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DAY 1: SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2016

10:30 am - 11:00 am	Registration and Reception
<p>Plenary 1 11:00 am - 12:50 pm Venue: Sky Ballroom</p>	<p><i>Is Political Leadership in South Asia Ready for Implementing the 2030 Agenda?</i></p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya Distinguished Fellow Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh</p> <p><i>Guest of Honour</i></p> <p>Mr Saber Hossain Chowdhury Member of Parliament, Bangladesh President, Inter-Parliamentary Union</p> <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <p>Ms Romina Khurshid Alam Member National Assembly of Pakistan</p> <p>Dr Sarath Amunugama Minister for Special Assignments Government of Sri Lanka</p> <p>Mr Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury Former Minister for Commerce, Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr Shekhar Gupta Editor-in-Chief Mediascape Pvt. Ltd., India</p> <p>Mr Choida Jamtsho Member National Assembly of Bhutan</p> <p>Mr Nazir Kabiri Adviser to the Finance Minister Government of Afghanistan</p> <p>Mr Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan Member, National Assembly of Pakistan and Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan</p> <p>Mr Romi Gauchan Thakali Minister for Commerce Government of Nepal</p> <p>Open Discussion</p> <p>Summing up by the Moderator</p>
12:50 pm - 1:00 pm	Book Launch
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2016**Inaugural**

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Venue: Grand Ballroom

2:30 pm	Guests take their seats
3:00 pm	Arrival of the Chief Guest and National Anthem
3:01 pm - 3:09 pm	Recitation from the Holy Books
3:09 pm - 3:14 pm	<i>Welcome Address</i> Professor Mustafizur Rahman Executive Director Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh
3:14 pm - 3:30 pm	<i>Statements by Distinguished Guests</i> Emeritus Professor Deepak Nayyar Chair South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), India Mr Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan Member, National Assembly of Pakistan and Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan Mr Romi Gauchan Thakali Minister for Commerce Government of Nepal Dr Sarath Amunugama Minister for Special Assignments Government of Sri Lanka
3:30 pm - 3:38 pm	<i>Remarks by the Special Guest</i> Dr Gowher Rizvi International Affairs Adviser to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh
3:38 pm - 3:46 pm	<i>Remarks by the Chair</i> Professor Rehman Sobhan Founding Chairman CPD, Bangladesh
3:46 pm - 3:49 pm	<i>Vote of Thanks</i> Dr Fahmida Khatun Research Director, CPD, Bangladesh Convenor, SAES IX Preparatory Committee
3:49 pm - 3:59 pm	<i>Address by the Chief Guest</i> H E Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid Hon'ble President People's Republic of Bangladesh
4:00 pm	National Anthem
4:01 pm	Departure of the Hon'ble President
4:01 pm - 4:30 pm	Refreshments

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2016

<p>Plenary 2 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Venue: Grand Ballroom</p>	<p><i>Sustainable Transformation of South Asian Economy by 2030: What are the Possible Pathways?</i></p>
	<p><i>Moderator</i> Dr Saman Kelegama Executive Director Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)</p>
	<p><i>Guest of Honour</i> Mr A H M Mustafa Kamal, FCA, MP Minister for Planning Government of Bangladesh</p>
	<p><i>Keynote Speaker</i> Emeritus Professor Deepak Nayyar Chair South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS), India</p>
	<p><i>Panellists</i> Dr Najma Afzal Khan Member of Parliament in Punjab Assembly, Pakistan</p>
	<p>Dr Sultan Hafeez Rahman Executive Director BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Bangladesh</p>
	<p>Dr Shekhar Shah Director-General National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), India</p>
	<p>Dr Swarnim Wagle Member National Planning Commission, Nepal</p>
	<p>Dr Dushni Weerakoon Deputy Director IPS, Sri Lanka</p>
	<p>Open Discussion</p>
	<p>Summing up by the Moderator</p>

