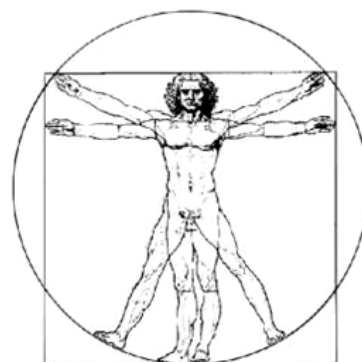

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A total of 50 participants from 10 countries of South and Southeast Asia participated in the first ECBI Regional Workshop on Climate Change negotiations held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 30 to 31 October 2005. There were two participants from each country, one the Climate Change Focal Point and the other a representative from a development ministry. In addition a number of representatives from civil society (NGOs) from the seven South Asian countries were also invited (courtesy of additional resources provided by the DFID-Bangladesh office). The local organisation was done on behalf of ECBI by the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS). The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Bangladesh was the official host of the meeting. The Resource Persons included Dr. *Saleemul Huq*, IIED, UK; Dr. *Benito Müller*, OCP, UK; Ms *M. J. Mace*, FIELD, UK; *Sir Gordon Conway*, DFID, UK; Mr. *Andrew Deacon*, DEFRA, UK and Ms. *Christine Pirenne* of DGIS, Netherlands.

The ECBI Regional Workshop in Dhaka also included an additional Inaugural Session and Closing Dinner for larger audience of Bangladeshi policy makers and key individuals which was sponsored by the British High Commission in Dhaka and DFID-Bangladesh office. *Sir Gordon Conway*, Chief Scientific Adviser, DFID, UK, gave the Keynote speech at both occasions.

The workshop discussions included a briefing on the history and evolution of the climate change debate and policy making at the international level, through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change (UNFCCC) and its annual meeting of parties (COPs). It also focused specifically on the upcoming eleventh conference of parties (COP11) to be held in Montreal, Canada in December 2005. Mr. *Reazuddin Ahmad*, Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) group in the UNFCCC gave a history of the group.

Each of the country representatives also gave short presentations on their respective country situation with regard to climate change issues and how they are dealt with institutionally. There followed a detailed discussion on how to carry forward work on climate change in future in the countries and region. All the participants were asked to provide written feedback on the workshop.

Based on the feedback and discussions the following were some of the issues that were brought up by the participants:

- Need to assess the lessons learned through the national adaptation programmes of action (NAPA) process in the LDCs
- Need to find ways to mainstream or integrate climate change issues into national and sectoral policy and practice in the countries.
- Suggestion to hold the workshop in different countries in the region each year.

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List of Participants

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Mr. *Reaz Rahman*, Adviser, Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh.

Mr. *Mohammad Reazuddin*, Chair, LDC Group, Bangladesh.

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Ms. *Christine Pirenne*, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands.

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Ms. *Mary Jane Mace*, FIELD, UK

Dr. *Benito Müller*, Oxford Climate Policy, Director ECBI, UK.

Programme

Day One

- ✦ Introduction and Overview: Dr. *Saleemul Huq*.
- ✦ Science, Development and Climate Change: Professor *Sir Gordon Conway*.
- ✦ History of UNFCCC Negotiation and Forthcoming Issues beyond 2012: Dr. *Benito Müller*.
- ✦ Integrating Climate Change to Development: Ms. *Christine Pirenne*.
- ✦ Major Issues in COP11/MOP1: Ms. *Mary Jane Mace*
- ✦ Key Negotiation Issues in Post Kyoto Regime and Status of Scientific Research on Impact and Vulnerability to Climate Change: Mr. *Andy Deacon*.
- ✦ Forthcoming Negotiation Issues for LDCs: Mr. *Mohammad Reazuddin*.
- ✦ Equity Issues in Climate Change Negotiations: Dr. *A. Atiq Rahman*.

Day Two

- ✦ Implementation of Climate Change Issues in Maldives: Mr. *Mohammed Faizan*.
- ✦ The climate change issues in Laos: Mr. *Syamphone Sengchandala*.
- ✦ Cambodia and Climate Change Lesson Learnt: Mr. *Chea Chan Thou*.
- ✦ How Climate Change Issues are Organized Institutionally in Vietnam: Ms. *Nguyen Thi Binh Minh*.
- ✦ Climate Change -Nepalese Perspectives: Mr. *Gaurav Dahal*.