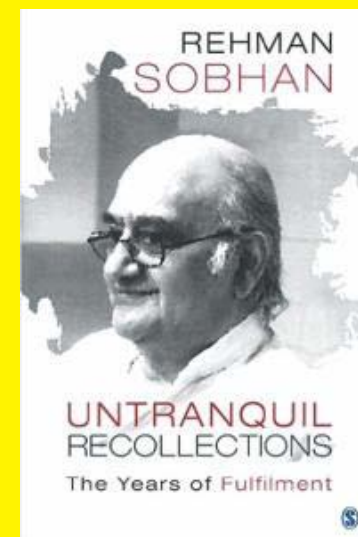
In January, CPD organized a dialogue where it launched "Untranquil Recollections: The Years of Fulfillment"—the memoirs of Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, CPD. Alongside recollections from Professor Sobhan's personal life, the book provides a first-hand account of the turbulent times leading up to Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971. It details the

author's contribution to the liberation movement when he was commissioned by Tajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister of Bangladesh's government-in-exile in 1971, to seek support from India, France, UK, USA and Canada for an independent Bangladesh.

The discussion at the event reflected on the national ethos for an independent democratic state that particularly gripped

the University of Dhaka and the legacy of student activism that intensely shaped Bangladesh's political history and its journey towards independence.

In an exclusive interview at the end of the dialogue Professor Sobhan remarked, "I wanted to be part of a process which would shape the course of the struggle for self rule for the Bengalis."



The decade of 1960s, marked by the protest and movement for emancipation, prompted the emergence of Bangladesh in 1971. Joining the political forces were a handful of academic with Professor Rehman Sobhan playing a protuberant part. His memoir, "Untranquil Recollections: The years of Fulfillment", helps readers revisit those days.

While revealing Professor Sobhan's eventful life, the memoir shows his contributions to Bangladesh's evolution through his 'Theory of Two Economies', active participation in 6 points agenda creation and travelling westwards as a non-state actor in global awakening to the genocide.

CPD Research Theme in 2016



Macroeconomic Policy Analysis

The Independent Review of Bangladesh's Development (IRBD), CPD's flagship programme, has been assessing the country's macroeconomic development since 1995. IRBD conducts periodic review of the state of the Bangladesh economy, analyses the proposed national budget and provides recommendations based on the findings. It also undertakes in-depth thematic studies that are critical for Bangladesh's development.

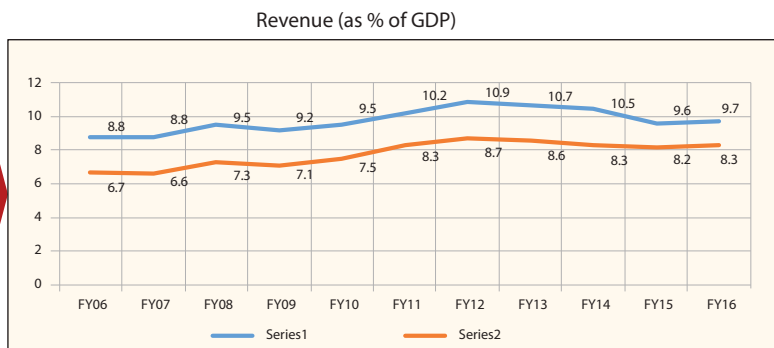
Analysis of National Budget FY2016-17

CPD's Immediate Reaction

Every year the Analysis of the National Budget, CPD's flagship annual event, takes place a day immediately after the Hon'ble Finance Minister of the Government of Bangladesh places the proposed budget in the National Parliament. CPD experts prepare the analysis overnight and investigate the budget's implications for individuals and businesses alike .



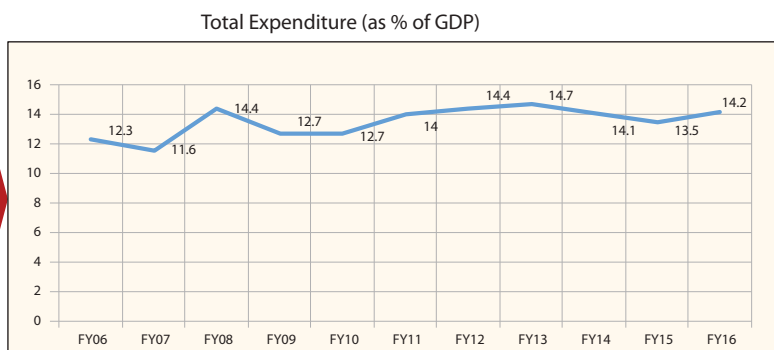
Since, FY12 revenue as % of GDP declined – when it was 10.9%



“It is how the budget is financed and not its size that triggers concerns. This budget depends highly on internal sources and all major parameters of fiscal framework will need to register higher growth rates to attain the targets.”

DR DEBAPRIYA BHATTACHARYA
Distinguished Fellow
CPD

Since, FY13 expenditure as % of GDP declined – when it was 14.7%

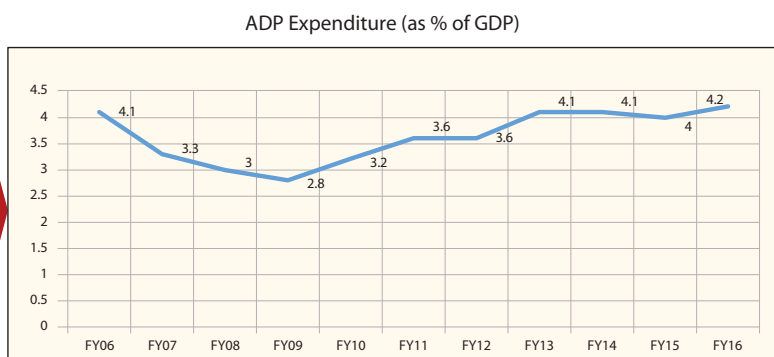


To Improve budget utilisation performance

CPD recommendations include

- Establish a Public Expenditure Review Commission
- Ensure that parliamentary standing committees actively participate in forming and overseeing budget implementation
- Establish an effective result-based-monitoring system to ensure high quality delivery
- Disclose detailed financial accounts of state-owned enterprises
- Introduce separate but integrated budget for local government
- Integrate NGO financing in the public expenditure structure

Since, FY14 ADP expenditure as % of GDP declined – when it was 4.1%



Run-up to Analysis of National Budget FY17



Leading up to the national budget analysis, CPD prepares a comprehensive review report on State of the Bangladesh Economy. In this year's review, CPD found that low inflation, steady exchange rates and resilient export sector performance underpinned Bangladesh's impressive economic growth. But challenges persisted in a number of areas.

Findings from State of the Bangladesh Economy FY2015-16

Big concerns



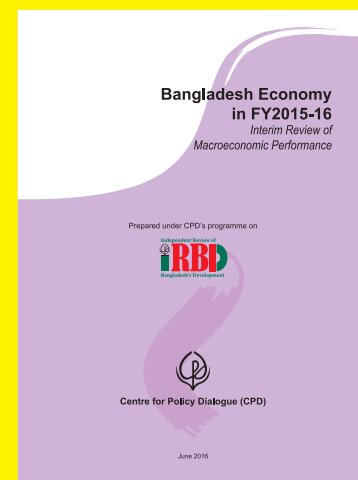
The financial sector continued to post weak performance.



Sluggish private investment persisted in FY 2016.



High growth has not led to more jobs. In 2015, it was at a 14-year low.



Bangladesh Economy in FY2015-16

Interim Review of Macroeconomic Performance

The book, "Bangladesh Economy in FY2015-16: Interim Review of Macroeconomic Performance" analyses major macroeconomic performance indicators of the Bangladesh economy for FY 2015-16 and includes recommendations for the national budget FY 2016-17. It consists of two chapters: a) State of the Bangladesh Economy in FY 2015-16 (Third Reading) and b) State of the Bangladesh Economy in FY 2015-16 (Second Reading): CPD's Recommendations for the Upcoming Budget.

Each year, this CPD publication is brought out in June and provides useful information that feeds into the ongoing countrywide debate on the proposed national budget.

BRINGING DIALOGUE TO THE MASSES



“I’ve never seen any country include public pensions as part of social security. Why has this been done? What is the justification?”

