

Theme: Essential Financial and Economic Reforms for Inclusive, Equitable and Sustainable Prosperity of Bangladesh

Date: November 16, 2024 (Saturday)

Venue: BRAC University, Merul Badda, Dhaka – 1209

Organized by: BRAC Business School (BBS), BRAC University (BRACU)

The event, *consisting of **panel discussions** and **poster presentations***, will bring together leading policymakers, industry professionals, and academics with the goal to explore financial and economic reforms essential for a robust financial system and a better future of Bangladesh. The specific objectives are to identify weaknesses of the current policies/practices in various financial sectors, propose solutions/reforms for improvements, and recommend measures for implementation of the proposed reforms. These may include structural, operational, regulatory, technological, and other pertinent issues. The recommendations are expected to lead to a well-functioning – efficient (allocational, operational, and informational), effective, and transparent – financial system. This, in turn, will foster a vibrant economy that will contribute towards the wellbeing of all stakeholders at different levels: individual, organizational, and national.

Guests of Honor and Keynote Speaker(s): Professor Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Advisor, Finance and Commerce, and Ministry of Science and Technology, Interim Government of Bangladesh; and other prominent policymakers, industry professionals, and academics (to be announced) as panelists.

CALL FOR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

(Poster Presentations)

We invite academics/practitioners/policymakers to showcase their policy recommendations on the theme through poster presentation on the program day. These may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Banking (and other Financial Institutions) Reforms
- Capital Market Reforms
- Financial Crime and Compliance (AML, CFT, Capital Flight, and others) Reforms
- Financial System and Economic Policy Reforms (including Independence of the Central Bank, the Roles of the Ministry of Finance and NBR, Monetary and Fiscal Policies, Exchange Rate Policy Reforms, Tax Reforms, Budgetary Reforms, Information Asymmetry, Data Integrity, and others)

Important Dates:

- **October 15 – ~~November 5~~ November 9, 2024** : Submission of policy recommendations
- **October 22 – ~~November 10~~ November 12, 2024** : Acceptance notification (on a rolling basis)
- **October 29 – November 13, 2024** : Registration period
- **November 16, 2024 (Saturday)** : Event (Poster Presentations & Policy Dialogue Sessions)

Event Registration Fees: BDT2K (2,000) for professionals and BDT1K (1,000) for non-professionals.

Awards: The best 3 (three) submissions will be recognized with awards of BDT50K, BDT30K and BDT20K.

Publication: Selected reform/policy recommendations will be published in the proceedings (a white paper).

Submission Outline*:

- I. Current Policy/Practice (including background)
- II. Analysis (including a brief critical evaluation highlighting weaknesses/limitations/challenges)
- III. Policy Recommendations (including justification and implementation measures)

* Please visit <https://ferb.bracu.ac.bd> for detailed submission guideline.

Submission Guideline: The submission must include:

- 6-12 word title
- 50-75 word abstract
- 1-2 page summary of the reform/policy recommendations with 3 major sections:
 - I. Current Policy/Practice (including background)
 - II. Analysis (including a brief critical evaluation highlighting weaknesses/limitations/challenges)
 - III. Policy Recommendations (including justification and implementation measures)
- 2-5 keywords describing the policy recommendations
- Primary presenter's (author's) name, designation, affiliation, phone number and e-mail; and name, designation, affiliation, and e-mail of additional presenter(s), all suitable for printing in the proceedings.

Poster Size:

24" (width) x 36" (height)

Submission Link and Instructions:

- All poster contents will be submitted electronically on the www.ferb.bracu.ac.bd
- In the link, it is recommended that you type the title, abstract, summary, and keywords in a word document and then copy and paste into the [submission portal](#) when you are ready to submit.
- Presenter(s) must clearly state who will serve as the contact person for future communications, as acknowledgement of acceptance, notifications, updates, etc. will only be forwarded to one contact person.
- Please write "Poster Presentation: Financial and Economic Reforms in Bangladesh" on the e-mail (events.bbs@bracu.ac.bd) subject line, in case of any queries.

Evaluation Criteria: policy recommendations will be evaluated based on the quality of the submission:

- Relevance to event title and theme
- Originality (in terms of contextualization in the current Bangladesh state of affairs)
- Significance
- Practicality/viability of implementation
- Completeness of the submission and conformity to the submission requirements