Sector Expert Roundtable on Smart Ways to Improve Gender Equality
Date: February 16, 2016
Time: 9:30am-11:00am (refreshments 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	9:30 am – 9:35 am
Project Background & Current Status	**Brad Wong** Sr. Research Manager, Copenhagen Consensus	9:35 am – 9:40 am
Individual Presentations		
Effective and not-so-effective ways to address child marriage	**Erica Field** Professor of Economics, Duke University	9:40 am – 10:10 am
Q & A + Comments		10:10 am – 10:20 am
Sexual and reproductive health rights	**Ahsanuzzaman** Assistant Professor of Economics North South University, Dhaka	10:20 am – 10:40 am
Q & A + Comments		10:40 pm – 10:50 am
Prioritization Exercise and Closing Remarks	**Brad Wong** Sr. Research Manager, Copenhagen Consensus	10:50 am – 11:00 am
Refreshments		11:00 am

Biographies of Participating Economists

Erica M. Field joined the Duke faculty as an associate professor in 2011. She is also a faculty research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Professor Field's major fields of interests are development economics, labor economics, economic demography, and health. Specifically, her research focuses on the areas of marriage and family, property rights, global health, and finance and entrepreneurship. She has published work in various journals, including the American Economics Journal and the Quarterly Journal of Economics. She is currently working on projects that explore adolescent empowerment and education in Bangladesh, the effects of microfinance on women and households in South Asia and India, and the impacts of access to family planning resources on fertility and health in Zambia.

Ahsanuzzaman is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the North South University, Dhaka. He is a development economist with research interest in agriculture, health and environmental issues. He has been involved with research in collaboration with Bureau of Economic Research at the University of Dhaka, USAID, and the Institute of Microfinance (InM), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

He conducts experiments, both in-field as well as in laboratory settings, in order to investigate the behavioral issues related to technology adoption and other issues related to improving the welfare of the poor.