

# ICCCAD's NAP Solidarity Programme

The International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) based at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in Dhaka, Bangladesh was set up in 2009 to provide education, training and research for tackling climate change in Bangladesh and to share that knowledge with other Least Developed Countries (LDCs) through its **South-South Knowledge Exchange Programme** as well as other countries.

This note describes the ways in which ICCCAD offers Solidarity with other countries developing their respective National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

## Focus

ICCCAD's NAP Solidarity Programme focuses on **implementation** of adaptation plans and **mainstreaming** adaptation to climate change process over the longer term.

## Objective

1. To share '**experiential knowledge**' from Bangladesh with NAP teams from LDCs and other countries
2. To provide **capacity building** and training support to individuals from LDCs and other countries



## Bangladesh Leading the Way for Planning and Implementing Adaptation

Adaptation to climate change has been increasingly recognised as an essential strategy to cope with the adverse impacts of climate change. It is becoming apparent that it is not only the LDCs that will need to adapt but all countries, including developed countries.

Bangladesh has been playing a key role within the LDC Group on adaptation over the years and has a member on the high level Adaptation Committee. The country after preparing the NAPA in 2005, on its own prepared the Bangladesh

Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (BCCSAP) in 2008, which is a **de facto** NAP. To support activities under BCCSAP, Government of Bangladesh has set up the Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund (BCCTF). For the past six years the Ministry of Finance has allocated 100 Million USD equivalent in their annual budget to be invested into the BCCTF. The government also set up a parallel Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund (BCCRF) for development partners to make contributions. In the course of planning as well as implementing adaptation activities Bangladesh has gained considerable amounts of **experiential knowledge** of what works and doesn't work in practice, and is already ahead of other LDCs.

Thus, Bangladesh is well poised to share its experience and knowledge with other countries as they prepare their NAPs in the coming years. Indeed this is a unique opportunity for South-South as well as South-North knowledge sharing.

## WHAT WE OFFER

ICCCAD will host groups or individuals from LDCs or from other countries who wish to visit Bangladesh to take advantage of learning from our experiences.

The group or individual coming must pay for their own travel and living costs in Bangladesh (we do NOT offer DSAs).

## WHAT WE DO NOT OFFER

It is important to point out at the outset that we do NOT offer financial or technical advice by sending experts to other countries.

## Options and Approximate costs

### MSc course in “Climate Change and Development”

This is a 12-month taught Masters degree level course at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in Dhaka.

**Cost:** USD 4,000 Fees and USD 12,000 living costs in Dhaka for one year (air travel to Dhaka not included).

### Knowledge Exchange Group Visits

A typical group would consist of 12 to 15 people (who could be from the same country or from different countries) for a period of 7 days in Bangladesh (plus travel time to Dhaka). The programme would include a one-day sharing workshop in Dhaka and a three-day field visit. The detailed programme would be fixed upon consultation with the visiting group.

**Cost:** Approximately USD 20,000 for all in-country costs (not including air travel to Dhaka).

### Short courses and conferences

This entails attending ICCCAD short courses or conferences held by ICCCAD such as the annual Gobeshona Science-Policy-Dialogue conference every January in Dhaka.

**Cost:** USD 2,500 per person per short course (Including all in-country costs but not including international travel to Dhaka).

### Visiting Researchers programme

We also offer individuals an opportunity to spend some time (typically 3 to 6 months) at ICCCAD as a Visiting Researcher. The programme is tailored according to the interests of the individual researcher.

**Cost:** USD 500 per month (not including international travel to Dhaka)

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