Sector Expert Roundtable on Smart Ways to Improve Governance and Institutions
Date: February 16, 2016
Time: 3:00pm-5:30pm (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	3:00 pm – 3:05 pm
Project Background & Current Status	**Brad Wong** Sr. Research Manager, Copenhagen Consensus	3:05 pm – 3:10 pm
Individual Presentation		
Village Courts	**Sultan Hafeez Rahman** Executive Director, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)	3:10 pm – 3:30 pm
Q & A + Comments		3:30 pm – 3:40 pm
Land Records Digitisation	**Sultan Hafeez Rahman** Executive Director, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)	3:40 pm – 4:00 pm
Q & A + Comments		4:00 pm – 4:10 pm
Expanding Services provided by UDCs	**Ananya Raihan** Chief Executive Officer Dnet	4:10 pm – 4:30 pm
Q & A + Comments		4:30 pm – 4:40 pm
E-filing and Services Simplification	**Wahid Abdallah** Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Social Sciences at BRAC University	4:40 pm – 5:00 pm
Q & A + Comments		5:00 pm – 5:10 pm
Prioritization Exercise and Closing Remarks	**Brad Wong** Sr. Research Manager, Copenhagen Consensus	5:10 pm – 5:20 pm
Refreshments		5:20 pm

Biographies of Participating Economists

Sultan Hafeez Rahman is the Executive Director of the BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD). He started his professional career at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) in 1975 and retired from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as Director General, after two decade tenure. Throughout his professional career of 37 years, he worked in Cambodia, Thailand, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bangladesh,

as well as 14 Pacific Island countries in the northern and southern Pacific Ocean region. Dr. Rahman has published on a wide range of economic issues. His current research interests are in the areas of economic growth and inequality, 'green growth,' macroeconomic policy, financial sector policy, governance and regional economic cooperation and integration.

Ananya Raihan is currently the CEO of Dnet. Dr. Raihan is social entrepreneur and Economist. Dr. Raihan was awarded the Ashoka Fellowship in 2004 in recognition of his contribution as a social innovator in the area of ICT for the rural community. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from V.M. Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics, National Academy of Science, Ukraine

Wahid Abdallah is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and Social Sciences at BRAC University. He completed his PhD in Economics from the University of Washington at Seattle, USA in Summer 2011. His ongoing research work involves analyzing the role of Information Access, Technologies and Monitoring in public service delivery and procurement, public sector management. He is also engaged in various impact evaluation and assessments of development projects in the development sector.