

South Asian Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI)

14th Annual SANEI Conference

7-8 November, 2016

Nepa Hall, Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

DEEPER INTEGRATION FOR GREATER PROSPERITY IN SOUTH ASIA

DAY ONE

7 November, 2016 (Monday)

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| 08:45-09:00 | REGISTRATION |
| 09:00-10:00 | INAUGURATION |
| Chair | Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka, and SANEI Steering Committee Chair |
| Welcome Address | Dr. Bishnu Dev Pant, Coordinator, SANEI & Executive Director, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS), Nepal |
| Remarks | Professor Pierre Jacquet, President, Global Development Network |
| Remarks | Dr. Biswambar Pyakuryal, President, Nepal Economic Association (NEA), Nepal |
| Statement by Guest of Honor | Dr. Chiranjibi Nepal, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank |
| Wrap-up by the Chair | |
| 10:00-11:45 | CONFERENCE ADDRESS |
| Chair | Dr. T. N. Srinivasan, Samuel C. Park Jr Professor of Economics, Emeritus and Professor Emeritus, International and Area Studies, Yale University, USA |
| Keynote Speech on | “The economic consequences of unresolved security issues in South Asia” by Dr. Shivashankar Menon, Distinguished Fellow-Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution, USA and former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India, 2010-14. |
| 10:45-11:45 | Floor Discussion & Wrap-up by the Chair |
| 11:45-12:00 | Tea/Coffee Break |

12:00-02:15

PANEL DISCUSSION ON ASPECTS OF SOUTH ASIAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

Chair

Dr. M Govinda Rao, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), India

Thematic Presentations

Dr. S R Osmani, Professor of Development Economics, University of Ulster at Jordanstown, UK
Dr. Rathin Roy, Director and Chief Executive, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy, New Delhi

Country Perspectives

Dr. Prakash Chandra Lohani, Former Finance and Foreign Minister, Nepal
Dr. KAS Murshid, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)
Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice-Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)
Dr. Asoka S Gunawardena, Executive Governor, Marga Institute, Sri-Lanka
Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi

Wrap-up by the Chair

2:15-03:30

LUNCH

03:30-05:45

SANEI Organizational Issues (AGM & SCM)

AGM: Annual General Meeting

(SC & RAP members, SANEI Secretariat officials, Representatives from SANEI member institutes, other invited guests.)

Tea/ Coffee Break

SCM: Steering Committee Meeting

(SC & RAP members, SANEI Secretariat officials, other invited guests. Agenda of the SCM will be circulated prior to the conference)

07:00-09:00

DINNER

DAY TWO

8 November, 2016 (Tuesday)

08:45-09:00 Tea/Coffee

09:00-11:15 TECHNICAL SESSION 1: GLOBAL PRODUCTION NETWORKS AND PATTERNS

Chair Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice-Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)

Presenters Dr. Priyanga Dunusinghe, Professor, University of Colombo, Sri-Lanka
Dr. Chittur Thodimarath Vidya, Assistant Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), India
Dr. V. Sridhar, Research Fellow, International Institute of Information Technology (IIITB), India

Discussants Dr. KAS Murshid, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)
Dr. Asoka S Gunaardena, Executive Governor, Marga Institute, Sri-Lanka

Floor Discussion

Wrap-up by the Chair

11:15-11:30 Tea/Coffee

11:30-1:30 TECHNICAL SESSION 2: IMPACT OF BARRIERS ON TRADE

Chair Dr. M Ali Khan, Professor of Political Economy, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Presenters Dr. S M Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Bangladesh
Mr. Saswata Chaudhury, Associate Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India
Ms. Mohana Mondal, Research Associate, Madras School of Economics, India

Discussants Dr. Mahesh Banskota, Member, Governing Council, IIDS, Kathmandu
Dr. Basudev Guha, Senior Economist, UNDP, Kathmandu

Floor Discussion

Wrap-up by the Chair

01:30-02:30 Lunch

02:30-04:45 TECHNICAL SESSION 3: IMPLICATIONS OF REGIONALISM

Chair Dr. Swarnim Waglé, Member, National Planning Commission, Nepal

Presenters: Ms. Sara Jabeen, Research Fellow, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan
Dr. Bikash Paudel, Researcher, Society for Rural Development and Green Care Nepal, Nepal
Dr. Vighneswara Swamy, Research Fellow, ICAFI Business School–Hyderabad, India

Discussants: Dr. Rathin Roy, Director and Chief Executive, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy, New Delhi
Dr. Shiva Adhikari, Associate Professor, Tribhuvan University

Floor Discussion

Wrap-up by the Chair

04:45-05:00 FINAL SESSION

Vote of Thanks Dr. Bishnu Dev Pant, ED, IIDS

Concluding Remarks Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Chairman, SANEI Steering Committee