

Policy Dialogue Workshop on Safe Migration and Remittances
Jointly Organised by The Daily Star and RMMRU

Date: 10th June, 2007

Venue: BRAC Centre Inn

Proposed Programme Schedule

- Inaugural Session** Moderator: Mr. Mahfuz Anam, Editor, The Daily Star
- 09:15 Welcome and Rationale of the Policy Dialogue Workshop
Mr. Mahfuz Anam, Editor, The Daily Star
- 09:25 Presentation of Key Reform Agenda
- Ratification of 1990 Convention on Rights of all Migrant Workers and their Families.
 - Reforms in Banking Sector for encouraging increased flow and efficient utilization of remittance by the migrants and their families.
 - Reforms in the Recruitment sector- Implementation of database.
- Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui, RMMRU, University of Dhaka
- 09:45 Speech by the Special Guest
Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Governor, Bangladesh Bank
- 09:50 Speech by the Chief Guest
Dr. Iftexhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Advisor for Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Expatriate Welfare & Overseas Employment
- 10:05 Speech and vote of thanks
Brig Gen (retd.) Mr. Shahedul Anam Khan, Editor - Defence and Strategic Affairs, The Daily Star
- 10:15 Tea break
- Working Session 1** *Ratification of 1990 UN Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and its incorporation in national legislation*
- Moderator: Prof. C.R. Abrar, RMMRU, University of Dhaka
- 10:40 Discussion Initiator
Mr. Saiful Haque, Chairman, WARBE
- 10:45 Discussion Initiator
Ms. Sheik Rumana, Executive Director, BOMSA

10:50 Discussion Initiator
Mr. Fayazuddin Ahmad Advocate,
Programme Manager - Rights,
Manusher Jonno Foundation

10:55 Open Dialogue

11:40 Speech by Chair,
Mr. Towheed Hossain,
Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Working Session 2 *Reforms in the banking sector for encouraging increased flows and efficient utilisation of migrant remittances*

Moderator: Mr. Mahfuz Anam, Editor, The Daily Star

12:00 Discussion Initiator
Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam,
Assistant General Manager, Foreign Remittance
Management Division, Agrani bank

12:05 Discussion Initiator
Mr. A K M Mosharraf Hossain,
Assistant General Manager, International Division
Bangladesh Krishi Bank

12:10 Discussion Initiator
Mr. Mohammed Abdul Mannan,
Deputy Executive President,
Islami Bank

12:15 Discussion Initiator
Mr. Richard Moss,
Team Leader, Remittances and Payments Partnership

12:20 Open Dialogue

01:10 Speech by the Chair
Mr. Md. Allah Malik Kazemi
Deputy Governor, Bangladesh Bank

Concluding Session Summing up by Mr. Mahfuz Anam & Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui