Sector Expert Roundtable on Smart Ways to Deal with Environmental Issues in Rural and Urban Settings

Date: February 14, 2016
Time: 10:30am-1:40pm (refreshments and lunch provided)
Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Meeting Room # 3 (Level 3)
BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Topic	Speaker	Time
Welcome Speech	**Abdul Bayes** Director, Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC	10:30 am – 10:35 am
Project Background & Current Status	**Brad Wong** Sr. Research Manager, Copenhagen Consensus	10:35 am – 10:45 am
Rural Environmental Issues		
Wetlands	**A K M Nazrul Islam** Associate Professor, Environmental Economics Dhaka School of Economics (DScE)	10:45 am – 11:05 am
Q & A + Comments		11:05 am – 11:15 am
Arsenic treatment, Water and Sanitation	**Bjorn Larsen** Economist and Consultant	11:15 am – 11:35 am
Q & A + Comments		11:35 am – 11:45 am
Household Air Pollution	**Bjorn Larsen** Economist and Consultant	11:45 am – 12:05 pm
Q & A + Comments		12:05 pm – 12:15 pm
	Tea Break	12:15 pm – 12:30 pm
Urban environmental Issues		
Brick Kilns in Dhaka city	**Bjorn Larsen** Economist and Consultant	12:30 pm – 12:50 pm
Q & A + Comments		12:50 pm – 1:00 pm
Liveability issues of Dhaka city Issues of river ecosystem and utility services for Dhaka city	**Khorshed Alam** Associate Professor of Economics, University of Southern Queensland, Australia.	1:00 pm – 1:20 pm
Q & A + Comments		1:20 pm – 1:30 pm
Prioritization Exercise and Closing Remarks	**Brad Wong** Sr. Research Manager, Copenhagen Consensus	1:30 pm – 1:40 pm
Refreshments (Lunch)		1:40 pm

Biographies of Participating Economists

A K M Nazrul Islam is an Associate Professor of Environmental Economics at Dhaka School of Economics (DScE). He is the founding Coordinator of Environmental Economics programme of DScE. Prior to his current assignment, he worked with Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka as a Research Fellow and Oxfam GB as a research and policy expert. Dr. Islam has the experiences of conducting research on economic valuation of ecosystem services, climate change and energy issues. He is the Associate Executive Editor of Asia Pacific Journal on Environment and Development, jointly published by Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) and Dhaka School of Economics.

Bjorn Larsen is an economist and consultant to international and bilateral development agencies, consulting firms, and research institutions with 25 years of professional experience from over 50 developing countries. His expertise includes quantitative health risk assessment, health risk valuation, benefit assessment of environmental protection, cost-benefit and cost effectiveness analysis of environmental health intervention. His primary fields of work are outdoor air pollution, household air pollution from solid fuels, household water supply, sanitation and hygiene, and poverty-environmental health linkages.

Khorshed Alam is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Southern Queensland. His research interests include environmental, resource and agricultural economic issues, economics of water-energy-climate change, sustainability, applied economics, digital futures and economic impact assessment .He has published over 70 refereed journal articles and book chapters and a further 40 non-refereed research reports and conference/seminar papers. He has conducted research for local, state and Commonwealth Government departments in Australia.