

Evidence-Based Policy Options for Food and Nutrition Security in Bangladesh

1 October 2014 • Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel (Grand Ball Room) • Dhaka

PROGRAM	
Inaugural Session	
<p>Chief Guest: Matia Chowdhury, MP Honorable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Chair: Advocate Md. Qamrul Islam, MP Honorable Minister, Ministry of Food Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p>	
Start	End
9:00	9:30
REGISTRATION	
9:30	9:40
Welcome Address: Dr. Akhter Ahmed, Chief of Party, USAID-Funded Policy Research and Strategy Support Program (PRSSP), IFPRI-Dhaka	
9:40	9:50
Address: Dr. Shenggen Fan, Director General, IFPRI-Washington	
9:50	10:00
Address: Ms. Janina Jaruzelski, Mission Director, USAID-Bangladesh	
10:00	10:10
Address: Chair: Advocate Md. Qamrul Islam, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Food	
10:10	10:25
Address of Inauguration: Chief Guest: Matia Chowdhury, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture	
10:30	11:00
TEA BREAK	
Technical Session 1 – Food Availability and Markets	
CHAIR: Dr. S. M. Nazmul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture	
11:00	11:15
Presentation: <i>Evidence-Based Agricultural Policy Formulation for Improved Nutrition</i> by Dr. Akhter Ahmed, PRSSP, IFPRI-Dhaka	
11:15	11:30
Presentation: <i>Policy Options for Seed Sector Development</i> by Dr. Firdousi Naher, PRSSP, IFPRI-Dhaka	
11:30	11:45
Presentation: <i>Bangladesh Rice Stock Policy and the International Market: Recent Developments</i> by Dr. Paul Dorosh, Director, Development Strategy and Governance Division, IFPRI-Washington	
11:45	12:00
Presentation: <i>Rapid Transformation of the Fish Value Chain in Bangladesh</i> by Dr. Ricardo Hernandez, PRSSP, IFPRI-Dhaka	
12:00	12:40
Discussants: Dr. Marie Ruel, Director, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, IFPRI-Washington (1 st topic) Mr. Anwar Faruque, Additional Secretary and DG Seed Wing, Ministry of Agriculture (2 nd topic) Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Professorial Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) (3 rd topic) Dr. Benoy Kumar Barman, Senior Scientist, WorldFish, Bangladesh & South Asia (4 th topic)	
12:40	1:10
Open Discussion	
1:10	1:15
Closing Remarks by the Chair	

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Technical Session 2 – Food Access and Utilization/Nutrition CHAIR: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Chairperson, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)		
2:30	2:45	Presentation: <i>Creating an Evidence Base for Safety Net Policy Reform: Implementing the Transfer Modality Research</i> by Dr. Christa Räder, Country Representative, UN World Food Programme (WFP)-Bangladesh
2:45	3:00	Presentation: <i>Which Form of Safety Net Transfer is Most Beneficial for Nutrition?</i> by Dr. Akhter Ahmed, PRSSP, IFPRI-Dhaka and Dr. John Hoddinott, IFPRI-Washington
3:00	3:15	Presentation: <i>Escalation of Real Wages in Bangladesh: Is It the Beginning of Structural Transformation?</i> by Dr. Shahidur Rashid, IFPRI-Washington, and Dr. Kaikaus Ahmad, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (former PRSSP researcher, IFPRI-Dhaka)
3:15	3:30	Presentation: <i>Women's Empowerment in Agriculture: What Role for Food and Nutrition Security in Bangladesh?</i> by Ms. Esha Sraboni, Brown University, USA (former PRSSP researcher, IFPRI-Dhaka)
3:30	4:00	Discussants: Dr. Iffath Sharif, Lead Economist, Social Protection Team, World Bank, Dhaka (1 st topic) Dr. Binayak Sen, Research Director, BIDS (2 nd topic) Dr. Sajjad Zohir, Research Director, Economic Research Group (3 rd topic) Ms. Mahmuda Rahman Khan, Gender Specialist, Program Office, USAID-Dhaka (4 th topic)
4:00	4:30	Open Discussion
4:30	4:35	Closing Remarks by the Chair
Concluding Session: Way Forward CHAIR: Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance		
4:40	5:00	Presentation: Dr. Shenggen Fan, Director General, IFPRI-Washington
5:00	5:25	Panel: Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed, Director and Senior Scientist, Centre for Nutrition & food Security, ICDDR,B Dr. A. M. M. Shawkat Ali, Former Advisor to the Caretaker Government Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Adviser to Executive Director, BRAC Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Chairperson, PPRC
5:25	5:30	Vote of Thanks: Dr. Akhter Ahmed, PRSSP, IFPRI-Dhaka
5:30	5:45	TEA