MR M SYEDUZZAMAN
Member CPD BoT and
Former Finance Minister

CPD BUDGET DIALOGUE

Every year CPD, under its IRBD programme, initiates discussions on the national budget both before and after it is presented in the National Parliament. Whether national policymakers or local communities, the dialogues bring these actors at different levels together to work towards a better and inclusive national budget. In 2016, CPD hosted four such events.



BRINGING DIALOGUE TO THE MASSES



Budget seminar for students

Aimed at helping aspiring students understand Bangladesh's current macroeconomic situation, CPD experts engaged with students of Economics and finance at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) on the economic implications of the proposed national budget.



In conversation with future leaders

In February, CPD experts engaged young leaders in discussing their perspectives on avenues for them to get involved in the process of preparing the national budget.

Pre-budget dialogue at the sub-national level Bogra



“Cutthroat interest rates and corruption are barring access to finance for Bogra's SME entrepreneurs”

Participant, pre-budget dialogue on “Development of the Small-Medium Enterprise (SME) Sector in Bogra: Challenges and Solutions”, Bogra, 27 March 2016



In April, CPD jointly organised a national dialogue with Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) where it presented findings from the joint study, "Budget for education in Bangladesh: An analysis of trends, gaps and priorities". Mr Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Hon'ble Minister for Education, was the Chief Guest at the session. Distinguished education researchers and budget analysts also took part in the dialogue. Participants stressed on coordinated efforts by government agencies and on better use of allocated resources for quality education.

Key policy recommendations from the study:

- Target allocating 20 % of the national budget for education
- Align 7th Five-Year Plan and sectoral education-related targets with SDG4
- Invest in TVET while considering for Bangladesh's growing manufacturing sector
- Redesign foreign aid strategy for education

"The entire nation is now anxious about the quality of education in Bangladesh."

Dr Md Abdur Razzak, MP
Former Minister for Food

Bangladesh's dwindling education budget

1 Ranked 155 out of 161 countries in terms of education budget (data for 2012/2013)

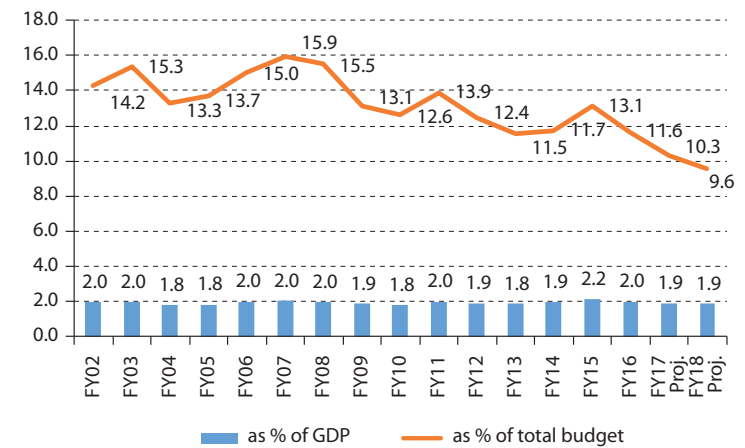
2 Bangladesh's education budget accounts for 1.9% of GDP, one of the lowest worldwide.

3 Declining share of education as % of total national budget: 15.9% in FY07->11.6% in FY16



EDUCATION

Education Budget as % of GDP and Total Budget



CURBING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS

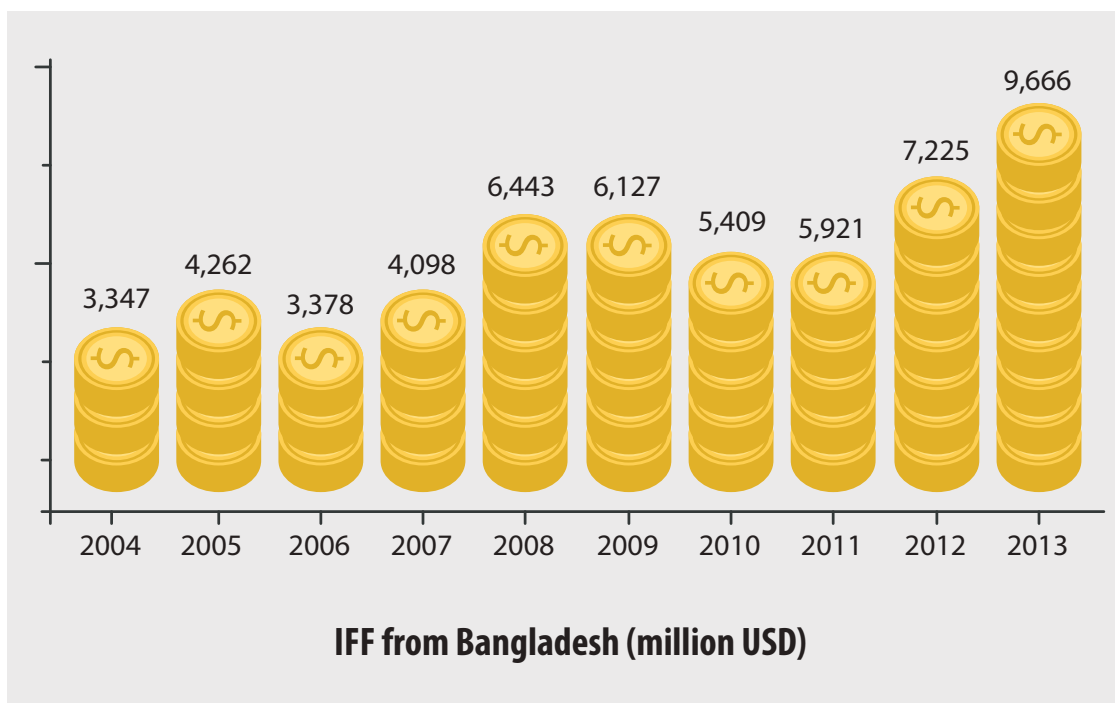
In June, as part of IRBD's thematic studies, CPD organised an expert consultation on "Illicit Financial Flows in the Context of Bangladesh". Market abuse, tax abuse, corruption and crime proceeds are key forms of illicit flows in the country. At the event, experts from relevant organisations expounded on ensuring good governance and necessary regulatory reforms to combat the challenge in Bangladesh.

Findings

- 'Black money' accounted for 40-80% of Bangladesh economy
- In 2013, IFF was about 3.6 times of education budget and 8.2 times of health budget
- If 25% of this money can be taxed, health budget could be tripled or education budget could be doubled

“ We need to set up an Independent Commission that investigates illicit financial flows in Bangladesh thoroughly. ”

Dr Akbar Ali Khan
Former Advisor to the Caretaker
Government, Ministry of Finance



Trade and Investment

While Bangladesh's success with RMG exports has been well-documented, the Rana plaza tragedy has raised concerns over the sector's sustainability and welfare of its workers. In 2016, CPD probed into the progress made to make the sector more compliant with global standards. Additionally, it undertook research on factors that affect the country's global competitiveness .

Making Bangladesh's RMG supply chain sustainable

"Post-Rana Plaza Developments in Bangladesh: Towards Building a Responsible Supply Chain in the Apparel Sector" analyses the progress Bangladesh has made in improving occupational safety and health (OHS) and labour rights since the Rana Plaza tragedy in 2013.

Our researchers examined initiatives that support victims, finance schemes for remediating factories, strengthen public sector organisations and promote workplace safety and workers' rights. A distinctive feature of the study is that the experience gained in this connection has been analysed from the point of view of 'organisational learning', with the objective of developing a working model in the value chain management.

“Rana plaza was a symbol of poor compliance. Now it has emerged as a symbol of the efforts towards better compliance.”

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem
Additional Research Director, CPD

Snapshots Mapping Bangladesh's progress

Progress so far

- **Support.** The Rana Plaza Trust Fund supported 2895 victims and 5171 claimants with USD 34 million
- **Training.** 7157 mid-level managers and supervisors trained in OHS
- **Access.** 866702 workers have access to helplines to report on safety concerns

More work to be done

Employment



48 percent of survivors remain unemployed

Rights



only 13 per cent of all inspected factories have trade unions for workers' rights

Justice



11 cases for violating labour laws are pending



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Underpaid RMG workers: The role of wage fixing institutions in Bangladesh



“Wage Fixing Institutions and Their Impacts in Major Garment Producing Countries: Case of Bangladesh” draws attention to the relationship between existing wage fixing mechanisms and collective bargaining and its impact on issues related to workers. Currently, Bangladesh’s wage fixing institutions are still in its early stages and weak. Guidelines related to minimum wage have significant room for improvement. And enforcing minimum wage is highly challenging.

