

5th International Conference Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change

Scaling Up: Beyond Pilots

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A group of people, including men, women, and children, standing in front of a thatched roof structure. The group consists of a man in a white shirt, a woman in a blue and green sari, a woman in a pink sari, and several children. One child is holding a red apple. The background is a thatched roof made of dried straw.

The 5th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change

Dhaka, Bangladesh, 24-31 March 2011

Three days of field visits to community-based adaptation projects in different ecosystems.

Three days of interactive discussions on different thematic areas in Dhaka.

Aims & objectives

The conference aims to:

Share the latest developments in adaptation planning and practices, priority sectors and measures at different levels, and disseminate knowledge among stakeholders and communities.

The specific objectives are to:

- Bring together stakeholders and practitioners to share and discuss knowledge of community-based adaptation planning and practices from different parts of the developing world and particularly Bangladesh.
- Capture the latest learning from community-based adaptation planning and practices around the developing world.
- Enhance the capacity building of the most vulnerable groups and people, improve livelihoods in developing countries and integrate these lessons into national and international development programmes.
- Disseminate lessons learnt at the conference through proceedings and an immediate conference summary.



Participants & abstracts

The workshop is open to anyone interested in community-based adaptation: including policymakers, non-governmental organisations, research and policy institutes, academics, and practitioners with a particular focus on grassroots projects and adaptation work.

Attendance is limited to 250 participants. For those who can fund themselves, applications are due by **31 December 2010**. Participants requiring funding (from developing countries only) should send an abstract with a request for funding by **31 October 2010**. Abstracts should include the title, author(s) with full contact address and a summary (maximum 200 words) of the paper to be presented. **Please turn over for all relevant dates.**

Field trip & main conference

Field trip:

A three day field trip, from the 25-27 March 2011, will give our participants the opportunity to visit a series of sites located in and around the Dhaka region. Participants will be divided into groups and taken to a diverse array of areas that deal with issues such as flooding, river islands, droughts or saline water intrusion. **See opposite for details of locations.**

Conference – interactive discussion:

The main conference will be held from the 28-31 March 2011. Each day will consist of a plenary session and a number of parallel interactive discussions relating to the following areas within the 'Scaling Up: Beyond Pilots' theme:

- Evidence of Change: impacts at local to global levels, understanding climate change adaptation planning and practices
- Partnerships in Adaptation: global, regional, national and local levels
- CBA in Practice in Sectors and Regions: water, agriculture, biodiversity, human health, infrastructure, urban, coastal zone, dryland, drought, mountain, floodplain
- Knowledge, Education and Awareness on Climate Change: challenges and opportunities for mainstreaming adaptation.

Field trip locations

Site 1: Drought region, Parbatipur Union in Northwest Bangladesh

Local host organisation: Caritas Bangladesh

At this site Caritas is implementing their “Integrated Human Development Project”, which aims to promote socio-economic and cultural development of the poor and marginalised Adibashi community to empower the members and strengthen the traditional community organisation at village, union and upazila level.

Site 2: Flood and river erosion area, Gidari, Kamarjani and Sariakandi Unions in Northwest Bangladesh

Local host organisation: Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK)

GUK is a local non-profitable voluntary organisation working in the Gaibandha district. Their aim is to create overall development through active participation of the community, particularly concentrating on disaster afflicted people and areas. They also work to empower women.

Site 3: Flood and water logging area, Tungipara, Kotalipara and Muksudpur Upazilas, South-central Bangladesh

Local host organisation: Wetland Research and Training Centre (WRTC).

WRTC is a field research unit of the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies and the Society for Wetland Eco-Research Bangladesh working on community-based capacity building, natural resources management and livelihood promotion of the poor and women for long-term sustainability.

Site 4: Salinity, cyclone and riverbank erosion vulnerable area of Shyamnagar Upazila under Satkhira District of Bangladesh

Local host organisation: Caritas Bangladesh

At this site Caritas is implementing the project “Sustainable Resources Management in the Brackish Water Areas”, which focuses on various issues including shrimp-rice rotation, home gardening, livestock/poultry, pond-re-excavation, sanitary latrines, rainwater harvesting, solar energy, vocational training and awareness raising.

Site 5: Salinity, cyclone and riverbank erosion vulnerable area of Mongla Upazila under Bagherhat District of Bangladesh

Local host organisation: Rupantar

At this site Rupantar is implementing the project “Local Capacity Building for Advancing Community Adaptation to Climate Change in Flood Plain and Coastal Area of Bangladesh”. Rupantar is working on various issues such as awareness raising, implementation on adaptation activities and institution building.

Conference programme

28 March

Opening session

Plenary session: Key concepts and terms in CBA

Thematic discussions:

- Adaptive capacity – why is it significant? How do we support it?
- Water governance and climate adaptation

Plenary session: National action to foster CBA

29 March

Plenary session: Agriculture and climate prediction services

Thematic discussions:

- The economics of CBA
- Health
- Frameworks for measuring adaptation
- Urban areas

Plenary session: Managing and communicating knowledge about good CBA

30 March

Plenary session: Local institutions and climate change adaptation

Thematic discussions:

- How wider development interventions contribute to community adaptive capacity
- The role of ecosystems in adaptation
- Disaster risk reduction
- Institutional capacity dimensions of scaling up CBA

Plenary session: Funding CBA

31 March

Plenary session: Next steps for CBA

Closing session

Important dates

Submission of abstract: 31 October 2010

Acceptance of abstract: 15 November 2010

Application for participation (self-funded):
31 December 2010

Date of arrival in Dhaka: 24 March 2011

Field visit: 25-27 March 2011

Workshop: 28-31 March 2011

Depart Dhaka: 1 April 2011

Registration

1. Registration for conference only (includes conference materials and meals for four days):
USD 1,000

2. Registration + accommodation for conference (at Sheraton hotel) : USD 2,000

3. Registration + accommodation for conference + field visit: USD 3,000

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