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Roundtable Discussions/Meeting/Policy Dialogue

Roundtable Discussion on Health Sector Governance: Policy, Influence, Ownership

The Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) organised a roundtable discussion titled 'Health Sector Governance: Policy, Influence, Ownership' on July 27, 2013 at BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium, Dhaka. The roundtable was organised as a follow-up event of the research report titled 'The State of Governance in Bangladesh 2010-2011: Policy, Influence, Ownership'.

IGS Director Dr. Rizwan Khair opened the roundtable with a welcome speech. The event



Participants at the Roundtable Discussion on Health Sector Governance

was moderated by Dr. Md. Khairul Islam, Country Representative of WaterAid Bangladesh, while panel discussants of the roundtable included former President of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and President of Bangladesh Health Rights Movement (BHRM) Dr. Rashid-E-Mahbub and Director of Research, James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) Dr. Malabika Sarker. IGS Researcher Ms. Nermeen Shams made the keynote presentation summarising the chapter on health sector governance in the SoG report which was followed by comments and suggestions from the panel discussants and participants. The meeting was attended by former

Secretaries of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Mr. AMM Nasir Uddin and Mr. MM Reza, Founder of Gonoshasthya Kendra Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury, alongwith participants from Directorate of Health Services, Bangladesh Medical Association, doctors, professionals and NGOs working in the Health sector.

Roundtable on " Strengthening Governance in Wetland and Water Bodies Management Policies"

IGS organised a roundtable discussion on "Strengthening Governance in Wetland and Water Bodies Management Policies" on 3rd September 2013 at the Daily Star Centre conference room, Dhaka. The roundtable was organised as part of the activities of the Wetland Biodiversity Rehabilitation Project (WBRP) of Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, which is being implemented by Department of Fisheries (DoF) with the technical and financial support from the German Government. IGS and Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER) of BRAC University are jointly supporting the project.



Participants at the Roundtable on Strengthening Governance in Wetland and Water Bodies Management Policies

The event was moderated by BRAC University Vice Chancellor Prof. Ainun Nishat. IGS Research Associate, Mr. SM Gubair Bin Arafat made the keynote presentation summarising the challenges and the points of discussion regarding the wetland and waterbodies policies, which was followed by comments and suggestions from the discussants and participants. The discussion was attended by, among others, Director General, DoF, Project Director of WBRP, representatives from Ministries, National Fishermen Association, NGOs and donor agencies.

National Policy Dialogue on “Strengthening Governance and Management of Wetland in Bangladesh”

The National Policy Dialogue as part of the Wetland Biodiversity Rehabilitation Project (WBRP) project was organised by IGS, BRAC University on 24 September 2013 at the BRAC Center Inn, Mohakhali. Dr. Shelina Afroza, Secretary in Charge, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock was present at the Dialogue as the Chief Guest, while Professor Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor,



Professor Ainun Nishat, VC, BRAC University and the Panel Discussants in the National Policy Dialogue

BRAC University moderated the session. Syed Arif Azad, Director General, Department of Fisheries (DoF) was present as the Special Guest whereas Md. Muazzem Hossain, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Land and WBRP Project Director, Md. Abul Hashem, DoF were both present as the distinguished guests of the Dialogue. Mr. Mukhlesur Rahman, Executive Director, Centre for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS), presented the key policy note and recommendation on *Jalmohal Management Policy 2009* which was followed by discussions and suggestions from the participants. The aim of the dialogue was to develop a consensus on the recommendations so that the guideline can be accepted by the wider stakeholders and can underpin the next policy reform process.

7th Public-Private Stakeholders Committee Meeting

The seventh meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders Committee (PPSC) was held on 03 July, 2013 at the NEC Conference Room of Planning Commission Campus, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. The meeting was organised and facilitated by Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of Implementation Monitoring & Evaluation Division (IMED) of the Planning Ministry and the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) of BRAC University respectively. The meeting was presided over by the Honourable Planning Minister and the Chairperson of PPSC Air Vice Marshal (Retd.) AK Khandakar.

The Minister also unveiled the 10th and 11th issues of the PPSC newsletter—*Public Procurement Watch*, produced by IGS. Research Associate of IGS Farhana Razzaq made a presentation on “Activities Accomplished by the PPSC Sub-



Participants and the Planning Minister at the Seventh Meeting of the Public-Private Stakeholders Committee

Committee” in the meeting. The second presentation on ‘Citizens’ Engagement in Implementation Phase of Public Procurement’ was made by Md. Sirajul Islam, Research Associate of IGS. The third presentation on ‘Strategy for Civic Engagement in Public Procurement’ was made by IGS Consultant AKM Nashirul Huq. The presentations were followed by open discussions by the participants and the members of the PPSC.