The research is part of a cross-country study taking place in major garment manufacturing countries.



Why workers are underpaid

- Workers are unaware about their grades and associated pay scales
- “Minimum wage” is poorly defined and relevant data is missing. This makes negotiation for workers difficult.
- Suppressed minimum wage benchmarks stalled progress towards equitable pay. Large time gaps in minimum wage revision added to the challenge.

Policy support required for reviving Muslin

In February, CPD and DRIK jointly organised a discussion on “Revival of Muslin: Policies and Institutions” where Dr Rosemary Crill, Senior Curator, South Asian Textiles and Dress, Victoria and Albert Museum, UK, presented the keynote. The event was part of a series of sessions on related issues during the month-long ‘Muslin Festival’ that DRIK, the Bangladesh National Museum and Aarong had jointly organised.

Given CPD’s long-standing work on geographical indication (GI) products, the discussion focused on providing a historical overview of Muslin’s main production hub in Dhaka, its use and on encouraging the government, public and private sectors to revive the lost heritage with help from civil society organisations. Participants highlighted that policy support for cotton and yarn import, private-public partnership and investment in training and research is critical for reviving Muslin in Bangladesh.





“The problems that we unveil in this report need to be addressed if we want to graduate from the lower middle-income country to the higher middle-income country status”

Professor Mustafizur Rahman
Executive Director, CPD at the GCR report
launch, 28 September 2016

Global competitiveness report and the Bangladesh Business Environment Study 2016

Since 2001, CPD has been partnering with The World Economic Forum (WEF) to prepare Bangladesh's profile for the annual Global Competitiveness Report. After conducting a perception survey with 89 firms, in September 2016, CPD released “The Global Competitiveness Report 2016-2017” and The Bangladesh Business Environment Study 2016.



Findings

- Bangladesh has moved one notch up and ranked 106 among 138 countries
- Declining government budget balance (% of GDP), gross national savings (% of GDP) and country credit rating made macroeconomic stability slide in rankings.

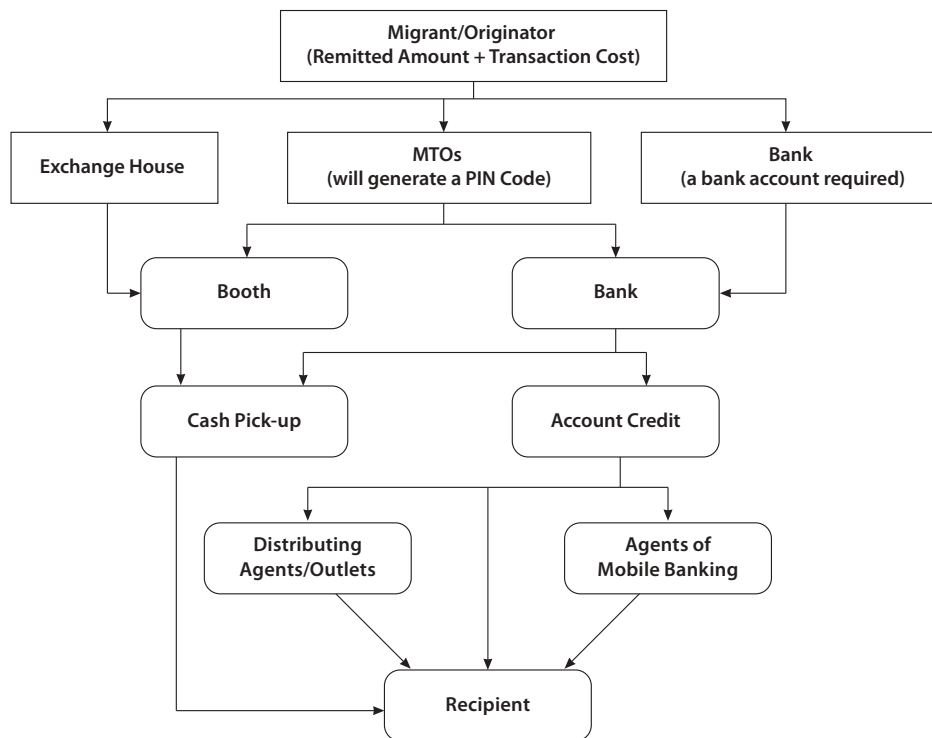
Recommendations

- Government must focus on efficiency enhancing factors along with basic requirements.
- Bangladesh needs to develop an efficient multimodal transport network for operating the business supply chain smoothly.

Poverty, Inequality and Social Protection

Stronger safety nets for Bangladeshi migrant workers

A complex transfer mechanism that raises costs for remitters.



CPD's study, "Advancing the Interests of Bangladesh's Migrant Workers: Issues of Financial Inclusion and Social Protection", contributes to safeguarding the migrant workers' interests by financially mainstreaming their income, raising efficiency of remittance use in Bangladesh and improving social security measures both in the home and host countries. Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, Mr Md Zafar Sadique, Senior Research Associate, MR Estiaque Bari, Research Associate and Ms Ummah

Salma, Research Associate of CPD conducted the research.

Our study highlights that despite Bangladesh's long experience in attracting remittances, problems remain pervasive with regard to cost of sending remittance, the use of remitted money and financial inclusion of migrant workers. Budgetary allocations for the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment continue to be negligent and social protection measures for migrant workers are also inadequate.

Recommendations for making remittance transfers less costly

- Using money transfer operator's websites, migrants can remit money while receivers can cash out using cash pickup, bank accounts or mobile wallets.
- Remitters can use card-based remittance services to add funds to a retailer's gift card in the home country. Receivers can make purchases from select outlets accordingly.
- Using mobile money transfer agents, remitters can avail accessible, affordable and inclusive alternatives for micro-lending, micro-savings and payments.
- Remitters can directly pay for utility bills for their families living in the home country using services that money transfer agents provide.

Measuring multidimensional poverty for policy



In May, Dr Sabina Alkire, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and Associate Professor, Oxford Department of International Development (ODID), Oxford University, UK presented on the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) at a roundtable discussion that CPD and BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) jointly organised. Dr Alkire and Professor James Foster, Oliver T. Carr Professor, International Affairs and Professor, Economics, George Washington University developed the MPI in 2007. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) adopted the approach for its global Human Development Reports.

Dr Alkire, who has been closely involved with approaches to measuring poverty, wellbeing and related poverty indices, put forward how the MPI can help measure progress towards curbing poverty at the national levels while implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. At the session, using the MPI, she highlighted the poverty trends in Bangladesh:

- Between 2004 and 2011, poverty decreased significantly both in terms of intensity and incidence. In 2004, 36.4 per cent of the population was poor. The statistics dropped to 24.5 per cent in 2011.
- Bangladesh's poverty reduction was the second fastest in South Asia following Nepal and more than twice as fast as India.

Regional Cooperation

CPD's ongoing efforts to advance research on potential opportunities for Bangladesh's integration into the regional economy has resulted in two studies. These focus on deepening economic ties with Asian neighbours to unleash greater investment in the region and the importance of South-South cooperation as economic giants from the global South are rising.

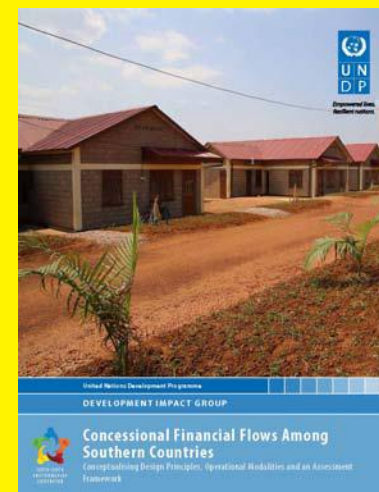
Developing a growth zone with North-East India and beyond: Bangladesh perspective

CPD's study, "Developing 'growth zone' through economic cooperation between Bangladesh-North East India and beyond", explores the potentials and challenges for linking North-East India (NEI), Bangladesh and the rest of India. Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director and Mr Shashish Shami Kamal, _____ of CPD conducted the study. We recommend that the Bangladesh-NEI growth zone needs to

be considered as part of a broader economic corridor that connects South Asia with SouthEast Asia to unleash greater investment in the region.

