



Economic Approaches to Climate Change and Poverty: a workshop for economic policy makers and researchers in Bangladesh

13-14 October 2009, Dhaka, Bangladesh

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday 13 October

8:30 **Guest registration**

9:00 **Why does the economics of climate change and adaptation matter?**

Speakers:

- Member, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Bangladesh
- Country Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Director, South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE)

Distribution of a climate change survey

9:45 **Climate change economics: national and international policy contexts – panel discussion**

Speakers:

- Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bangladesh
- World Bank
- Asia Development Bank
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)

10:45 Tea and coffee

11:00 **Economics of climate change adaptation**

Presentations:

- A.K.E. Haque, United International University – “Cost of adaptation – emerging issues in Bangladesh”
- Aminul Islam, UNDP Bangladesh – “Issues and concerns on economics of adaptation to climate change: Bangladesh context”

12:00 Lunch

1:00 **Climate change, poverty and growth**

Presentations:

- Dr Muhammad G. Sarwar, Planning Commission, Bangladesh – “Climate change, Millennium Development Goals and poverty
- M. Asaduzzaman, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) – “The

economics of REDD and its relevance for Bangladesh”

- 2:00 Climate change and economics of agriculture**
Presentations:
- Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) – “Changing agricultural technology: a case study from Bangladesh”
 - Kavi Kumar, Madras School of Economics – “Agricultural production and food security – research results from India”
- 3:00 Tea and coffee
- 3:30 Climate change and economic decision-making**
Break-out groups
- 5:00 Close

Wednesday 14 October

- 8:30 Guest registration
- 9:00 Climate change and economics of disaster management**
Presentations:
- S.M. Mahbubur Rahman, Institute of Water Modelling – “Water infrastructure responses to climate change”
 - Nabiul Islam, BIDS – “Impacts of flood in urban Bangladesh – micro and macro level analysis”
 - Saudamini Das, Swami Shradhanand College, Delhi University – “Natural barriers and storm protection”
- 10:30 Tea and coffee
- 11:00 Climate change and economics of health**
Presentations:
- Minhaj Mahmud, BRAC University – “The economics of health and climate change in Bangladesh”
 - Priya Shyamsundar, SANDEE – “Water and air pollution in the context of climate change – examining health costs”
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 The next steps**
Break-out groups
- 3:00 Afternoon tea
- 3:30 Report back: research and policy needs**

Review of responses to the climate change survey
- 4:15 Conclusions and next steps**
- 5:00 Close

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