

Capacity Building on Climate Change Bangladesh Perspective



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OUTLINE

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- Institutional settings of the Bangladesh government on climate change;
- Current status of capacity building on climate change;
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- Gaps and challenges for capacity building on climate change;
- Recommendations and way forward;

CB Directions in International & National Policy

- International Perspective
 - □ UNFCCC and its KP (Art. 9, 10(e), Dec.2/CP.10; CB framework)
 - □ Nairobi Work Program (advocacy & awareness, training)
- ☐ Bali Action Plan (CB & tech transfer)
- CB for vulnerability analysis and response strategies;
- ☐ The Cancun Agreements
- CB under the Convention for developing countries (Dec. 10/CP.16)
- ☐ Durban Forum on CB
- CB framework in developing countries; a tool to improve the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of CB and modalities regarding institutional arrangements for CB
- □ Panama Climate Change Conference in 2011
- Support institutions for adaptation; CB for the preparation of national communications; and the need to design, integrate and coordinate CB in order to deliver it more effectively.
- □ National Perspective
- NAPA 2005 & 2009; NCSA 2007, BCCSAP 2009
- Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) & Perspective Plan of Bangladesh(2010-2021)



Existing Institutional Framework

National Environment Council

Headed by Prime Minister Strategic Guidance & Oversight



National Steering Committee on CC

Headed by Minister of MoEF
Overall coordination & facilitation



Bangladesh Climate Change Trust

Ministry of Environment and Forests Coordination and Management



Climate Change Cell in all Ministries

Plan & implement activities within their limit

Climate Change Negotiations

In association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Ongoing CB Activities & Initiatives



- 3 Levels: Policy, Institution and Individual
- □ 3 Scopes: Short, medium (diploma) & long course (Masters, PhD)
- □ Key Areas- Capacity on
- Climate risks & vulnerability assessment of development intervention;
- Project preparation, management, procurement, financial management, auditing, etc.;
- Various contemporary & country prioritized aspects of CC (e.g. economic, financial & legal);
- Climate negotiation & diplomacy;
- Communication and coordination capacity;
- Access and management of climate funds (national & global);
- KM and networking;
- Climate modelling;

☐ CB of Individual

Policy makers, MP, politicians, planning professionals, teachers, economist, finance professional, lawyer, sector professionals, operational/project manager, town planners, operational staffs, scientists, community, extension/social/community workers, private sectors, NGO/CSO, media, etc.

Source: ADB Study



Current status of capacity building on CCA



CB activities & initiatives by key agencies:

- GoB: MoEF, DoE, MoDM&R, DDM, LGED, BWDB, BMD BPATC, NAEM
- Donors: ADB, WB, UNDP, DFID, GIZ, FAO, etc.
- NGOs: CARE, Oxfam, Actionaid, Concern, Practical Action, IUCN, BCAS, CNRS, etc.
- Private sectors: IDCOL, IIDFC, PRAN, Rahim Afroze
- Universities: ICCCAD (IUB), BRAC-C3ER, IWFM-BUET, Dhaka, Chittagong, JU, Begum Rokeya, Patuakhali Science and Technology, etc.(offering post graduate course on CC & disaster)
- Research organizations/think tank: CEGIS, IWM, FFWC, BIDS, SMRC, CPD, NARS, etc.
- Networks: ARCAB, CANSA, CCIKM network(MoEF), etc.

Source: ADB study



Function on CB Support



Climate financing

Technical knowledge on CC

Project development and management

4 Policy support

- Support to increase GoB capacity for attracting and managing climate financing from global/ bilateral sources.
- Fiduciary and project management support.
- Secretariat support.
- Training and development in GoB— both short-term and longer-term arrangements, on job and through external training/ research institutions.
- Ensuring strong pipeline management for projects with climate change financing.
- Supporting results monitoring and reporting.
- Supporting leveraging of climate components in other development projects.
- Supporting MoEF to fulfil its policy functions across GoB, e.g. providing guidance for climate proofing, mainstreaming, etc.

Source: ADB study & LCG on Environment & Climate Change 2013



Function on CB Support

Co-ordination capacity

- Supporting mechanisms for joint discussions on strategy, technical, financial and process issues.
- Secretariat support for key committees e.g. MC and GC for BCCTF/BCCRF/PPCR, etc.
- **External representations/**relations/diplomacy
- Supporting MoEF and GoB in regional and global negotiations on climate change – e.g. UNFCCC CoPs, regional events.

7 Knowledge management

- Capturing and sharing lessons learned on good practice across GoB, knowledge generation & dissemination, scale up pilots, etc.
- Systems and technological support to underpin KM

8 Communications & advocacy

• Development of comprehensive communications strategy on climate change to provide information to media, citizens, interested groups.

9 Institutional strengthening and governance

 Short, medium & long term capacity building of institutions, improve service provision, automation, hardware & software support



Capacity needs in major sectors and theme

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Major Vulnerable Sectors:

- ✓ Agriculture & NRM
- ✓ Water resources
- ✓ Infrastructure & settlement
- ✓ Water supply & sanitation
- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Public health & social security

Major Thematic areas:

- ✓ Information, data generation, archive & communication technology
- ✓ Gender & social aspects
- ✓ Finance and governance
- ✓ Economics aspects
- ✓ Legal aspects
- ✓ Negotiation & diplomacy
- ✓ Policy and advocacy
- ✓ Knowledge management
- ✓ Communication, coordination & external representation

Source: ADB Study



Gaps and challenges for CB on CC



- Need of coordination among the institutions providing CB support (e.g. training inst, university);
- Frequent movement/losses of institutional memory of trained staffs;
- Limited access to information on training activities available;
- Setup of indicators on CB for climate change;
- Need for a robust monitoring and evaluation system for tracking CB;
- In some cases, unplanned, fragmented and incomplete trainings with no evaluation;
- Need of regular updating and incorporating new knowledge on CB;
- Lack of funds deliberately allocated to address LDC's CB needs especially for adaptation;
- Lack of comprehensive CNA of LDCs to guide interventions;
- No standard guideline for preparing CDAP on CC for LDCs;

Source: ADB Study

Recommendations and way forward on CB

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CB of CC could be entry point for mainstreaming CC in dev planning & programming;

- Need to develop CB action plan (short course, diploma, on-the-job training, Masters/PhD course) on CC for transformational/radical change;
- Need strong political commitment & govt ownership on CB efforts;
- Archive the CB documents, training manuals/modules for future use & wider dissemination;
- Develop a tracking mechanism for progress towards enhance capacity on CC;
- Need for a comprehensive and national capacity development action plan on CC with committed funding allocation;
- Enhance linkage & coordination with govt./public training institutions;
- Implement CB program in harmonized way
 – to agreed on a common platform on which to build CB;
- Dedicated & continuous flow of funds for CB on CC;
- Creation of effective partnerships and CB networks amongst major stakeholders:



Appreciate your comments, suggestion & questions?

Thank you!

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