Day 1: March 31, 2011

8.15–8.45 am
Registration and Welcome Tea

8.45–9.00 am
Welcome to the Conference
Introduction: Shashanka Bhide, NCAER
Welcome Remarks: Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia University and Suman Bery, NCAER

9.00–11.00 am
Session I: Trade, Poverty and the Socially Disadvantaged Groups

Chair: Vijay Kelkar, Chairman, National Stock Exchange and Chairman, Forum of Federations

Paper 1: Trade Liberalization and Poverty Reduction: New Evidence from Indian States
J.S. Cain (Missouri), Rana Hasan (ADB) and Devashish Mitra (Syracuse)

Paper 2: Growth, Openness and the Socially Disadvantaged
Megha Mukim (LSE) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)

Discussants: Suresh Tendulkar, Member, Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics and ICSSR National Fellow, Institute of Economic Growth
K. Sundaram, Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics

Morning Tea / Coffee 11.00–11.30 am

11.30 am – 12.45 pm
Session II: Inequality and Trade

Chair: Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS

Paper 3: Trade and Inequality in India
Pravin Krishna (Johns Hopkins) and Guru Sethupathy (Johns Hopkins)

Discussants: Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia) and Rana Hasan (ADB)

Lunch 12.45–2.00 pm
2.00–2.15 pm
Chair: Shashanka Bhide, NCAER
Presentation of the NCAER
“Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research”, Special Issue on
International Trade Policy by Guest Editor Rajesh Chadha to Jagdish Bhagwati

2.15–3.30 pm
Session III: Liberalization and Competition

Chair: Dhanendra Kumar, Chairman, Competition Commission of India

Paper 4: Does Liberalization Promote Competition?
Laura Alfaro (Harvard) and Anusha Chari (North Carolina)

Discussants: Pravin Krishna (Johns Hopkins)

Afternoon Tea/ Coffee 3.30–3.45 pm

3.45–5.45 pm
Session IV: The Services Sector

Chair: BJ Panda, Member of Parliament

Paper 5: Organized Retailing in India: Issues and Outlook
Rajeev Kohli (Columbia) and Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia)

Paper 6: Services Growth in India: Looking Inside the Black Box
Rajeev Dehejia (Tufts) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)

Discussants: Thomas Reardon (Michigan State) and Rupa Chanda (IIM, Bangalore)

Evening Program at Hotel Shangri-La, New Delhi

7.00–9.30 pm
Invited Guest Lecture

Chair: Arvind Panagariya, Columbia University and Suman Bery, NCAER

Speaker: Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI

Aadhaar and its Role in Inclusive Growth

Dinner follows the lecture

End of Day 1
Day 2: April 1, 2011

9.00–10.15 am  
Session IV: Reforms and Election Outcomes

Chair: Bimal Jalan, Former Governor, RBI; Chairman, Centre for Development Studies; and Honorary Fellow, NCAER

Paper 7: India: Election Outcomes and Economic Performance  
Poonam Gupta (ICRIER) and Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)

Discussant: Surjit Bhalla (Oxus Investments)

10.15–11.30 am  
Session V: Effects of Privatization

Chair: Govinda Rao, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

Paper 8: Selling the Family Silver to Pay the Grocer’s Bill? The Case of Privatization in India  
Nandini Gupta (Indiana)

Discussant: Shankar Acharya, Honorary Professor, ICRIER

Morning Tea/ Coffee 11.30–11.45 am

11.45–1.15 pm  
Panel on Economic Reforms: The Unfinished Agenda

Chair: Arvind Panagariya (Columbia)

Panelists: Amit Mitra (FICCI), Rakesh Mohan (Yale), T.N. Ninan (Business Standard) and N.K. Singh (Member of Parliament)

Lunch 1.15–2.30 pm

End of Conference