Developing the growth zone: the potentials:

- **Linking South Asia and South East Asia** can create a regional market of **2.3 billion people** that can transform regional economies.
- The economic potential can amount to about **USD 89-358 billion** over the next decade.
- Bangladesh can generate **USD 400 million** in revenue if about **25 percent of cargo** from India passes through the country.



In November, CPD released a joint report with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) titled **Concessional Financial Flows among Southern Countries: Conceptualising Design Principles, Operational Modalities and an Assessment Framework**.

Recognising the importance of South-South cooperation (SSC) for mobilising development finance across the global South during the post-2015 period, our report seeks to present the collective knowledge on the challenges for SSC. It also rigorously analyses existing trends in SSC to assess if Southern financial flows are concessional in nature by comparing them to traditional aid such as official development assistance (ODA). Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, and Ms Refaya Rashmin, Research Associate of CPD authored the research.

Towards Sustainable Economic Growth

Bangladesh has already entered middle-income economy category and is on track to graduate from UN's Least Developed Country (LDC) status. While these highlight the country's achievements in ensuring economic growth, making the growth inclusive and sustainable have become emerging challenges. Through research and expert consultations, CPD has been engaged in developing forward-looking strategies that help Bangladesh overcome the obstacles and push ahead.

Pursuing inclusive growth through decent work in Bangladesh



In January, CPD organised an expert consultation on “Operationalising Inclusive Growth in Bangladesh through full and decent employment” where Dr Muhammad Muqtada, Visiting Fellow at CPD and former Director, Policy Planning, Employment Sector, ILO made a presentation on the topic. The presentation stressed that in Bangladesh, inclusive growth has failed to take place as a significant portion of the population prone to chronic and transient poverty resulting from external shocks and adverse fluctuations in income.

Dr Muqtada highlighted that for inclusive growth to take place, Bangladesh must focus on whether and how people engage with the economic growth process. The economy should also emphasize on creating decent jobs that ensure fair income, social protection for families, workplace security and social integration.



As a new entrant to the middle-income economy category, Bangladesh aspires to transform into a high income economy (HIE) in the coming years. To do so, the economy must pursue a well-articulated strategy to avoid the middle-income trap, a situation when countries fail to sustain their past growth momentums after graduating to middle-income status. CPD's study, “Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Perspectives from Bangladesh”, details the challenges and the steps Bangladesh must take for this transformative journey.

While factors like transparency, strong institutions and rule of law will be critical, the researchers highlight that a new correlation of drivers will need to emerge to sustain and accelerate Bangladesh's growth momentum and avoid the MIT. Such drivers will be committed to ensuring democratic governance, empowering the working class, and the strengthening the Bangladesh's regional and global integration. Through political processes, this coalition can become the change agents for pursuing higher income status by avoiding the MIT.

The research was published in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Bangladesh. Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director and Mr Estiaque Bari, Research Associate of CPD conducted the study.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, Bangladesh committed to achieving the SDGs by 2030. In 2016, as part of its ongoing efforts to support SDG delivery in the country, CPD actively undertook research on the Goals. It also partnered with civil society activists, non-government organisations and the media to draw attention to the implementation and monitoring challenges ahead for Bangladesh.

Platform to help deliver the SDGs in Bangladesh

In June, with Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya as Convenor and CPD as the Secretariat, a group of eminent persons in Bangladesh set up the "Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh" to help implement the SDGs in the country. With at least 17 per cent of the Bangladeshi population under the poverty line and struggling to meet basic needs, adopting an inclusive approach for meeting the SDGs in the country is a priority. The Platform will monitor SDG implementation from the national to the local levels and help enhance accountability to keep the process on track.

28 non-government and civil society organisations partnered with the Platform at the launch. The initiative will draw up its programmes for five years and will establish contact with the Prime Minister's Office, planning commission, foreign ministry and finance ministry for implementing the SDGs.



Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh

এসডিজি বাস্তবায়নে নাগরিক প্ল্যাটফর্ম, বাংলাদেশ

“The Platform will work not only with policymakers and national level organisations but also with those at the grassroots level. The accumulated knowledge from each level will be the key driving force for this Platform.”

Ms Shaheen Anam
Executive Director
Manusher Jonno Foundation

Challenges ahead for implementing the SDGs

In November, CPD and Public Policy and Governance (PPG) Program, North South University (NSU) jointly organised a seminar on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Challenges of Implementation in Bangladesh for the faculty and students. According to participants, mobilising the necessary finance is the key challenge for achieving the SDGs.



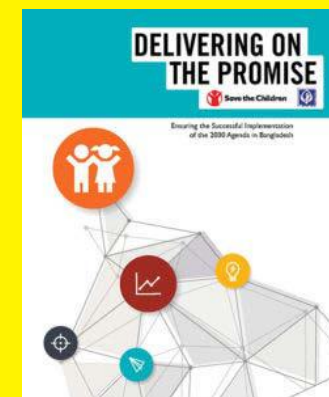


Dialogue on SDG 16 highlights need for comprehensive national strategy



At the national dialogue on “SDG 16 in the Bangladesh Context: Peace and Security, Human Rights and Governance” in July, participants stressed on forming a comprehensive national strategy for achieving the Goals. They also identified vaguely defined concepts, underperforming institutions, dearth of data, weak accountability and participation and lack of political will as key challenges for implementing SDG 16 in the country.

The Citizen’s Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh organised the event.



In December, CPD partnered with the Save the Children in Bangladesh to publish a joint study “Delivering on the Promise: Ensuring the Successful Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Bangladesh”. Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow, and Mr Mostafa Amir Sabbih, Research Associate of CPD authored the study.

The publication examines how well Bangladesh’s national programmes, policies and plans are aligned with the actions that must be pursued for attaining the SDGs. It also evaluates the state of monitoring and accountability mechanisms to be put in place and resources required to finance the SDGs’ activities.



In December, 32 journalists from across print and digital media took part in CPD's daylong workshop on "LDC Graduation in the context of SDGs Achievements". The workshop focused on LDCs, SDGs, and implementation challenges for Bangladesh and how the media fits in within the process.

Workshops on the SDGs

In November, CPD joined the Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh in co-organising the workshop, "Appreciation Course on 2030 Agenda: Framework Issues and Implementation Challenges". 42 executives from 36 organisations took part in the event. The workshop focused on improving the participants' knowledge on SDGs and its challenges, identifying policy gaps, and means for effectively financing the SDGs in Bangladesh.



Global Programmes

CPD functions as a secretariat for Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, a network of Southern think tanks serving as an open platform to contribute to the global dialogue on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also hosts LDC IV Monitor, a partnership of think tanks and international organisations that contributes to effectively implementing commitments envisaged under the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA).

What is Southern Voice?

Launched in 2012, the Southern Voice is a global network that challenges the “knowledge asymmetry” and “participation deficit” in the debate on the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. It publishes evidence-based policy analyses produced by centres of excellence, located in the Global South. 49 partner organisations based in 22 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America make up the network. Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, CPD chairs the network.

In April, Southern Voice (SV) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) kickstarted its joint regional dialogue series, “Starting Strong: the first 1000 days of the SDGs”, in Nairobi, Kenya. The two-day event focused on identifying priority early actions for the SDGs which not only addressed the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) but also discussed how to reach those who were likely to be left behind while implementing the SDGs. The regional dialogue for South Asia took place in Mariwala, Sri Lanka in May while the Latin American dialogue was held in Bogota, Colombia in June.



Collaborative research on SDGs published

The Southern Voice partnered with CPD and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) to publish its joint study, “Moving forward with the SDGs: Implementation challenges in developing countries”. Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Chair, Southern Voice and Distinguished Fellow, CPD, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow, CPD, Umme Shefa Rezban, Senior Research Associate, CPD and Lamya Mostaque, Research Associate, CPD conducted the study.

It identifies five key challenges for implementing the SDGs in developing countries: integrating the SDGs into national, sub-national and local-level development plans, establishing an institutional architecture that can deliver the development agenda, mobilising adequate financial and other resources, realising a “data revolution” with regard to monitoring and evaluation and developing partnerships by creating platforms for multi-stakeholder participation.

Planning for the network's strategic direction

With an aim to build a strategic framework for the next five years, Southern Voice held a series of consultative meetings in Negombo, Sri Lanka and in Dakar, Senegal. The network kickstarted the strategic meeting series in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in October 2015.

The network has been revisiting its governance structure and operational modalities and redefining its future research agenda in the context of the new international development agenda. A midterm strategy is underway through consultations with network members and partners.



