



Voice for UN Convention on the Poor

Side event in Social Forum 2023

Session On

Contributions of Social Science, Social techniques and social innovations for the benefit of the poor and marginalized in the enjoyment of Human Rights

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Summary: The concept of this side event is to discuss the aspects of socially developed science, technology and innovation beside the automated & lab tested science technology & innovations. The one hour session will feature a combination of drama or demonstration, paper presentation, panel discussion & open discussion. Our goal is to shed light on these issues, ensuring that no aspect is overlooked.

Background: In response to concerns about the impact of globalization on the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, the concept of the Social Forum was discussed in 1997. This year, the social forum focused on the contribution of science, technology and innovation to the promotion of human rights, including the context of post –pandemic recovery.

Introduction: The term ‘science, technology and innovation’ often evoke the idea of the combination of progress with automation of the society. The 15th social forum acknowledges both positive and negative aspects of this concept. Besides these views, the social aspects of these issues also important to cover-up in such social platform.

Proposition: The aspect of science, technology and innovation in social sense that, actually do not uplifting human development in the sense of automation. They also profoundly affect the society in terms of social progress, in distinct dimension.

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Key issues: In lights of concern related to the impact of globalization we should critically discuss how much social thoughts of human society as science, social interactions as techniques, and creating, implementing new solutions as innovation addressed social issues (economic, social and cultural rights) and improved the quality of life for individuals and communities.



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Methodology:

November 3rd 2023,
Geneva time 14:00-15:00h. BD time 7:00-8:00 PM

Steps	Time (1 hour)	Topics	Methods	Remarks on facilitation
1	5 minutes	Welcome & introduction on the event	Speech	Samia Ahmed, member board of trustees, VUCP. Female from Bangladesh.
2	20 minutes	Key note paper presentation	Power point	M Rezaul Islam, MSW (Nottingham), PhD (Nottingham Professor in Social Work, Dhaka University. Male from Bangladesh.
3	20 minutes	Panel discussion : Social Science (thoughts in terms of political economic & social theories) Social techniques (interactions in terms of knowledge, governance, commerce & social norms) Social innovation (solution as HR instruments, development principles, planning & implementation)	3 separate discussant will give their overview on 3 separate issues.	Dr. Khurshed Alam, Social scientist, leading sociologist of South Asia. Male from Bangladesh. Selina Keya, Development professional, Female from Bangladesh. Saidur Rahaman, Advocate Prominent Human Rights Defender. Male from Bangladesh.
4	10 minutes	Open discussion and shearing ideas and views	Individual presentation	Social Forum representative
5	5 minutes	Sum-up and conclusion	Speech	Mohammad Aman Ullah Aman, Economist. Certified Marketing Management professional. Male from Bangladesh.

Conclusion: This concept of the side event will highlight the basic area aligned with the Social Forum mandate, paving the way for more in-depth discussions in separate events across various forums in the future.

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OHCHR Social Forum 2023, 3rd November, side event on Contribution of Social Science, Social techniques and social innovations for the poor and marginalized to the enjoyment of Human Rights

Aim & Objectives:

- Overall this event will find the significant areas of social thoughts techniques and innovations that impact the life and living of poor and marginalized people.

Specifically

- It will serve a complementary aspect of the thematic area of this social forum to draw the attention on the imperative facet of social progress from the distinct perspective.
- The discussion within this event will provide an insightful overview of how social science, social techniques and social innovations contribute to the realization of economic, social and cultural rights.
- We anticipate that this discourse will captivate the interested to the activists, professionals and academics inspiring them to delve deeper into the topics covered for further analysis and exploration.

Scope of the topic:

As if it is no surprise that poverty, with its ubiquitous nature, still exists today even though the world has reached the limit of thousands of years of knowledge, science, and technology, and the world is poised to enter the fourth industrial revolution era of artificial intelligence; The earth's surface and sky are covered with almost unlimited resources and production of food and goods, and human sensitivity has reached a very meaningful level, yet poverty persists. Poverty is a major violation of human rights that creates inequalities and causes oppression; people living in poverty often face discrimination based on their socioeconomic status. Moreover, poverty leads to significant human rights violations, such as exploitation and abuse.

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The scope of the discussion covers the following areas those impact the life and living of poor and marginalized people. Major gaps, challenges, missed opportunities.

