

Director of UNDP Human Development Report Office speaks on “Human Development for Everyone”

On Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Dr. Selim Jahan, Director at UNDP Human Development Report Office, New York, NY, USA, delivered a talk at ULAB, titled “Human Development for Everyone.” The talk was organized by the Center for Enterprise and Society (CES), a research center at ULAB, under the CES Leadership Talk Series. Professor Imran Rahman, Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees at ULAB, was present at the talk, as were several ULAB faculty and members of CES.

Dr. Selim Jahan delivered a riveting talk on the various approaches to human development, the importance of understanding and recording human development, and the role of citizens, students, faculty, and universities, in ensuring and sustaining human development. The talk was attended by a full house of students who were thoroughly engaged and had several questions for the speaker. Professor Imran Rahman thanked the speaker and presented him a ULAB crest as token of appreciation.



He emphasized that development should be for the people and by the people. To illustrate, he cited examples of people’s participation in the process of development, beyond policy making. He also pointed out five points critical to human development: to increase people’s capacity and provide opportunities for doing so; to enhance efficiency of labour; to ensure people feel safe in addition to enjoying basic rights; to foster gender equality by widening the scope of participation and choice for both genders in policy-making; and, lastly, to make development policies that protect the climate and environment.

CES’s seminar was part of the Center for Enterprise and Society’s (CES) Talk and Seminar Series. The Center seeks to advance understanding of the opportunities and challenges to business and societal development in Bangladesh through objective, academic study. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ulab.edu.bd/CES/home>