Southern Voice publishes first research volume with Routledge

In November, Southern Voice published Southern Perspectives on the Post-2015 International Development Agenda, an edited volume of select policy papers, with leading international publisher Routledge – Taylor & Francis Group. It is part of Routledge Explorations in Development Studies series that features innovative and original research at the regional and global scale. Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Chair, Southern Voice and Distinguished Fellow, CPD and Ms Andrea Ordóñez Llanos, Research Coordinator, Southern Voice, are editors for this publication.

The compendium stitches together development realities and policy experiences from the Global South, infusing unique local perspectives to the global debate on the post-2015 agenda. It focuses on issues such as sustainability and growth, inclusion and social policies, governance and capacities, and financing of the new agenda.

“The papers in this volume are refreshing: technically sound and effectively critical of policies. They are by no means cut from one ideological cloth. In the piles of new publications about the SDGs, this book really stands out.”

Nancy Birdsall
Founding President, Center for Global
Development, Washington, DC



“SDGs have hit the ground running...but global environment is not supportive.”

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya
Chair, Southern Voice and Distinguished Fellow,
CPD

In July, at the opening plenary of UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (UN HLPF) in New York, USA, Southern Voice flagged that while most countries have integrated SDGs into their national plans, they continue to face challenges in areas such as institutional capacity, availability of financial resources and access to necessary data and information.

Some of the Key engagements in 2016

- UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (UN HLPF), New York, USA.
- UN General Assembly (UNGA) plenary meeting, New York, USA.
- UN Foundation, New York, USA.

New York, USA

- Starting Strong Series, Bogota, Colombia.

Bogota, Colombia

- Southern Voice, Strategy Plan meetings, Dakar, Senegal

Dakar, Senegal

Nairobi, Kenya

- Starting Strong Series, Nairobi, Kenya.

Dubai, UAE

- Global South-South Development Expo, Dubai, UAE.

Seoul, South Korea

- Busan Global Partnership Forum, Seoul, South Korea.

Guilin, China

- Global Preparatory Seminar for UN Data Forum, Guilin, China.

Bangkok, Thailand

- UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand.

Sri Lanka

- Starting Strong Series, Mariwala, Sri Lanka.
- Southern Voice, Strategy Plan meetings, Negombo, Sri Lanka





The LDC IV Monitor is an independent partnership of seven globally reputed think tanks and international organisations which seek to effectively implement the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) commitments adopted at the Fourth UN Conference for the Least Developed Countries (UN LDC IV) in 2011.

The Monitor at Antalya, Turkey

In May, the Monitor organised a special event on the sidelines of the Midterm Review (MTR) of the IPoA for least developed countries (LDCs) at Antalya, Turkey. It explored recent LDC development trends and the implementation status of selected IPoA commitments.

The Monitor also launched its latest report, “Achieving the Istanbul Programme of Action by 2020: Tracking Progress, Accelerating Transformations”, at the event. Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director, CPD, Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow, CPD and Mr Md. Zafar Sadique, Senior Research Associate, CPD contributed to the report.



Run up to Antalya

In February, leading up to the IPoA's MTR, the Monitor convened an expert group meeting in Paris, France at the OECD Development Centre to generate major inputs to prepare for the MTR. Similarly, in April, the United Nations Foundation organised a roundtable in New York, USA deliberating on “IPoA: successes, challenges and Midterm Review” where the Monitor took part.



The report highlights recent accomplishments, and missed opportunities for the LDCs given an unfavourable global economic environment and inadequate delivery of global aid commitments. It focuses on four themes which are at the IPoA's core: (i) structural transformation and export diversification in the LDCs (ii) prospects for the countries' graduation from the LDC classification (iii) implications of the 2030 Agenda for the LDCs and (iv) new challenges the LDCs face while in pursuing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

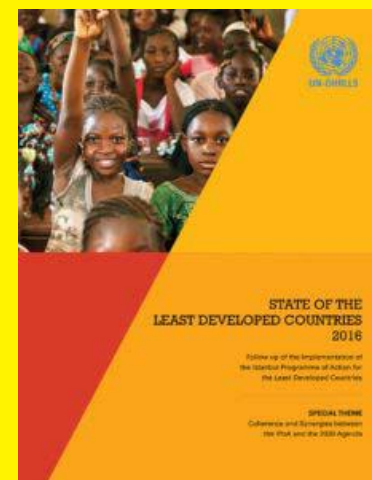
The Monitor at UNCTAD 14, Nairobi, Kenya



(L-R) H.E. Mr. Jayanta Chand, Minister for Commerce, Nepal, Dr Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD, and Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Chair, LDC IV Monitor and Distinguished Fellow, CPD.

In July, Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, at the 14th session of the Ministerial Conference of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 14) in Nairobi, Kenya chaired the roundtable on “Women as Agents for Economic Change”.

Women make up at least half of the agricultural labor force in LDCs and face multiple challenges that deter their productive potential. The round table discussed how empowering women can raise productivity, integrate smallholder farms into regional and global markets, and boost synergies between agriculture and non-farm activities.



In October, the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS) launched its annual publication, State of the Least Developed Countries 2016. Dr Fahmida Khatun, Research Director, CPD authored the section on “Coherence and Synergies between the IPoA and the 2030 Agenda” in this report.

The report highlights that 10 LDCs have accelerated progress towards graduation from the LDC category. It also maps the goals and targets for the IPoA and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, focuses on the actions agreed in the IPoA, the means of implementation under each SDG, and how implementation can be enhanced. Policy implications for mainstreaming the global frameworks at the national, regional and global levels have also been discussed in the report.

Capacity Building



Young Scholars' Seminar Series

Young Scholars' Seminar Series (YSSS) is a platform for young professional to hone their analytical skills and improve their articulation and presentation. YSSS holds in-house discussion with presentation of CPD's young researchers on topics from their ongoing research. The discussion provides suggestions from colleagues to address scopes of improvements in their study. The papers are then published as research articles in several platforms. 2 sessions were observed under the YSSS programme in 2016.



On 18th February, 2016, two studies by Research Associates of the CPD were presented. A cross-country study on garments sector provided with existing wage fixing mechanism and collective bargaining with their effects on several work related issues titled "Wage Fixing Institution and Their Impacts on Bangladesh" was presented by Mr Mahtab Uddin Ahmed. Mr Ashraful Haque Mahfuze shared the study on "Empirical Network Analysis of the SDGs: Perspective from Bangladesh" which aims to prioritise government involvements in achieving the 2030 Agenda for SDG.

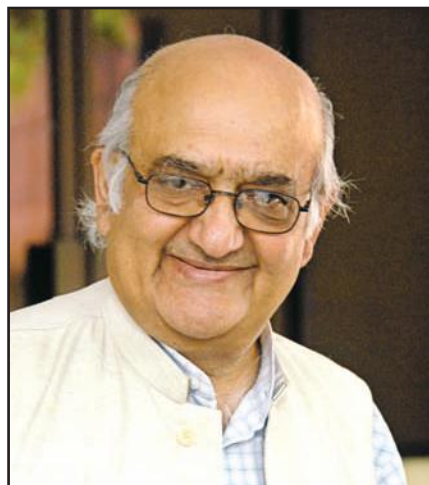
A presentation on "Labour Market: Concepts, Issues and Evidences" by Ms Shahida Pervin, shed light on policies and institutions in the labour market. Ms Sherajum Monira Farin, identified from her study, "The Economic Implications of 'Brexit' on Bangladesh Economy", the possible challenges to several sectors of Bangladesh due to Brexit. These were held at another YSSS session on 2nd August, 2016.



Governance and Internal Management

Board of Trustees (BoT)

The highest body in CPD's governance structure is the BoT. The members include some of the leading lights in Bangladesh civil society. The BoT meets at least twice a year and is entasked with providing overall guidance to the activities undertaken by the Centre. 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.