8th Public-Private Stakeholders Committee Meeting

The 8th meeting of the *Public-Private Stakeholders Committee* (PPSC) was held on 11 September 2013 at the NEC Conference Room-2 of Planning Commission Campus, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. The meeting was organised and facilitated by Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of the Implementation Monitoring & Evaluation Division (IMED)



Participants and the Planning Minister at the 8th Public-Private Stakeholders Committee Meeting

of the Planning Ministry and IGS respectively. The meeting was presided over by the Honourable Planning Minister and the Chairperson of PPSC Air Vice Marshal (Retd.) AK Khandakar

In this meeting, IGS Consultant AKM Nashirul Huq presented the draft on ‘*Strategy for Civic Engagement in Public Procurement*’. This was a revised version based on the draft placed on the 7th PPSC meeting held on 3 July, 2013. The presentation was then followed by open discussions by the participants and the members of the PPSC. The Minister also unveiled the 12th issue of the PPSC newsletter—*Public Procurement Watch* produced by IGS, which was then circulated among the participants.

Research Activities

IGS Researchers Attended Seminar on Microcredit Participants in Bangladesh

On 1 July 2013, IGS Research Assistants Afrina Islam and Nabila Zaman attended a seminar on 'Are Microcredit Participants in Bangladesh Trapped in Poverty and Debt?' at the PKSF Auditorium, Dhaka. The seminar was organised by Institute of Microfinance (InM). Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman, InM chaired the seminar, while Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor of Bangladesh Bank was present as the Chief Guest of the event.

IGS Staff Presented Paper in ILO Conference

IGS Director Dr. Rizwan Khair and Academic Coordinator Dr. Md. Zohurul Islam attended the 3rd Conference of *Regulating for Decent Work Network (RDW)*, organised by International Labour Organisation (ILO) in collaboration with The University of Amsterdam's *Institute for Advanced Labour Studies*, The University of Melbourne's *Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law (CELRL)*, The University of Manchester's *Fairness at Work Research Centre (FaWRC)* and the University of Duisberg-Essen's *Institut Arbeit und Qualifikation (IAQ)*. The three-day conference was held from 3-5 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. IGS staff presented a paper titled on 'Worker Compliance Practices in DEPZ, Bangladesh' in the conference.

IGS Staff Presented Paper in European Survey Research Association's Conference in Slovenia

IGS Senior Research Associate Syeda Salina Aziz participated in the 5th conference of European Survey Research Association (ESRA) held at the Faculty of



Participants at the 5th Conference of European Survey Research Association

Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Kardeljeva, Slovenia from 15-19 July 2013. At the conference, Salina Aziz presented a paper on *Exploring Social Desirability Bias in Bangladeshi Surveys* on the thematic session of 'Survey Research in Developing Countries'.

IGS Researcher attended the International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice

Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Research Associate of IGS attended an *International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice*, which was held on 6 & 7 September 2013 at The Earth Institute of Columbia University in New York, USA. This conference was organised by Global Association of MDP Programme, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and the Earth Institute of



Md. Harun Or-Rashid, Research Associate Presenting his Paper at the International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice

Columbia University. Md. Harun Or Rashid presented his paper titled *Political Management of Urban Space and Sustainable Development: A Case of Dhaka City* in the conference.

IGS Staff Attended TTI Policy Engagement and Communications Programme

IGS Communications Manager Ekram Hossain and Programme Manager of ANSA-SAR Nuzhat Jabin attended the Think Tank Initiative *Policy Engagement and Communications (PEC)* Programme in Bangkok, Thailand, held on 26 & 27 September 2013. The PEC South Asian inception meeting was organised by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Think Tank Initiative and facilitated by Institution of Development Studies, UK and Practical Action Consulting at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok. Around 33 participants from 16 Think Tanks of countries such as India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan attended the programme. Centre for Policy Dialogue and Institute of Governance Studies were the two Think Tanks of Bangladesh who attended the meeting. The broad goal of the Inception meeting was to initiate a 12-month PEC programme for the South Asian Think Tanks.

Academic Programmes

Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply CIPS ToT Refresher Course

IGS organised an 8-day Training of Trainers (ToT) Refreshers programme for Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) Level 4 and 5 trainers, which was held on 24 August to 1 September at BRAC University. Paul



Paul Robinson from CIPS UK, and the Participants of ToT Refresher Course

Robinson from CIPS, UK conducted the training sessions. Around 25 Procurement Trainers from different government and non-government organisations attended this training programme.

