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Dr. Rahman worked in the Canadian government at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (now part of Global Affairs Canada (GAC)) during 1992 -2013 in various positions such as the Executive Director of the Development Finance Innovation Working Group, Executive Director of the Strategic and Operating Review of the Agency, Regional Director General for Asia, Associate Vice-President of Policy and Director of the Evaluation, Monitoring and Results-Based Management Group. Prior to working at CIDA, he worked as a senior researcher at the Economic Council of Canada and the Conference Board of Canada. He was a member of the Leadership Council at the Institute for the Study of International Development (ISID) at McGill University, Montreal, Canada during 2013-2016 and a Senior Fellow and Visiting Professor at the School of International Development and Global Studies (SIDGS) at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada during 2014- July 2022 .

Recent Work

Academic

- A Chapter on “International Development Financing in a Post-Bretton Woods World” in a book entitled Beyond the Free Market: Social Inclusion and Globalization published by Routledge, 2021.
- A chapter on “Improving SDG Spending through South-South SDG Tracking: Insights from Bangladesh-Peru Partnership” (with Hasanuzzaman Zaman) in a book entitled Better Spending for Localizing Global Sustainable Goals published by Routledge, 2020.
- Two co-authored papers on development partnerships with middle-income countries published in The Canadian Journal of Development Studies, June 2018 – (1) “Beyond binaries: Constructing new development partnerships with middle-income countries (MICs)” (with S. Barayni); and, (2) “Development Partnerships in Middle Income Countries (MICs) – The Transition Issues: A Case Study of Bangladesh” (with M. Mujeri). The first paper was chosen for a policy brief by GAC. A virtual Policy Lab was held on this Brief on May 10,2020 involving GAC officials.
- A chapter on “Canada and the Emerging Economies: Not Aid, But Not Just Trade” in a textbook published by the University of Ottawa entitled Canada and the Challenge of International Development and Globalization, 2018.

- Teaching graduate courses on globalization, results-based management and international development financing at the SIDGS, University of Ottawa during 2013-2021.

Consulting

- With Universal Management Group, Montreal
 - Contributing to the conceptualisation and preparation of the Annual Development Effectiveness Report (ADER) of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) – an entity of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) from 2015 to 2017, and the 2019 ADER of the IsDB.
 - Working on the preparation of a diagnostic tool for use by the countries in assessing national evaluation capacities in the context of the SDGs for the UNDP (2017).
 - Leading annual International Development Management Workshops (including results-based management) at the IsDB from 2014 to 2017.
- Individual
 - Reviewing documents for the Copenhagen Consensus Group (2017)
 - Mentor in the Monitoring and Evaluation Mentoring Program of ICD (since July 2014)
 - Preparation of the ADER, ICD (2018 -present); ADER, IsDB (2019)

Dr. Rahman has made numerous presentations on international development at international conferences including at the Gobeshona Conference at IUB, Dhaka, January 2019; Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka and at the Independent University of Bangladesh, Chittagong, January 2018 and at BRAC University, Dhaka, January 2017. He has also presented and chaired sessions at CASID conferences.

Awards

- Nepean's Canada 150th Anniversary Medal 2017

CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency)

- President's Certificate of Appreciation, 2012, for outstanding contribution as the Leader of the Strategic and Operating Review Task Force
- President's Award of Excellence, 2008, for outstanding contribution and exceptional leadership as a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Peer Review Team
- Citation for International Commerce, 2007, in recognition for outstanding service to the Canadian business community (as a member of Canada's WTO team for the WTO Ministerial Meeting, Hong Kong, 2005/6)
- President's Award of Excellence, 2005, for outstanding contribution to the President's office and the Canadian International Development Agency as a member of the Core team of the Vision 2010/ International Policy Statement
- President's Award of Excellence, 1999, as member of the Asia Poverty Reduction Project Team
- Agency Certificate of Appreciation, 1998, as a member of the group responsible for preparing CIDA's Human Resource Strategy, 1995-1998

Academic

- Ford Foundation International Economics Program Dissertation Fellowship, 1980-81 (one of eight awarded world-wide)