Professor Rehman Sobhan

Chairman, CPD
Former Member of the President's Advisory Council



Sir Fazle Hasan Abed

Founder and Chairperson
BRAC



Ms Khushi Kabir

Coordinator, Nijera Kori



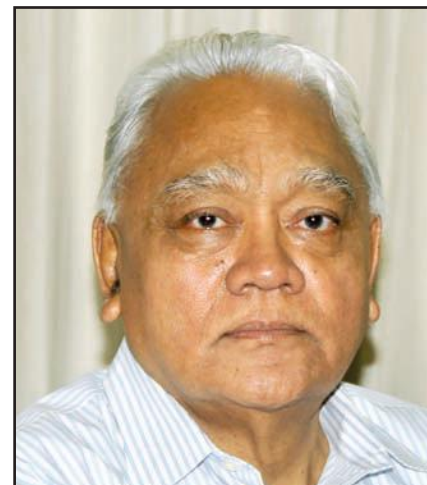
Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus

Chairman, Yunus Centre,
Former Member (Minister), Advisory Council of the Caretaker Government



Mr M Syeduzzaman

Former Finance Minister



Syed Manzur Elahi

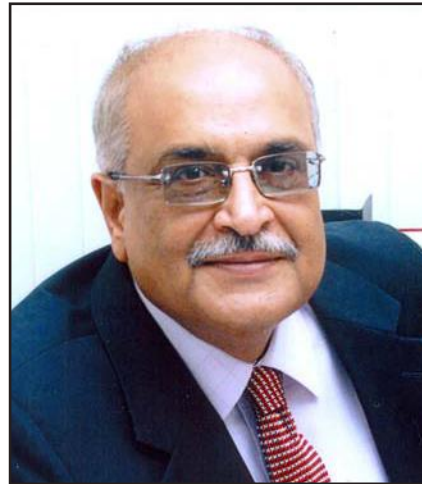
Chairman, Apex Group;
Former Member (Minister)
Advisory Council of the Caretaker Government



Dr Anisuzzaman
Professor Emeritus,
University of Dhaka, and
Chairman, Bangla Academy



Advocate Sultana Kamal
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Former Member (Minister) Advisory
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Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya
Distinguished Fellow, CPD and
Former Ambassador and
Permanent Representative of Bangladesh
to the WTO and UN Offices in Geneva



Ms Rasheda K Choudhury
Executive Director, CAMPE and Former
Advisor of the Caretaker Government
She joined BoT on 19th August '2015



Dr Shahdeen Malik
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Honorary Director, Bangladesh Institute of
Law and International Affairs



Dr Syed Manzoorul Islam
Professor of English
University of Dhaka
Writer, Novelist, Translator and Columnist



Professor Mustafizur Rahman
(Member Secretary: BoT)
Executive Director, CPD

MIC

Management and Implementation Committee

MIC is mandated with the task of overall supervision, monitoring and guidance of the day-to-day work of the CPD. The committee is also required to take decisions on daily administrative and management issues. The MIC meets on a regular basis to review the progress of research and dialogue activities, and discuss future plans of CPD. A total of 31 MIC meetings were held in 2016. Mr M Shafiquel Islam, Additional Director, Administration and Finance, CPD was the Member Secretary of MIC.

RMC

Research Management Committee (RMC)

The RMC was set up in 2008 with a view to ensuring proper planning and implementation of research programmes of the CPD. Chaired by the Research Director, the RMC include mid-to-senior level researchers as its members. The RMC takes stock of progress in research works, discusses research proposals and deliberates on the CPD's research collaboration and partnerships. It is the RMC's task to design research strategy of the CPD to submit before the CPD-BoT for its consideration. In 2016, 5 RMC meetings were held. Ms Umme Shefa Rezvana, Senior Research Associate, CPD was the Coordinator.

RECAP

Review, Coordination and 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. 7 ReCAP meetings and 1 special ReCAP meeting were held throughout 2016. Mr Kishore Kumar Basak, Senior Research Associate, CPD was the Coordinator of this body.

MIC Members



Professor Mustafizur Rahman
Executive Director



Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya
Distinguished Fellow



Ms Anisatul Fatema Yousuf
Director
Dialogue & Communication



Dr Fahmida Khatun
Research Director



Mr M Shafiquel Islam
Additional Director
Administration and Finance



Dr Khondaker G Moazzem
Additional Research Director

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

Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants has carried out the audit of the financial statements of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) for the calendar year 2016.

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 2016 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 Income & Expenses for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as on 31 December 2016 provided below. These extracts provide an overview of the state of financial affairs of the Centre.

Statement of Income & Expenses for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Amount in Taka ('000)	
	Year ended 31 Dec 2016	Year ended 31 Dec 2015
<u>Incoming resources</u>		
Fund and grants	129,929	90,910
Other Receipts	6,910	3,528
Total resources	<u>136,839</u>	<u>94,438</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>		
Administrative & management expenditure	80,164	70,904
Project / programme expenditures	63,807	44,382
Total Expenditure	<u>143,970</u>	<u>115,286</u>
Reserve/ (Deficit)	<u>(7,131)</u>	<u>(20,848)</u>

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31 December 2016

	Amount in Taka ('000)	
	As at 31 Dec 2016	As at 31 Dec 2015
Assets		
Non-current Assets	132,586	124,889
Current Assets	167,934	128,426
Less: Current Liabilities	(25,874)	(1,654)
Net Assets	274,646	251,661
Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds	199,170	182,060
Restricted Funds	75,476	69,601
	274,646	251,661

Statement of Cash Flow as at 31 December 2016

	Amount in Taka ('000)	
	As at 31 Dec 2016	As at 31 Dec 2015
Cash flows from operating activities	7,289	(15,590)
<i>Deficit for the year 2016</i>	<i>(7,132)</i>	<i>(20,848)</i>
<i>Adjustment for non-cash items</i>	<i>14,421</i>	<i>5,259</i>
Cash flows from investing activities	(12,097)	(5,653)
Cash flows from financing activities	-	-
Net increase decrease in cash & cash equivalents	(4,808)	(21,242)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	118,657	139,899
Closing cash and cash equivalents	113,849	118,657

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Overseas Engagements of CPD Professionals in 2016

Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman

- Participated at the *Thirteenth Kolkata Group Workshop on Democracy and Development*, organised by the Pratichi (India) Trust, Harvard University and the UNICEF India, during 20-22 January 2016, in Kolkata, India.
- Discussed the book “Untranquil Recollections: The Years of Fulfilment,” as the author and designated speaker, at the event titled *Reflections on Bangladesh*, organised by the Hudson Institute, on 23 June 2016, in Washington, D.C., USA.

Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director

- Presented a paper titled “SAARC Food Bank: institutional Architecture and Issues of Operationalisation,” at the *South Asia Regional Consultation on Agriculture and Food Systems in the Era of Sustainable Development*, organised by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition and Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), during 11-12 February 2016, in New Delhi, India.
- Presented a paper titled “Implications of 2030 Agenda and AAAA for IPoA,” and chaired the Session-1 on ‘Examination of Structural Transformation and Diversification in LDCs’ at the expert group meeting on *Promoting Inclusive Growth in the LDCs through Improved Global Governance*, organised by the LDC IV Monitor, on 29 February 2016, in Paris, France.
- Presented a paper titled “Escaping the Middle Income Trap: Perspectives from Bangladesh,” at the workshop on *Middle Income Trap: International Experiences and Lessons for Vietnam*, organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Vietnam Office, during 17-18 March 2016, in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.
- Participated at the consultative meeting of Commonwealth Expert Group on Trade titled *Revitalising Global Trade and Multilateralism*, organised by The Commonwealth and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), during 30-31 March 2016, in New Delhi, India.
- Participated at the 1st International Think Tank Forum of 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road on *Mutual Consultation and Trust, Mutual Assistance and Win-Win Cooperation*, organised by the Collaborative Innovation Center for 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road Studies, during 10-11 May 2016, in Guangdong, China.
- Participated at the *Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the IPoA and the Civil Society Forum*, organised by United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), during 27-29 May 2016, in Antalya, Turkey.
- Participated at the *4th Asia Think Tank Summit* titled “Sustainable Development Goals in the Asian Landscape: Think Tanks as Catalysts for Policy Analyses and Implementation,” jointly organised by the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), Korea Development Institute (KDI), Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), Think Tank and Civil Society Program (TTCSP), and the Asia Development Bank Institute (ADBI), during 8-10 June 2016, in Seoul, Korea.
- Participated at the consultation on *2016 Human Development Report: Human Development – the Way Ahead*, organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on 20 June 2016, in Singapore.
- Made a presentation on “Making Every Life Count: Recommendations and Implications from ‘Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country-Level,’” at the launching event of the ‘Global Report of Post-2015 Data Test,’ at the dialogue titled *Making Every Life Count: A Dialogue on Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level*, organised by the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and the United Nations Foundations (UNF), during 7-8 July 2016, in New York, USA.
- Participated at the *Southern Voice Strategy Development Meeting*, organised by the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), during 4-5 August 2016, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Participated at the regional dissemination meeting titled *Trade and Transport Facilitation Audit in South Asia: Dissemination of study findings*, organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government, during 29-30 September 2016, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