Social Science (thoughts in terms of political, economic & social theories)

Social techniques (interactions in terms of knowledge, governance, commerce & social norms)

Social innovation (solution as HR instruments, development principles, planning & implementation)



Annex: Speakers' details:

Samia Ahmed

Welcome & introduction on the event

Samia Ahmed is the treasurer of VUCP board of trustees. She got the experience availed through working in UN Agency and INGOs in the country and abroad for more than 18 years. Currently she is working with Save the Children in Bangladesh. She represented her nation & organizations in many international events like Emergency Mission Response in Gomma, DR Congo as a team member of the Emergency Response Team. Samia got Post Graduation in Development Studies (Brac University) and in Economics (University of Dhaka). **Email address:** a.samia22@gmail.com

M. Rezaul Islam

Key note paper presentation

Dr. M. Rezaul Islam, a distinguished academic, currently serves as a Professor of Social Work at the Institute of Social Welfare and Research, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. With an extensive academic journey including an MSW and a Ph.D. from the University of Nottingham, UK, Dr. Islam brings over 27 years of diverse experience in teaching, research, and global collaborative initiatives. Dr. Islam has made significant contributions to various universities worldwide, including the University of Malaya, the University of Johannesburg, and University Sains Malaysia. His extensive scholarship reflected in 120 impactful journal articles, 45 insightful book chapters, and 15 meticulously authored and edited books. Dr. Islam's research spans topics such as climate change, migration, and social inequality, with a specific focus on the contexts of South Asia and the Arab world. **Email address:** rezauldu@gmail.com

Khurshed Alam

Panel discussant -1 on Social Science

Dr Khurshed Alam, is a professional social scientist, is a leading sociologist of South Asia. He has completed his post-graduation in Sociology from Dhaka University. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Bangladesh Institute of Social Research (BISR) which is one of the leading research organizations in the country in the fields of sociology and anthropology. His research areas of interest include poverty reduction, social change, people's participation in development, gender-inclusive development etc. His articles published in many renowned journals like World Journal of Science; International Journal of Gender Studies in developing societies etc. He is the authore of 9 books and many scientific peer-reviewed articles. **Email address:** khursheddbisir@gmail.com

Selina Keya

Panel discussant -2 on Social Techniques

Ms. Selina Akhter Keya is a development professional. She has expertise on gender, social Inclusion, right based programming, policy advocacy, community mobilization, She is now working as National Consultant- Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) with Winrock International. She has exclusive working experience with caste and occupation based discriminated groups across the country (i.e. sex workers, domestic workers, tea garden workers, garments workers, ship breaking workers, fisher folks, refugee and Vedic community). She worked directly with the parliamentarians of Bangladesh for policy advocacy, also closely worked with national electronic & print media, prominent civil society

organizations and networks led by renowned human rights activists of the country. Academically, she has a Master's Degree in English Literature and a Post-Graduation Diploma on Human Resource Management. **Email address:** writekeya@gmail.com

Saidur Rahman

Panel discussant -3 on Social Innovations

Saidur Rahman is a Human Rights Defender with 30 years of experience in human rights, restorative justice, legal aid, rights-based approach, community legal service, village court, gender relations, and social transformation issues. Saidur Rahman is a lawyer with a Master in Political Science (MSS) and a Bachelor in Law (LLB). He is the registered Advocate of District and Session Judge Courts, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Now he is working with Manabadhikar Shongskriti Foundation (msf) as Chief Executive and Secretary. Saidur has extensive managerial experience with NGOs, he was the National Consultant-Capacity Development of UNDP Village court program, Deputy Director & Director of Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK). He worked with BRAC and Senior Programme Manager of DFID (EEP)/shire project. **Email address:** msfhr9@gmail.com

Mohammad Aman Ullah Aman

Summary of the discussion

Mohammad Aman Ullah Aman is an Economist, Business Graduate, Certified Marketing Management Professional and Certified Brand Management Professional. He is an adjunct faculty of Dhaka School of Economics a constituent Institution of the University. Also he is currently playing the role of Country Manager for Bangladesh at IIMP. Aman has more than 12 years experiences of working in corporate sector in marketing, branding, business development and strategy formulation. A number of his books, poetries, researches, and articles have been published in local and international platform. **Email address:** auamam01@gmail.com

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Concept developed

Mahatab is the He is the general secretary of VUCP board of trustee. He is the visionary who first conceived of a UN Convention on the Poor and organized others to work together towards this goal. He has extensive experience working with national and international NGOs at the community level on women empowerment, poverty reduction and human rights. Mahatab did his master's degree in Sociology & Anthropology from the Asian University of Bangladesh and a second master's degree in Industrial Relations & Labor studies from Dhaka University. **Email address:** akmmahatabg@gmail.com