

Poverty Determinants, Employment Patterns, Education Trends and Regional Differences

A Workshop dedicated to the late Syed Nizamuddin, Senior Economist, World Bank for his invaluable work on poverty issues over the past two decades

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AGENDA

Session I: Chair Mahbub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC

- 09:30 a.m.** *Welcome remarks by Xian Zhu*
- 9:40 a.m.** *Remembering the late Syed Nizamuddin's contribution to the World Bank's analytical work: Quazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Debapriya Bhattacharya, Atiur Rahman*
- 10:00 a.m.** *Trends and determinants of poverty reduction: Hassan Zaman/Ambar Narayan*
- 10:30 a.m.** *Discussants: Debapriya Bhattacharya/Hossain Zillur Rahman*
- 10:50 a.m.** *Open discussion and remarks by Chair*

Session II: Chair Wahiddudin Mahmud, Professor, Economics Department, Dhaka University

- 11:40 a.m.** *Lagging regions and possible solutions: Forhad Shilpi*
- 12:10 p.m.** *Discussants: Atiur Rahman/Quazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed*
- 12:20 p.m.** *Open discussion and remarks by Chair*
- 1:00 p.m.** *Lunch break*

Session III: Chair Jafar Ahmed Chowdhury, Planning Secretary, Ministry of Planning

- 2:00 p.m.** *Linking growth and poverty using labor market trends: Marcin Sasin*
Education trends and labor market outcomes: Samer Al-Samarrai
- 2:45 p.m.** *Discussants: Rushidan Islam Rahman/Manzoor Ahmed*
- 3:05 p.m.** *Open discussion*
- 3:50 p.m.** *Understanding the micro impact of macro changes: linking HIES 2005 to a CGE model: Bazlul Haque Khondker/Selim Raihan*
- 4:10 p.m.** *Discussant: Zaidi Sattar*
- 4:20 p.m.** *General discussion*
- 4:50 p.m.** *Closing remarks by Chair*