- Participated at the *Southern Voice Strategy Development Meeting*, organised by the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and the Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR), during 14-15 November 2016, in Dakar, Senegal.
- Participated at the workshop on *Job Creation in Manufacturing Sector as a Strategy for Sustainable Economic Growth in South Asia*, organised by the RIS and the South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), on 5 December 2016, in New Delhi, India.
- Participated at the *6th South Asia Regional Think Tank Meeting*, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) during 13-15 December 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow

- Participated at the roundtable discussion on *Measuring Progress on the SDGs: Building National Statistical Capacity*, organised by the United Nations Foundation (UNF), on 4 February 2016, in New York, USA.
- Participated at the *Third Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) Monitoring and Advisory Group (MAG)*, organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), during 5-7 February 2016, in New York, USA.
- Presented a paper titled “Building a Sustainable Way Forward for LDCs in WTO: Guidance from the 2030 Agenda and Nairobi Outcome,” at the policy dialogue on *Unpacking the Nairobi Outcome for LDCs*, organised by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), on 8 February 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Participated at a workshop on *Opportunities and Challenges for the Multilateral System*, organised by the Swedish Minister for Strategic Development & Nordic Cooperation, on 11 February 2016, in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Participated at the expert group meeting on *Promoting Inclusive Growth in the LDCs through Improved Global Governance*, organised by the LDC IV Monitor, on 29 February 2016, in Paris, France.
- Presented a paper titled “Towards Achieving SDGs: Implementation, M&E and Data Related Issues,” at the *Inaugural Conference of the West African Think Tank Network (WATTNet)*, organised by The Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), during 2-3 March 2016, in Accra, Ghana.
- Was panellist at the “Plenary Session III: Southern Development Narrative and Role of Southern Think-tanks” at the *International Conference on South-South Cooperation*, organised by the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) and the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), on 10 March 2016, in New Delhi, India.
- Participated at the dialogue on *Unlocking the Potential for the World Trade Organization to Deliver Modern Trade Deals*, organised by the Wilton Park, during 14-15 March 2016, in West Sussex, UK.
- Was the distinguished speaker at the seminar on *For the Planet and the Poor*, organised by the Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, during 4-5 April 2016, in Indiana, USA.
- Was a discussant at the roundtable on *The Istanbul Programme of Action: A Discussion on Successes, Challenges and the Midterm Review*, organised by the UNF, on 7 April 2016, in New York, USA.
- Was a panellist at the opening and closing sessions at the regional dialogue on *Starting Strong: The First 1000 Days of the SDGs*, organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) and the Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI), during 12-13 April 2016, in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Was a panellist at the “Session IV: The G20’s Contribution to an Inclusive World Economy,” of the *Berlin T20 Conference*, organised by the Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS), German Development Institute (DIE) and the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES), Germany, during 12-13 May 2016, in Berlin, Germany.
- Was a panellist at the opening and closing sessions at the regional dialogue on *Starting Strong: The First 1000 Days of the SDGs*, organised by the ODI, Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, CEPA, KIPPRA and the CEPEI, during 18-19 May 2016, in Marawila, Sri Lanka.

- Participated at the *Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the IPoA and the Civil Society Forum*, organised by United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), during 27-29 May 2016, in Antalya, Turkey.
- Was a discussant at the session on “Review of the Outcomes of the Consultation on the MAG Proposals for Indicators,” of the *Monitoring and Advisory Group (MAG) Meeting*, organised by the GPEDC, during 4-6 June 2016, in Paris, France.
- Participated at the discussion on *CPPF/DPA Meeting on Bangladesh*, organised by the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (UNDPA) and the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF), on 10 June 2016, in New York, USA.
- Was a discussant at the seminar on *Reimagining Development in LDCs: What Role for the SDGs?*, organised by the LDC Independent Expert Group, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the ESRC STEPS Centre, during 13-14 June 2016, in London, UK.
- Participated at the inception workshop on *Decentralisation, Multilevel Governance, and Corruption*, organised by the ODI, during 15-16 June 2016, in London, UK.
- Participated at the *Peer Review Meeting of the LDC Report 2016*, organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), during 28-29 June 2016, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Participated at the *BRAC International Governing Board Meeting*, organised by the BRAC International, on 30 June 2016, in Hague, Netherlands.
- Participated at the launching event of the “Global Report of Post-2015 Data Test,” at the dialogue titled *Making Every Life Count: A Dialogue on Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level*, organised by the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and the UNF, during 7-8 July 2016, in New York, USA.
- Was a speaker at the opening plenary of the *High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2016 – Ensuring that No One is Left Behind*, organised by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), on 11 July 2016, in New York, USA.
- Chaired a ministerial roundtable on “Women as Agents for Economic Change,” at the fourteenth session of the *Ministerial Conference of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 14)*, organised by the UNCTAD, during 17-22 July 2016, in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Participated at the *Southern Voice Strategy Development Meeting*, organised by the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and the CEPA, during 4-5 August 2016, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Presented a paper titled “A Transformative Vision for Data for Sustainable Development,” at the *Global Preparatory Seminar for the United Nations World Data Forum*, organised by the UNDESA, in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS), during 7-9 September 2016, in Guilin, China.
- Made a presentation on “Civil Society Influencing Policy Change in Bangladesh: *Vision 2021* Initiative of CPD,” at the symposium on *Evidence and the Politics of Policy Making: Where Next?* organised by the Institute for Policy Research (IPR) and the Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath, on 14 September, in Bath, UK.
- Participated at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) plenary meeting titled *The SDGs and Country Implementation: Navigating between International Needs and Local Realities*, organised by the PARIS21, CEPEI and the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, on 20 September 2016, in New York, USA.
- Participated at the *2016 Busan Global Partnership Forum*, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea and the GPEDC, during 6-7 October 2016, in Seoul, South Korea.
- Participated at the dialogue on *Knowledge for Development: Optimising Development Impact through Investments in Research*, organised by the Wilton Park, during 10-12 October 2016, in West Sussex, UK.
- Presented a paper titled “Concessional Financial Flows among Southern Countries,” at the solution forum on ‘Research on SSC in the Context of SDGs,’ at the *Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo 2016*, organised by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, during 31 October-3 November 2016, in Dubai, UAE.
- Participated at the workshop on *Multilevel Governance, Decentralisation and Corruption*, organised by the ODI, during 7-9 November 2016, in London, UK.

- Participated at the *Southern Voice Strategy Development Meeting*, organised by the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and the Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR), during 14-15 November 2016, in Dakar, Senegal.
- Presented two papers: “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Understanding the Follow-up and Review Process,” at the first session on ‘What is Follow-up and Review? Developing a Shared Understanding and Defining Success’; and, “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Designing a Regional Follow-up and Review Mechanism,” at the third session on ‘Bridging the Gap from Current to Desired’, of the expert group meeting on *Macroeconomic Prospects, Policy Challenges and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific*, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), during 1-2 December, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Made a presentation on “Independent Follow-up and Review of Implementation of SDGs: Designing a Southern Report,” at the *6th South Asia Regional Think Tank Meeting*, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) during 13-15 December 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Ms Anisatul Fatema Yousuf, Director, Dialogue & Communication

- Participated at the fourteenth session of the *Ministerial Conference of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 14)*, organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), during 17-22 July 2016, in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Participated at the *South Asian Regional Consultation on Health Policy Institutions*, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), on 5 December 2016, in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated at the study of scholars and media from countries along the Belt and Road which belongs to the project ‘New Stories of the Silk Road’, organised by the International Department, Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), during 12-22 December 2016, in China.