Induction Programme of CIPS Cohort 3 & 4

IGS organised an Induction Programme for the selected participants of CIPS Cohorts 3 & 4 on 31 August, 2013 at the BRAC University Auditorium. 50 Participants from different government organisations were selected for this course. Among others, Pro-Vice Chancellor of BRAC



Pro-VC Professor Fuad Mallik and DG of CPTU Anulya Kumar Debnath Addressing at the Induction Programme

University Professor Fuad Hassan Mallick, Lead Procurement Specialist of The World Bank, Dhaka Office, Dr. Zafrul Islam, Director General of Central Procurement Technical Unit, IME Division, Amullya Kumar Debnath and Head of International Development of CIPS, UK Sheila White and IGS Director Dr. Rizwan Khair attended Induction programme.

Masters in Procurement and Supply Management Commencement of MPSM Fall Semester 2013”

The classes of the new batch of Masters in Procurement and Supply Management (MPSM), Fall Semester, 2013 started

from 19 September 2013 with a total of 9 students. This is the 4th batch of MPSM.

Environmental Management and Governance Course “Certificate Awarding Ceremony”



Vice Chancellor Prof. Ainun Nishat and Dr. Rizwan Khair at the Certificate Awarding Ceremony

The Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the 5th batch of **Environmental Management and Governance Course** was held on 7 August 2013 at the Vice Chancellor’s Conference Room, BRAC University. Prof. Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, handed over the certificates among the 7 participants who have successfully completed the course.

MA in Governance and Development Programme ‘Field Visit’

A field visit of MAGD students was organised on 20-22 August 2013 as part of the activities of MAGD Programme. During the field visit, the students had the opportunity to visit different BRAC projects situated in Savar area.



Participants of the MAGD Programme During Field Visit to Aakran Village of Savar

Training/Workshops

Workshop on Preparing Terms of Reference

On 24 July 2013, a workshop on *Preparing Terms of Reference* was held at the BRAC Centre. The workshop



Participants at the Workshop on Preparing ToR

was organised by BRAC and facilitated by IGS Training Wing. A total of 30 BRAC Professionals attended the workshop.

Proposal Writing Training Course for IGS Researchers

Researchers from IGS and BDI completed a seven-day training course on Proposal Training held between 29 July-1 August and on 18, 21 and 22 August 2013. The



Ineke A Pitts of MDF South Asia, with Researchers

training programme was conducted by Ineke A Pitts, from *MDF South Asia, Training & Consultancy*. The training was held in IGS Conference Room.

IGS Sr. Finance Officer Participated in a Training on FMI

IGS Senior Finance Officer Mohd. Nurul Hyder Bhuiyan participated in a 5-day training programme on *FMI: Practical Financial Management to NGOs: Getting the Basics Right* held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 19-23 August 2013. The training programme was organised by UK-based Management Accounting for Non Governmental Organisations (MANGO). Around 10 participants from India, Thailand, Germany, Malaysia and Bangladesh participated in this training.



Trainer and the Participants in a Training in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Training on Preparing Request for Proposal

IGS organised a day-long training on *Preparing Request for Proposal* (RFP) which was held on 4th September 2013 at BRAC Centre. Md. Zikrul Islam (MCIPS) and Mr. Rashed Morshed (MCIPS) conducted the training. Around 32 participants from BRAC attended this training program.

IGS Researchers Attended Course on Qualitative Research Methodology

IGS Research Assistants Afrina Islam, Nabila Zaman, Kazi Niaz Ahmed and Research Associate Saika Nudrat



Participants and the trainers at the training on Preparing Request for Proposal

Chowdhury attended a Course on *Qualitative Research Methodology* from 25 August to 5 September 2013. This course was organised by ICCDR, Bangladesh.

IGS Researchers Attended Training on Project Cycle Management

IGS Researchers Kazi Nurmohammad Hossainul Huq, Syeda Salina Aziz, Mohammad Sirajul Islam, Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Farhana Razzaque, Nabila Zaman and Senior Programme Manager Md. Rafiqul Islam Talukder attended a four-day Training of Trainers' on *Project Cycle Management* from 22-25 September 2013 at BCDM, Savar. This training was jointly organised by MDF and IGS under NUFFIC Project.

