

## 14th South Asian Management Forum

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Male, Maldives



**Dignitaries at the inaugural**

South Asian Management Forum (SAMF) is a biennial conference organized by the Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA). The forum aims to bring together management experts, scholars, practicing managers, business leaders, policy administrators and other academicians from different countries of South Asia on a platform to discuss various connected issues and share their research findings. The 14th SAMF 2017 hosted by MNU Business School, Maldives National University, Male, Maldives was held at Bandos Island, Maldives from April 24-26, 2017. The earlier conference was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2015.

The theme of the 14th SAMF 2017 was “Governance and Public Policy – Role of Management Development”. Besides plenary sessions there were concurrent sessions where papers were presented by leading academic/research scholars from the participating South Asian countries.

The response to the Call for Papers was overwhelming and **108** abstracts were received from all parts of South Asia. The Editorial Committee and the Panel Reviewers carried out a rigorous selection and evaluation process to select the best abstracts and the final papers. The criteria used in evaluating full papers were significance of the theoretical and methodological contributions, degree to which the manuscript fits the theme of the conference, appropriateness of the literature review, adequacy of the design and execution of the study, appropriateness of the analysis, quality of the discussion and

interpretation of the results, clarity of presentation, implications for practitioners, academicians and scholars. Finally **58** papers were selected for presentation during the concurrent sessions.

The core themes were grouped under the following headings:

- A. Governance and Management Development
- B. Role of Management Education in Evolving Public Policies
- C. Governance Scenario across sectors
- D. Governance and Institutional Building

Selected papers from among those accepted for the conference are being published in the Forum Proceedings.

Finally, it may be said that the papers generated great interest among the delegates and participants by raising serious questions and creating value adding discussions and dialogues, which would sub serve the objective of the Forum.



**Welcome address by Dr. Mohamed Latheef, Chancellor, MNU, Male,**





**Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala, President-AMDISA addressing the delegates**



**Inaugural Address by Hon. Mr. Mohamed Saeed, Minister of Economic Development, Maldives**



**Dr. Ali Shameem, Chairman, Civil Service Commission, Maldives, addressing the delegates**



**Vote of Thanks by Mr Shathif Ali, Vice-President, AMDISA and Dean, MNU**

At the 14th South Asian Management Forum, the second Dharni Sinha Memorial Lecture was held. This lecture has been instituted in the memory of Dr. Dharni P Sinha, the founder and 1st President of AMDISA and is held at every SAMF. This lecture, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the series, was delivered at the 14th SAMF by Prof. Sudarsanam Padam, Political Scientist and Management Teacher & Advisor and former Dean of Studies, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, India. This lecture is reproduced in this Newsletter.



**Group Photo of Delegates at the Conference**

The conference had 5 sessions, with Session – 1 on “ **Governance and Management Development**” chaired by Dr Syed Zahoor Hassan, Professor, Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB) & former Vice Chancellor, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan. Other Panel Members of this session were Dr. Aly Shameem, President, Civil Service Commission, Male, Maldives, Dr. R. K. Mishra, Director, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, India, Prof. Subas K.C, Dean, Kathmandu University School of Management, Lalitpur, Nepal, and Dr. Swarup K. Mohanty, Director, Sona School of Management, Salem, Tamil Nadu, India.



**Panel Session I: Governance and Management Development**

L-R: Prof. Subas K.C., Dr. Swarup K.Mohanty, Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan (Chairman),  
Dr. Aly Shameem, and Dr. R.K. Mishra



Session – 2 on “**Role of Management Education in Evolving Public Policies**” was chaired by Prof. Dr. Abdur Rab, Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Other Panel Members of this session were Prof. Sudarsanam Padam, Advisor and former Dean of Studies, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, India, Mr. Sabur Khan, Chairman, Daffodil International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Prof. P.K. Biswas, Director, Institute of Financial Management and Research, Chennai, India, Dr. Mohammed Nishat, Professor of Economics and Finance, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, Pakistan and Dr. V. Sita, Professor, School of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India.



**Panel Session II : Role of Management Education in Evolving Public Policies**

L-R: Dr S Padam, Prof. P K Biswas, Dr Mohammed Nishat, Dr Abdur Rab (Chairman), Dr V. Sita and Mr. Sabur Khan

Session – 3 on “**Governance Scenario across Sectors**” was chaired by Dr. Ashok R. Joshi, Director General, IndSearch, Pune, India. Other Panel Members of this session were Dr. Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector, University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Paul Fernandes S.J., Director & Vice Chancellor, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar, India, Professor Madhav Raj Koirala, Director, School of Management, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu Nepal, Prof. Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Dhaka, Bangladesh and Dr. Jitendra K.Das, Director, FORE School of Management, Delhi, India.



### **Panel Session III: Governance Scenario across Sectors**

L-R: Prof. Paul Fernandes S.J., Dr Hasan Sohaib Murad, Dr. Ashok R Joshi (Chairman),  
Prof. Imran Rahman, Dr. Jitendra K Das and Prof. Madhav Raj Koirala

Session – 4 on “**Governance and Institutional Building**” was chaired by Prof. Dr Ajantha Dharmasiri, Director, Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Other Panel Members of this session were Prof. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Pro Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Prof. Brajaraj Mohanty, Professor, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha, India, Dr. K. Janardhanam, Professor and Director, Canara Bank School of Management Studies, Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India and Dr. Irfan Hyder, Dean, Institute of Business Management, Pakistan.





#### **Panel Session IV: Governance and Institutional Building**

**L-R:** Prof. Brajaraj Mohanty, Dr. K Janardhanam, Prof. Dr. Ajantha Dharmasiri (Chairman) , Prof. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury and Dr. Irfan Hyder

Session – 5 on “**International Best Practices in formulating Public Policies**” was chaired by Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala, President, Institute of Certified Professional Managers, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Other Panel Members of this session were Dr. Jawad Syed, Dean and Professor of Organisational Behaviour, Suleman Dawood School of Business, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan, Mr. Mohammad Jasimuddin, Former Acting Head of Regional Programmes Group, Governance & Institutional Development Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, United Kingdom, Mr. Shathif Ali, Dean, MNU Business School, Maldives National University, Male, Prof. Dr. Uday Salunkhe, Group Director, Prin. L.N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research, Mumbai and Dr. Monica Khanna, Director, K J Somaiya Institute of Management Studies & Research, Mumbai, India.



### **Panel Session V: International Best Practices in formulating Public Policies**

L-R: Mr. Ali Fawaz Shareef, Mr. Punya Prasad Neupane, Dr. Uday Salunkhe, Prof. Lakshman R Watawala (Chairman), Mr. Mohammad Jasimuddin, Dr. Jawad Syed, Dr. Monica Khanna and Mr. Shathif Ali

Mr. Ali Fawaz Shareef, Vice Chancellor, Maldives National University, Male gave the Valedictory address.



**Valedictory Address by Mr. Ali Fawaz Shareef, Vice Chancellor, MNU, Male**

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