

A Seminar on  
“Legal Aid for the Urban Poor”  
by **Dr. Hans-Otto Sano, Danish Centre for Human Rights**

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**Abstract**

This seminar will discuss the role of legal aid and its effectiveness from a purely human rights based approach (HRBA). It will examine the findings of a survey in slum areas in Dhaka city where BLAST provides legal services through its community legal clinics to understand the nature of cases that arises and how legal aid helps in solving those issues. Recommendations and remarks will address on how legal aid can reach more disadvantaged people and can maintain its crucial role in fighting systemic injustices.

**Speakers Bios**

Dr. Hans-Otto Sano, Research Director at the Danish Institute for Human Rights, Ph.D. in economic History. Dr. Sano is an expert in human rights and development issues with research experience on human rights-based approaches, good governance, and in subjects relating to human rights and poverty. He is presently involved in research projects on human rights and poverty, on human rights research methods, and in projects on the inter-relationship between human rights and economic growth. He has worked on human rights issues for nearly 20 years and on development problems for three decades with experience from Africa and from South Asia. He has worked at various research institutions, universities, the World Bank, and private sector organizations.

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