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability-ANSA-SAR

Participation of ANSA-SAR in a Launching Ceremony

Md. Musthafizur Rahman Khan, Project Officer, ANSA-SAR participated in the official launching ceremony of an initiative titled *Pioneering, Connecting and Empowering Voices for Change: Strengthening Community Radio in Bangladesh to Fight Poverty and Promote Development* on 1 September 2013. The programme was supported by European Union and jointly organised by Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication



Launching Ceremony of an Initiative Titled 'Pioneering , Connecting and Empowering Voice for Change'

(BNNRC) and Free Press Unlimited, The Netherlands at IDB Bhaban Conference Room, Dhaka. The launching ceremony aimed to bring a broad range of project key stakeholders together and create an opportunity to learn more about the project, the activities and results already achieved, including the ways in which different stakeholders are involved.

ANSA-SAR team visited 'ICT Based Citizen's Monitoring' Project Site

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability-South Asia Region (ANSA-SAR) in partnership with PRIP Trust piloted an initiative using mobile phones to get citizen's feedback. This initiative titled "Improvement of Quality and Delivery Mechanism of Public Services through ICT based Citizens' Monitoring Initiatives" is being implemented in Rajshahi district (north-western Bangladesh). The project was launched for enhancing capacity of citizens' groups in ICT-based public service



ANSA-SAR Team's Visit to Project Site of 'ICT Based Citizen's Monitoring' Project

monitoring, increasing use of ICT-based technology in public service monitoring and strengthening collective efforts for improved and quality public services, provisions through policy advocacy. ANSA-SAR team visited the project site along with Project implementing partner- PRIP Trust and a team from the World Bank Bangladesh Office on 8-9 September, 2013. The objective of the visit was to receive feedback and opinion from users on the initiative and how to improve this for further scaling up in future.

Publications by IGS Staff during July-September 2013:

Newspapers Articles:

The Daily Prothom Alo: [City Corporation Election: Ruling party's ill-prepared fight by](#) Sultan Mohammed Zakaria, 12 July 2013.

The Daily Star: [Ill-prepared fight for liberal values](#) by Sultan Mohammed Zakaria, 12 July 2013.

The Daily Star: [Quota versus merit by M Shahidul Islam](#), 15 July 2013.

The Statesman, India: [Quota versus merit by M Shahidul Islam](#), 16 July 2013.

The Daily Star: Egypt: [Where political wisdom is a far cry](#) by Sultan Mohammed Zakaria, 3 August 2013.

The Daily Star: [Dealing with foreign exchange reserves](#) by M Shahidul Islam, 21 August 2013.

The Daily Star: [Political violence: Serious threat to human security](#) by Kazi Niaz Ahmed, 25 August 2013.

BDNEWS24.com: [A league of our own by Dr Niaz Asadullah](#), 2 September, 2013.

The Daily Ittefaq: Op-Ed on [Human Development Report](#) 2013 by Md. Rafiqul Islam Talukdar & Nabila Zaman, 20 September, 2013.

The Daily Star: [Human Development Report 2013](#) by Md. Rafiqul Islam Talukdar and Nabila Zaman, 23 September, 2013.

Working Papers:

IGS Working Series No. 12/2013: *Who trusts others? Community and Individual Determinants of social capital in Bangladesh*, M. Niaz Asadullah, July 2013.

IGS Working Series No. 13/2013: *Decentralized Local Governance Policy Framework for Bangladesh*, Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Talukdar, July 2013.

IGS Working Series No. 14/2013: *Inclusive Governance at the Local Level in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges*, Akhter Hussain, Ph.D, M. Mafizur Rahman & Farhana Razzaque, July 2013.

IGS Working Series No. 15/2013: *Institutional Approach to Anti-corruption: An Evaluation of the Anti Corruption Commission in Bangladesh*, Md. Harun Or Rashid, July 2013.

IGS Working Series No. 16/2013: *Democratic Consolidation in Bangladesh: A Reality Check*, Sultan Mohammed Zakaria, July 2013.

IGS Working Series No. 17/2013: *Civil Society Organisations in Climate Change Adaptation: Paani Committee's Movement for Tidal River Management in South-west Bangladesh*, Kazi Nur Mohammad Hossainul Haque, Faiz Ahmed Chowdhury & Rigan Chakma, July 2013.

IGS Working Series No. 18/2013: *Primary Education in Bangladesh: Policy Transfer, External Influence and National Ownership*, Mohammad Sirajul Islam & Jannatul Fardosh, July 2013.

Policy Note/ Brief/ Other Publications:

Policy Brief: *Quota versus Merit from Affirmative Action to Meritocracy*, M Shahdul Islam, Research Fellow, IGS, July 2013.

Policy Note: *Dealing with Foreign Exchange Reserves*, M Shahidul Islam, Research Fellow, August 2013.