BANGLADESH PRIORITIES PROJECT
Schedule of Sector Expert Roundtables

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the *Bangladesh Priorities* **Sector Expert Roundtables** jointly organized by BRAC Research and Evaluation Division (RED) and Copenhagen Consensus Center (CCC).

All roundtables will be held at the **BRAC Centre Inn, Meeting Room # 3 (Level 3)** except where noted**.** At each roundtable presenting economists will share **preliminary** results of cost-benefit analysis undertaken for the *Bangladesh Priorities* project. The purpose of the roundtables is to seek feedback on the early results.

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Date and Time	Roundtable Name	Topics Covered	Presenters
Monday 28 December 2015 10:00am-12:00pm	Smart ways to create a Digital Bangladesh	• Growing the software industry • Expanding broadband • E-procurement	• Rokon Zaman, North South University • Wahid Abdallah, BRAC University
Wednesday 23 December 2015 10:00am -12:00pm	Smart ways on increasing RMG's contribution to Bangladesh development	• RMG Palli • Use of software to cut fabric waste • Compliance	• Wasel bin Shadat, Manchester University • Rokon Zaman, North South University
Tuesday 9 February 2016 12:00pm -3:00pm	Smart ways to improve health outcomes	• Non-communicable diseases • Primary healthcare • Tuberculosis • Immunisation, child and maternal health	• Tracey Perez Koehlmoos, Uniformed Services University • Rumana Huque, University of Dhaka • Anna Vassall, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, • Jahangir Khan, Liverpool School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Wednesday 10 February 2016 10:00am-1:00pm	Smart infrastructure for Bangladesh	• The Asian Highway • Smart energy options for Bangladesh • Public and private transport options for Dhaka	• Kazi Mahmudur Rahman, University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh • David Roland-Holst, University of California, Berkeley • Robert Gallagher, Independent consultant
Thursday 11 February 2016 10:00am – 12:30pm	Smart ways to deal with climate change	• Short and long run climate adaptation strategies • Eliminating fossil fuel subsidies • Distributed solar	• Alexander Golub, American University • Mohammad Mainul Hoque, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies • Enamul Haque, East West University
Sunday 14 February 2016 10:30am – 1:40pm	Smart ways to preserve the environment in rural and urban settings	• Wetlands • Arsenic treatment, water and sanitation • Household air pollution • Brick kilns and outdoor air pollution • Livability issues in Dhaka • Issues of river ecosystem for Dhaka city	• A K M Nazrul Islam, Dhaka School of Economics • Bjorn Larsen, independent consultant • Khorshed Alam, University of Southern Queensland
Monday 15 February 2016 10:00am – 12:00pm	Smart ways to improve education	• On-the-job and vocational training • Education enrolment • Education quality • Early childhood development	• Atonu Rabbani, University of Dhaka

Tuesday 16 February 2016 9:30am – 11:00am	Smart ways to promote gender equality	• Child marriage • Sexual and reproductive health rights	• Erica Field, Duke University • Ahsan Zaman, North South University
Tuesday 16 February 2016 3:00pm – 5:00pm	Smart ways to advance good governance	• Village courts • Land records digitization • Expanding services provided by Union Digital Centers • E-filing	• Sultan Hafeez Rahman, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development • Ananya Raihan, D-Net • Wahid Abdallah, BRAC University
Wednesday 17 February 2016 10:00am – 12:00pm	Smart migration policies	• Seasonal migration to combat seasonal deprivation • Skills training for migration • Migration formalization	• Mushfiq Mobarak, Yale University • Kazi Mahmudur Rahman, University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh
Wednesday 17 February 2016 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Smart ways to deliver social protection	• Ultra-poor graduation programs • Cash transfers • Livelihood programs • Microfinance	• Munshi Sulaiman, BRAC International • Wasel bin Shadat, University of Manchester
Thursday 25 February 2016 10:00am – 12:30pm (Time TBC)	Smart ways to accelerate economic growth	• Padma Bridge • VAT Reform • Trade liberalization • Trade facilitation • Establishing a formal bond market	• Bazlul H. Khondker, University of Dhaka • Ashikur Rahman, Policy Research Institute • Selim Raihan, University of Dhaka • Golam Mortaza, Asian Development Bank
Thursday 10 March 2016 (Time + Location TBC)	Smart ways to combat malnutrition	• Micronutrients for 0-2 year olds • Complementary feeding promotion • Homestead production of animal source foods • Delaying first age of birth and increasing girl's secondary schooling • Protein, micronutrient and calcium supplementation in pregnancy • Tobacco cessation during pregnancy • Golden Rice R&D	• Mahmud Khan, University of South Carolina • Ahsan Zaman, North South University • Enamul Hoque, East West University • Uttam Deb, ICRISAT

You may recall that earlier in the last year we held similar roundtables where we asked some of the best minds to propose smart ideas across twenty topics. We consolidated those ideas, whittled them down via stakeholder surveys and expert consultation, before commissioning research on the most relevant and promising proposals.

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.

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