<p>Plenary 3 8:30 am - 10:00 am Venue: Grand Ballroom</p>	<p><i>SDG Implementation Challenges in South Asia and Role of Global Partnerships</i></p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Dr Vaqar Ahmed Deputy Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan</p> <p><i>Guest of Honour</i></p> <p>Mr M A Mannan, MP State Minister for Finance and Planning Government of Bangladesh</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker</i></p> <p>Dr Nagesh Kumar Head UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India</p> <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <p>Dr Shamsul Alam Member (Senior Secretary) General Economics Division Planning Commission, Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr Nick Beresford Country Director (ai) UNDP Bangladesh</p> <p>Ms Leoni Margaretha Cuelenaere Ambassador Royal Netherlands Embassy in Bangladesh</p> <p>Dr Mustafa K Mujeri Executive Director Institute for Inclusive Finance and Development (InM) Former Director General Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</p> <p>Dr Jagadish Chandra Pokharel Chairperson Nepal Institute of Urban and Regional Studies (NIURS)</p>
	<p>Open Discussion</p>
	<p>Summing up by the Moderator</p>

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2016

**PARALLEL SESSIONS: GROUP A
10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Parallel Session A1	Parallel Session A2	Parallel Session A3
<i>Venue:</i> Jaflong	<i>Venue:</i> Kuakata	<i>Venue:</i> Somapura
Achieving Sustainable Energy for All in South Asia: Modalities of Cooperation	Promoting South Asian Identity: Role of Media	Financing Development in South Asia: Avenues and Institutional Arrangements
<i>Chair</i> Ambassador Farooq Sobhan President Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI)	<i>Chair</i> Mr Mahfuz Anam Editor The Daily Star, Bangladesh	<i>Chair</i> Dr A B Mirza Azizul Islam Former Advisor to the Caretaker Government Ministries of Finance and Planning, Bangladesh
<i>Panellists</i> Dr M Asaduzzaman Professorial Fellow Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) Mr Kohji Iwakami Economic Affairs Officer Energy Division UNESCAP, Bangkok Dr Mahendra P Lama Professor Centre for South Asian Studies School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India Mr Nitya Nanda Fellow Centre for Global Agreements, Legislation and Trade The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India Mr Pramod Rijal Economist Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS), Nepal Mr Sonam Tashi Chief Planning Officer Policy and Planning Division Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan Mr Alias Wardak Secretary General New Beginning Network (NBN), Afghanistan	<i>Panellists</i> Mr Shafqat Munir Ahmad Founding Editor Infochange News and Features Network (INFN), Pakistan Mr Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul Editor in Chief and CEO Ekushey TV, Bangladesh Mr Matiur Rahman Editor The Daily Prothom Alo, Bangladesh Ms Shobha Shrestha Senior News Editor/Presenter/Reporter Nepal Television Mr Rinzin Wangchuk Editor, Kuensel Corporation Ltd. and President of Journalists' Association, Bhutan	<i>Panellists</i> Dr Salehuddin Ahmed Former Governor Bangladesh Bank Dr Priyadarshi Dash Research Associate Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India Dr Sreeradha Dutta Director Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), India Mr Asif Ibrahim Former President Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), Bangladesh Dr Selim Raihan Professor Department of Economics University of Dhaka, Bangladesh Ms Saadiya Razzaq Senior Research Associate Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan
Open Discussion	Open Discussion	Open Discussion
Summing up by the Chair	Summing up by the Chair	Summing up by the Chair
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	Refreshments	

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2016

**PARALLEL SESSIONS: GROUP B
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm**

Parallel Session B1	Parallel Session B2	Parallel Session B3
<i>Venue:</i> Somapura	<i>Venue:</i> Kuakata	<i>Venue:</i> Jaflong
Addressing Climate Change Impacts in South Asia: Cross-border Initiatives	Reducing Inequality in South Asia: Critical Issues and Policy Choices	Fostering Connectivity and Economic Integration in South Asia: Role of Private Sector
<i>Chair</i> Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel Chair, Board of Governors Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan	<i>Chair</i> Mr M Syeduzzaman Former Finance Minister and Board of Trustees Member Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh	<i>Chair</i> Mr Abdul Matlub Ahmad President Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
<i>Panellists</i> Ms Karin Fernando Senior Research Professional Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Sri Lanka Dr Fahmida Khatun Research Director CPD, Bangladesh Dr Archna Negi Associate Professor Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India Dr A Atiq Rahman Executive Director Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS)	<i>Panellists</i> Professor Abdul Wassay Haqiqi CEO Silk Road Innovation Group, Afghanistan Engr M A Jabbar Member, Board of Governors Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan Dr Simrit Kaur Professor of Public Policy Faculty of Management Studies University of Delhi, India Dr K A S Murshid Director General Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) Professor Bishwambher Pyakuryal President Nepal Economic Association Dr Ganga Tilakaratna Research Fellow Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)	<i>Panellists</i> Ms Saroj Ayush Consultant UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi, India Dr Prabir De Professor Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India Mr Sarath Kahapalarachchi President Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL) Mr Pranav Kumar Director & Head International Trade Policy Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India Mr Ahmad Shah Mobariz Research Board Member Porsesh Research and Studies Organization (PRSO), Afghanistan Mr Rabi S Sainju Joint Secretary Ministry of Commerce, Nepal
Open Discussion	Open Discussion	Open Discussion
Summing up by the Chair	Summing up by the Chair	Summing up by the Chair
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch	

