

SARNET Regional Workshop on
**“MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF EMPLOYMENT & INCLUSIVE
GROWTH IN SOUTH ASIA”**

24-25 OCTOBER 2015

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Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi**

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Programme

SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2015

- 0900-0930** : **TEA AND REGISTRATION**
- 0930-10.00** : **OPENING SESSION:**
“Welcome and Opening Remarks”
Alakh N. Sharma, Director, IHD and SARNET Programme
Director
Anindya Chatterjee, Director, Asia Regional Office, IDRC
Sher Verick Deputy Director, ILO Country Office, Delhi
Nagesh Kumar, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia
office
- 0930-1130** : **SESSION I: ECONOMIC GROWTH, DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS
AND CHANGING STRUCTURE AND PATTERN OF LABOUR
MARKETS IN SOUTH ASIA**
- Chair : **Rushidan Islam Rahman**, Research Director, Bangladesh
Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka
- Presentations : ***“Demographic and Labour Market Trends in South Asia”***
J. Krishnamurty, Sandip Sarkar & Balwant Mehta, IHD, New
Delhi
- : ***“Migration in South Asia: Trends and Policy Concerns”***
Ravi Srivastava, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New
Delhi
- Discussants : **Selim Raihan**, Department of Economics, University of
Dhaka, Bangladesh and Executive Director, South Asian
Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)
- Amitabh Kundu**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- 1130-1145** : **TEA**
- 1145-1300** : **SESSION II: INFORMALITY AND STRUCTURAL
TRANSFORMATION’**
- Chair : **Jayati Ghosh**, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU),
New Delhi
- Presentations : ***“Growth, Employment and the Uncertain Path of Structural
Transformation”***
Rizwanul Islam, Visiting Professor, IHD and Former Senior
Advisor, ILO, Geneva
- Informality: Why is the “Standard Employment
Relationship” Non-standard in South Asia***
Dev Nathan, IHD & T. S. Papola, Institute for Studies in
Industrial Development, New Delhi

- Discussants : **Ajit Ghose**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- Dilli Raj Khanal**, Founder Chairman, Institute of Policy Research and Development (IRPAD), Kathmandu
- 1300-1345** : **LUNCH**
- 1345-1500** : **SESSION III: LABOUR MARKET INEQUALITIES AND EXCLUSIONS**
- Chair : **Aliya H Khan**, Professor of Economics and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam Univ, Islamabad
- Presentations : ***“Level of Income and Earnings and Inequality in South Asia”***
Sandip Sarkar & Balwant Mehta, IHD
- “Gender Relations and Labour Markets”***
Dev Nathan, IHD; Preet Rustagi, IHD & Shukti Dasgupta, ILO, Bangkok
- Discussants : **B.N. Goldar**, Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
- Bishnu Dev Pant**, Team Leader and Executive Director, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS) Kathmandu, Nepal
- Ratna M. Sudarshan**, National Fellow, National University Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi
- 1500-1515** : **TEA**
- 1515-1645** : **SESSION IV: MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICIES AND LABOUR MARKET REGULATIONS**
- Chair : **Dr. Iyanatul Islam**, Chief of the Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch, ILO, Geneva
- Presentations : ***“Macro Economic Policy, Growth and Employment in South Asia: Some Perspectives”***
Muhammed Muqtada, Former Senior Employment Policy Specialist, International Labour Organisation, Geneva
- “Labour Market Regulations”***
Sher Verick, Deputy Director, International Labour Organisation, Delhi
- Discussants : **Sunanda Sen**, Former Professor, JNU
- Manoj Panda**, Director, Institute for Economic Growth
- S.K. Sasikumar**, Senior Fellow, VV Giri National Labour Institute, Noida

- 1645-1830** : **SESSION V: EDUCATION AND SKILLS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**
- Chair : **Ashwani Saith**, Professor Emeritus, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands
- Presentations : ***“Education and Skills”***
Tanuka Endow, IHD and Paul Comyn, ILO
- : ***“Social Protection”***
Dev Nathan, Akhilesh, et. al, IHD
- Discussants : **Jean Dreze**, Visiting Professor, Ranchi University
- : **J.B.G. Tilak**, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi
- : **Prakash K Shrestha**, Director, Nepal Rashtra Bank Kathmandu, Nepal
- : **Ganga Tilakratne**, Senior Researcher, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo
- 1830** : **DINNER**
- 25 OCTOBER 2015**
- 0930-1030** : **SESSION VI: TRADE, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**
- Chair : **Nagesh Kumar**, Head, UNESCAP South and South-West Asia office
- Presentation : ***“Trade and Inclusive Growth: Implications for Employment and Regional Integration in South Asia”***
Selim Raihan, Univeristy of Dhaka and SANEM
- Discussants : **Posh Raj Pandey**, Executive Director, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu
- : **Bishwajeet Dhar**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 1030-1130 : **SESSION VII: SARNET DATA BANK**
- Chair : **Gerry Rodgers**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- Presentation : **Sandip Sarkar**, **Balwant Mehta** and **Akhilesh K. Sharma**, IHD
- 1130-1145** : **TEA**
- 1145-1315** : **SESSION VIII: SUMMING UP AND CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION: “Key Findings and Future Priorities for Research and Policy”**

- Chair : **Saman Kelegama**, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo
- Highlights of the Main Deliberations of the Workshop** : **Alakh N. Sharma**, IHD
Sher Verick, Deputy Director, ILO
- Panelists : **Gerry Rodgers**, Visiting Professor, IHD
Rizwanul Islam, Visiting Professor & Former Senior Advisor International Labour Organisation, Geneva
Professor Abhijit Sen, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Former Member, Planning Commission
Aliya Khan, Professor of Economics & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad
Pushpa Raj Rajkarnikar, Chairman, Institute for Policy Research and Development and Former Member of National Planning Commission and Former Deputy Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank
Maitreyi B Das, Lead Social Development Specialist and Team Leader for Social Inclusion in the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, World Bank, Washington, D.C
- 1315-1400** : **Lunch**
- 1400-1545** : **SESSION IX: CHALLENGES OF EMPLOYMENT IN INDIA (BASED ON DRAFT INDIA EMPLOYMENT REPORT 2016)**
- Chair : **TCA Anant**, Chief Statistician and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India
- Presentation : **Ajit Ghose**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- Discussant : **KV Ramaswamy**, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai
- 1545-1600** : **TEA**
- 1600-1730** : **SESSION X: MANUFACTURING-LED GROWTH IN INDIA: ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES (BASED ON DRAFT INDIA EMPLOYMENT REPORT 2016)**
- Chair : **Ajay Shankar**, Former Secretary, Department of Industrial Department and Policy, Govt. of India
- Presentation : **Ajit Ghose**, Visiting Professor, IHD
- Discussant : **Jayan J Thomas**, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi
- 1730** : **Closing Remarks**
- 1800** : **Tea and Refreshments**