

Biography of Dr. Md. Wakilur Rahman



Dr. Md. Wakilur Rahman is a well-known academic, internationally recognized researcher, and higher education leader, currently serving as a Member of the Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC) under the Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh. He is also a Professor (Deputation) in the Department of Rural Sociology at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), with about 22 years of experience in teaching, research, academic leadership, postgraduate supervision, and institutional development.

Dr. Rahman obtained his PhD from Northwest A&F University, China, and has built an outstanding international research profile through collaborations with leading and prestigious global organizations, including FAO, IFAD, UNDP, USAID, ACIAR, CSIRO, ICARDA, IWMI, CIMMYT, IRRI, WorldFish, IFPRI, JICA, ADB, UKAID, and NASA. His multidisciplinary research spans agricultural policy, food and nutrition security, gender, higher education, rural livelihoods, groundwater governance, and sustainable community development.

His academic philosophy is firmly rooted in the principles of collaboration, cooperation and co-creation for strengthening meaningful partnerships among academia, government, development agencies, and local communities to generate innovative and sustainable solutions to complex development challenges.

Dr. Rahman has successfully led and contributed to more than 60 nationally and internationally funded research and consultancy works and has published over 80 peer-reviewed articles in leading international journals, alongside book chapters, technical reports, and numerous policy and

opinion articles in national media. His scholarly work has significantly influenced research, policy dialogue, and development practice in Bangladesh and beyond.

He has held several prominent academic and leadership positions, including Head of the Department of Rural Sociology, Syndicate Member of Kurigram Agricultural University, Associate Editor of the Bangladesh Journal of Agricultural Economics, and UGC-nominated SDG Focal Point at Bangladesh Agricultural University. He has supervised a good number of PhD and Master's students while contributing to community development, research governance, and livelihood improvement.

Dr. Rahman's academic excellence has been recognized through numerous prestigious national and international awards and fellowships. These include the Global Research Impact Recognition Award (multiple times), the John Dillon Fellowship awarded by ACIAR, Australia, the TWAS–UNESCO Associate Scheme Award, the Outstanding Foreign Student Award and Overall Academic Performance Award from Northwest A&F University, China, the Best Publication Award, the BWTP Competition Award, and the Chinese Government Scholarship for doctoral studies. He also completed competitive international research internships with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC), further strengthening his global research perspective and policy engagement.

Dr. Rahman is an active member of several national and international professional bodies, including the International Association of Agricultural Economists, the Bangladesh Agricultural Economics Association, the Bangladesh Economics Association, ACIAR Alumni, and the Bangladesh Sociological Society. As a Member of the Bangladesh Accreditation Council, he is committed to advancing a culture of academic excellence, innovation, internationalization, and quality assurance, thereby enhancing the global competitiveness of Bangladesh's higher education system.