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2016

**PARALLEL SESSIONS: GROUP C
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

Parallel Session C1	Parallel Session C2	Parallel Session C3
<i>Venue:</i> Jaflong	<i>Venue:</i> Kuakata	<i>Venue:</i> Somapura
Promoting Sustainable Industrialisation: Opportunities for Job Creation and Income Generation	Building Accountable and Inclusive Institutions in South Asia	Deepening an Inclusive South Asian Integration through Gender-sensitive Trade Policies
<i>Chair</i> Professor Arif Waqif Director School of Management & Training Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Studies, India	<i>Chair</i> Professor Rounaq Jahan Distinguished Fellow Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh	<i>Chair</i> Dr Dilli Raj Khanal Founder Chairman Institute for Policy Research and Development (IPRAD) Former Member of Parliament, Nepal
<i>Panellists</i> Mr Kithmina Hewage Research Assistant Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) Ms Franziska Korn Resident Representative Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Bangladesh Office Mr Syed Nasim Manzur President Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Bangladesh Mr Udai Singh Mehta Deputy Executive Director CUTS International, India Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem Additional Research Director CPD, Bangladesh Mr Syed A Al-Muti Acting/Associate Director Economic Development The Asia Foundation, Bangladesh	<i>Panellists</i> Mr Indrajith Aponsu Senior Lecturer Department of Economics University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Dr Abraham George Director & Professor Institute for Sustainable Development and Governance (ISDG), India Mr Rameshore Khanal Former Finance Secretary and Chief Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister of Nepal Dr Ahsan Habib Mansur Executive Director Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI) Mr Ibrahim Shareef Mohamed Head of Customs Commissioner General of Customs Maldives Customs Service	<i>Panellists</i> Dr Shahid Ahmed Professor & Head Department of Economics Jamia Millia Islamia, India Dr Amita Batra Professor Centre for South Asian Studies School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India Ms Suwendrani Jayaratna Research Officer Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) Dr Martin Rama Chief Economist for South Asia The World Bank, New Delhi Dr Mohammad A. Razzaque Adviser & Head International Trade Policy The Commonwealth, London Ms Dikshya Singh Research Officer South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal Ms Aishath-Raniya Sobir Research Associate TANGO International, Thailand Dr Janaka Wijayasiri Research Fellow IPS, Sri Lanka
Open Discussion	Open Discussion	Open Discussion
Summing up by the Chair	Summing up by the Chair	Summing up by the Chair
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Refreshments	

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2016

Plenary 4 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Venue: Grand Ballroom	<i>Towards an Inclusive, Just and Peaceful Society in South Asia: Who are the Change Agents?</i>
	<i>Moderator</i> Dr Sachin Chaturvedi Director-General Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India
	<i>Keynote Speaker</i> Professor Rehman Sobhan Founding Chairman Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh
	<i>Panellists</i> Dr Selim Jahan Director Human Development Report Office UNDP, New York Dr S R Osmani Professor, University of Ulster, UK and Visiting Professor, Department of Development Studies BRAC University, Bangladesh Dr Christian Wagner Senior Fellow, Asia Region Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik German Institute for International and Security Affairs
	Open Discussion
	Summing up by the Moderator

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2016

Concluding Session

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Chair

Professor Rehman Sobhan

Founding Chairman

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

Presentation of the Conference Summary

Dr Fahmida Khatun

Research Director

CPD, Bangladesh

Statement by the Organiser-Designate of SAES X

Dr Posh Raj Pandey

Chairman

South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal

Special Guest

Mr Md Shahriar Alam, MP

State Minister for Foreign Affairs

Government of Bangladesh

Chief Guest

Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP

Hon'ble Speaker

National Parliament of Bangladesh

Concluding Remarks

Professor Mustafizur Rahman

Executive Director

CPD, Bangladesh