Sector Expert Roundtable on Smart Infrastructure for Bangladesh
Date: February 10, 2016
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm (refreshments provided)
Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Meeting Room # 3 (Level 3)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the **Sector Expert Roundtable on "Smart Infrastructure for Bangladesh"** jointly organized by BRAC Research and Evaluation Division (RED) and Copenhagen Consensus Center (CCC), to be held at the **BRAC Centre Inn, Meeting Room # 3 (Level 3)on February 10, 2016 from 10:00 am- 1:00 pm.**

Infrastructure is an important part of the country's development agenda and there are many ideas on how to reach this ambition. We cannot do them all, so how does Bangladesh use its limited resources most effectively, to achieve the most good for every taka spent?

During this roundtable leading economists will shed light on this question, presenting their early findings from research on the costs and benefits of:

- Smart energy option for Bangladesh
- Smart transport options for Dhaka, and
- The Asia highway and motor vehicles agreement

This roundtable is a platform for you to offer your thoughts on the research. Given your experience and expertise in this field, we have no doubt you would provide valuable insight. A detailed agenda is attached.

You may recall that earlier in the last year we held a similar roundtable where we asked some of the best minds to propose smart ideas within the field of infrastructure. We consolidated those ideas, whittled them down via stakeholder surveys and expert consultation, before commissioning research on the most relevant and promising proposals. We are happy to present the early findings.

These roundtables are part of a BRAC-RED and Copenhagen Consensus research program, *Bangladesh Priorities*, which aims to:

1. Identify and analyze smart solutions to the country's challenges based on techniques of cost-benefit analysis; and,
2. Help government, development partners and NGOs set development priorities by providing evidence-based analysis on interventions that provide the most social, environmental and economic good per taka spent.

The research involves some of Bangladesh's and the world's top economists, including Nobel Laureates. The final outcome of the research exercise will offer a set of cross-cutting solutions that will deliver greater benefit per taka spent, in accelerating Bangladesh's journey towards Vision 2021, and a more prosperous long term future.

We look forward to your participation. If you are unable to make it, but would like to suggest a colleague in your place please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

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