National Workshop

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Exclusion and Marginalization Challenges in Bangladesh

August 22, 2016
LGED Auditorium, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207

The moral urgency of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) lies in four fundamental words—LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND. While Bangladesh has commendable progress on many fronts, the twin problems of marginalization and exclusion continue to haunt a wide range of ethnic minorities, particularly from the plains land and other excluded groups. Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD) in partnership with Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC), Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB) and Gram Bikash Kendra (GBK) and with support from the European Union and ICCO Cooperation have launched a multi-year initiative to define the excluded groups, map their current status, and strengthen their capacity and partnerships.

A national workshop to share initial findings and facilitate a national conversation on key issues has been arranged for Monday, 22 August 2016 at 10 a.m. at the LGED Auditorium, Agargaon, Dhaka. Dr. Gowher Rizvi, International Affairs Adviser to Honourable Prime Minister will be present as the chief guest. Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, Dr. Hameeda Hossain, Md. Abdul Karim, Dr. Harishankar Jaldas, Rambhajan Kairi and Dr. Dipankar Roy will be present as special guests and distinguished speakers. Representatives of excluded communities from across Bangladesh, national policy makers, civil society, academia, media and others will participate.

You are cordially invited.

Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman
Executive Chairman, PPRC

Philip Gain
Director, SEHD

Joyanta Adhikari
Executive Director, CCDB

Moazzem Hossain
Chief Executive, GBK
PROGRAM

Inaugural Session

10:00  Registration, information fair and tea
11:00  Welcome address and project presentation
       Philip Gain, Director, SEHD
11:20  Keynote on marginalization and exclusion in Bangladesh
       Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman, PPRC
11:40  Distinguished speakers
       Dr. Harishankar Jaldas, Writer
       Rambhajan Kairi, GS, Bangladesh Cha Sramik Union
       Dr. Dipankar Roy, Deputy Director, BBS
       EU Representative
12:15  Special guests
       Prof. Wahidduddin Mahmud, Eminent Economist
       Dr. Hameeda Hossain, Vice Chairperson, RIB
       Md. Abdul Karim, Managing Director, PKSF
12:40  Chief guest: Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Adviser for International
       Affairs to Honourable Prime Minister
12:50  Chair: Professor Sakhawat Ali Khan, Chairman, SEHD
1:00   Lunch

Experience-Sharing Session

2:00  Chair: Joyanta Adhikari, Executive Director, CCDB
       Sharing of experiences and insights from the ground
       Eugin Nokrek, President, Joyenshai Adivasi Unnayan Parisad
       Nirmal Chandra Das, GS, Bangladesh Harijon Yokhha Parishad
       Rabindranath Soren, President, Jatiyo Adivasi Parishad
       Shahnaz Begum, Jiboner Alo
       A.K.M. Maksud, ED, Grambangla Unnayan Committee
       Ashok Das, General Secretary, Bangladesh Dalit Parishad
       Milon Das, Executive Director, Paritran
       Tutia Bashfor, Harijon Kailyan Parishad, Rangpur
3:20  Open discussion
4:30  Vote of thanks, Moazzem Hossain, Chief Executive, GBK
4:40  Closing tea

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