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### **Bio Note**

Devabrata is a career bureaucrat and a member of the Bangladesh Civil Service Administration. He worked for the field-administration in the Divisional Districts with various capacities as Assistant Commissioner, Magistrate First Class and Special Magistrate (Speedy Trial), Deputy Collector for Land Revenue Administration, and Deputy Director for Local Government before moving to the Ministry of Public Administration as Senior Assistant Secretary.

Prior to the current appointment he served the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) as Director at the Governance Innovation Unit and the Private Secretary to the Hon PM's International Affairs Advisor Professor Gowher Rizvi. He also has worked with the Access to Information (a2i) Program, a joint initiative of the Bangladesh Government and the UNDP, as the team leader for Services Innovation Fund (SIF) which promotes innovative ideas from common citizens and the field officials on service delivery simplification.

His current assignments include providing catalyst's support to the Government's initiatives on investment promotion through the Economic Zones, Export Processing Zones, and Public-Private Partnership (PPP), assisting the Private Sector Development Policy Coordination Committee (PSDCC) at the PMO, and facilitating the Technical Assistance Projects towards enabling business environment. He is also the general focal point for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) working team at the PMO. Devabrata has assisted the Sherpa to the Bangladesh Prime Minister at the High Level Panel on Water (HLPW), a United Nations and World Bank jointly convened forum of the sitting heads of State and Government, that helped frame new narrative on water and suggest concrete action agenda to support the water related SDGs.

The fields of his research interest are the New Public Service, ICT and Media Policy, Forced Displacement and Refugee studies, Labor and Migration issues, Rural Development, Trade Negotiation, and Participatory Governance. Devabrata received BA Honors and MA in English from Jadavpur University Calcutta and MA in Governance and Development from BRAC University Dhaka. Afterwards he went to Harvard University and graduated with the degree of Master in Public Administration.