Dr Fahmida Khatun, Research Director

- Participated at the seminar on *Accessing Resources from Global Market: Geo-political Challenges and Strategies*, organised by The Energy Research Institute (TERI), during 22-23 January 2016, in New Delhi, India.
- Presented a paper on “Connectivity and People to People Contact,” at the *Regional Consultation of BIMSTEC Network of Policy Think Tank (BNPTT)*, organised by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), on 27 September 2016, in New Delhi, India.
- Made a presentation on “Regional Issues in Fisheries and Aquaculture: Prospective from Bangladesh,” at the *Second IORA Blue Economy Dialogue on Sectoral Cooperation in Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean Region*, organised by the RIS, during 4-5 November 2016, in New Delhi, India.
- Participated at the *Think Tank Forum 2016*, organised by the Lauder Institute Wharton School and School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania – Shanghai, during 10-11 November 2016, in Shanghai, China.
- Participated at the *Southern Voice Strategy Development Meeting*, organised by the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals and the Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR), during 14-15 November 2016, in Dakar, Senegal.
- Participated at the *6th South Asia Regional Think Tank Meeting*, organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) during 13-15 December 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director

- Presented a paper titled “Global Supply Chain and International Trade Regime in the Participating Regime: Case of Bangladesh,” at the technical meeting on *Core Labour Standards plus-Linking Trade and Decent Work in Global Supply Chains in Asia*, organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Thailand Office, on 1 March 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.

- Presented a paper titled “Connectivity, Migration and Business Issues and Concerns: Within and Beyond,” at the thematic meeting of the *Ninth Global Forum on Migration and Development*, organised by the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), on 29 March 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Participated at the conference titled *America's Role in Asia 2016*, organised by The Asia Foundation, Sri Lanka, during 25-27 April 2016, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Presented a paper titled “From Minimum Wage to Living Wage: Bangladesh Garments Sector Perspective,” at the *Asian Living Wage Conference*, organised by the Government of Pakistan, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, during 25-26 May 2016, in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated at the *GlZ Symposium 2016 on Economic and Social Development, Employment*, organised by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), during 5-9 September 2016, in Bonn, Germany.
- Participated at the regional planning workshop on *Social and Labor Standards in the Textile and Garment Sector in Asia (SLSG)*, organised by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), during 20-21 September 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Participated at the workshop on *Job Creation in Manufacturing Sector as a Strategy for Sustainable Economic Growth in South Asia*, organised by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and the South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), on 5 December 2016, in New Delhi, India.

Mr Uttam Kumar Paul, Deputy Director, Accounts

- Attended the training course on *Advanced Financial Management*, organised by the Princeton Academy, during 1-4 September 2016, in Mumbai, India.

Mr Avra Bhattacharjee, Deputy Director, Dialogue and Outreach

- Participated at the *2016 Fall Academy on Using the UN's Sustainable Development Agenda for Transformative Politics*, organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), during 14-18 November 2016, in New York, USA.

Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow

- Presented a paper titled “Illicit Financial Flow in the context of Bangladesh,” at the seminar on *International Taxation and Regional Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities for Asia*, organised by the Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA) and the Financial Transparency Coalition (FTC), during 29-30 March 2016, in Delhi, India.
- Made a presentation on “Data Ecosystem Mapping in the context of SDG 16 in Bangladesh,” at the *Global Workshop on Data Ecosystems for Sustainable Development*, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), during 20-21 June 2016, in New York, USA.
- Made a presentation on “The End of Manufacturing-led Development?: A Reflection on Bangladesh,” at the FES Economy of Tomorrow regional conference titled *Robots, Trump, Brexit: Is the Window for Development Closing?* organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) South Korea and the FES India, on 11 October 2016, in Seoul, South Korea.
- Participated at the round table on *Reforms in International Taxation and Financial Transparency: Towards a Regional Agenda for Asia*, organised by the CBGA and the FTC, on 21 November 2016, in New Delhi, India.

Mr Md. Zafar Sadique, Senior Research Associate

- Participated at the *National Trade Portal and Single Window Best Practices Forum*, organised by the United States Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), during 9-10 August 2016, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Presented a paper on “Trade and Transport Facilitation in Bangladesh: An Audit of the State of Play,” at the seminar on *Trade and Transport Facilitation Audit in South Asia: Dissemination of Study Findings*, organised by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), during 29-30 September 2016, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Mr Md. Shamimur Rohman, Senior Accounts Associate

- Attended the training course on *Advanced Financial Management*, organised by the Princeton Academy, during 1-4 September 2016, in Mumbai, India.

Ms Umme Shefa Rezbana, Senior Research Associate

- Participated at the seminar on *Decentralisation, Multilevel Governance and Corruption*, organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), during 15-16 June 2016, in London, UK.
- Presented the inception report titled “Multilevel Governance, Decentralisation and Corruption,” at a work plan meeting for the project *Multilevel Governance, Decentralisation and Corruption*, organised by the ODI, during 7-9 November 2016, in London, UK.
- Presented a paper titled “Decentralised Governance, Corruption and Anti-corruption Measures: An Enquiry in the Bangladesh Experience,” at the workshop on *Corruption: Black and White or Fifty Shades?* organised by the University of Birmingham (Developmental Leadership Program), the ODI, the British Academy and the ANTICORRP, on 10 November 2016, in Birmingham, UK.

Mr Mostafa Amir Sabbih, Research Associate

- Coordinated a session on regional research and participated at the dialogue titled *Starting Strong: The First 1000 Days of the SDGs*, organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Sri Lanka, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), and the Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI), Colombia, during 18-19 May 2016, in Marawila, Sri Lanka.

Mr Muhammad Zillur Rahman, Accounts Associate

- Attended the training course on *Advanced Financial Management*, organised by the Princeton Academy, during 1-4 September 2016, in Mumbai, India.

Mr Estiaque Bari, Research Associate

- Participated at the *100 Member Bangladesh Youth Delegation to India*, organised by the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh, during 4-11 December 2016.

Mr Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, Research Associate

- Was a speaker at the session titled “Potential and Scope of Border Special Development Zones in Eastern South Asia,” at the policy dialogue on *Regional Connectivity and Border Special Development Zones in Eastern South Asia*, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Government of Meghalaya, India, during 25-26 April 2016, in Shillong, India.

Mr Muntaseer Kamal, Research Associate

- Attended a short-term training programme on *China's 13th Five-Year Plan and Development Opportunities for China's Neighboring Countries*, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China, in collaboration with China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), during 18-25 July 2016, in Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou, China.

Mr Md. Sazzad Mahmud Shuvo, Dialogue Associate (Communication)

- Participated at the dialogue titled *Starting Strong: The First 1000 Days of the SDGs*, organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Sri Lanka, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), and the Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI), Colombia, during 18-19 May 2016, in Marawila, Sri Lanka.

Ms Tapashi Binte Mahmud Chowdhury, Dialogue Associate

- Participated at the *33Sixty – Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme*, organised by the Common Purpose, The Commonwealth, National Youth Council (NYC) and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), during 25-28 October 2016, in Singapore.

Ms Teresa Gonsalves, Executive Assistant

- Participated at the *33Sixty – Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme*, organised by the Common Purpose, The Commonwealth, National Youth Council (NYC) and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), during 25-28 October 2016, in Singapore.

Ms Maeesa Ayesha, Programme Associate

- Participated at the *Asia-Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development 2016*, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), during 31 March-2 April 2016, in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr Shashish Shami Kamal, Research Associate

- Presented a paper titled “Strategic Suggestions for Enhancing Intra-regional Trade, Investment and Connectivity among BIMSTEC Countries,” at the seminar on *BIMSTEC at 20: Agenda for 2017 and Beyond*, organised by the Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD) and the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS), University of Calcutta, during 28-29 March 2016, in Kolkata, India.

Involvements of CPD Members in Policymaking and Government's Advisory Bodies in 2016

Professor Mustafizur Rahman, Executive Director

1. Member, Panel of Economists for the Seventh Five Year Plan of Bangladesh
2. Member, Steering Committee of BCIM Economic Corridor Study Group
3. Member, National Consumer Rights Protection Parishad (NCRPP)
4. Member, Governing Council, Institute of Public Finance Bangladesh (IPF)
5. Member, Advisory Committee of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)
6. Member, Panel of Experts for Support to Sustainable and Inclusive Planning set up by the Planning Commission
7. Member, Eminent Persons' Group set up by the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance
8. Member, Panel of Experts for Second Perspective Plan of Bangladesh (2021-2041), Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Additional Research Director

1. Member, Advisory Board of the Accord on Fire and Safety in Bangladesh
2. Member, Working Group, Bangladesh Partnership for Cleaner Textile (PaCT) Project
3. SME Standing Committee on Programmes and Projects
4. Member, Board of Editors, Journal of SME Development

Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan, Research Fellow

1. Member, Public-Private Stakeholders' Committee (PPSC), Ministry of Planning

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