



Mr. Anirban Bhowmik, Regional Director, Central and East Africa for Swisscontact

On Sunday, June 5, the [Center for Enterprise and Society \(CES\)](#) at ULAB organized a Leadership Talk for the Spring Semester 2022, titled “Career Journey of a Development Practitioner.”

The Leadership Speaker for the term was Mr. **Anirban Bhowmik**, the Regional Director, Central and East Africa for Swisscontact, a leading development agency.

The session started with opening remarks from **Professor Imran Rahman**, Vice Chancellor, ULAB. **Associate Professor Sajid Amit**, Director, CES, moderated the event.

Anirban is leading Swisscontact’s journey in the Central and East Africa region to make it a resilient organization. Before relocating to East Africa, he was the Country Director for Swisscontact Bangladesh. Anirban also designed and managed a large-scale private sector development programme for UK Aid in Bangladesh.

He has worked in several geographies as an international development expert, including South and South East Asia, Eastern Europe, and South America.

The discussion focused on the International Development sector and career opportunities for young professionals.

Following the Leadership Talk, there was a lively Q&A session where students, young professionals, and others asked questions to the experts on a variety of topics.