



CLIMATE FINANCE TRANSPARENCY MECHANISM (CFTM)

2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE FINANCE ICCF 2019



9-10 | DHAKA
MARCH | BANGLADESH

BACKGROUND

Climate change is the greatest threat to mankind in the twenty-first century. It is a global issue that needs to be addressed with concerted efforts from all countries and stakeholders. While some developed countries are held responsible for causing climate change, some of the less endowed countries are highly vulnerable to its consequences. The key documents, viz. the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol (KP) and the Paris Agreement (PA) call for assistance from Annex I Parties in four key areas—mitigation, adaptation, capacity building and finance.

Regarding the above, the first International Conference on Climate finance (ICCF) was held on 27-28 January 2018 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Followed by the success of ICCF 2018, the conference secretariat, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) was expected to continue this effort. Hence, BCAS is organizing the 2nd International Conference on Climate Finance (ICCF) 2019 on 9-10 March 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in collaboration with Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER), BRAC University and International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Independent University of Bangladesh under the Climate Finance Transparency Mechanism (CFTM) project.

ICCF has initiated a platform for national and international experts, scientists, researchers, practitioners and policymakers to share and exchange their knowledge and experiences on current and future climate finance issues. It offers representatives from government, non-government, academics and private sectors opportunity for interdisciplinary dialogues on climate finance. The theme of ICCF 2019 is “Challenges and Opportunities of Climate Finance” with a focus on enhancing contributions to access, mobilization and utilization of climate finance. This two-day conference welcomes participants to showcase project experiences, research progress and emerging policy issues through technical sessions and discussions.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the 2nd International Conference on Climate Finance (ICCF) 2019 are:

- To discuss existing and potential opportunities and challenges of climate finance.
- To enable representatives from relevant sectors to exchange knowledge and experiences in climate finance.
- To enhance financial contribution and political ownership of Parties to UNFCCC, improve climate governance and ensure access to climate finance.

The conference will have ample opportunities for intensive discussions, interactions and question and answer sessions.

SPEAKERS AT A GLANCE

Eminent academicians, experts and high-level government officials will be cordially invited to deliver their speeches at different sessions of the programme to address various issues of climate finance. They include:

Dr. Atiq A. Rahman
Executive Director, BCAS

Dr. Ainun Nishat
Professor Emeritus, Director, C3ER

Dr. Saleemul Huq
Director, ICCCAD

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Ms. Katherine Cooke
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Oxford Policy Management (OPM)
Oxford, United Kingdom

Mr. Paul Steele
Chief Economist, IIED
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CONFERENCE THEMES

The theme for the ICCF 2019 conference is 'Challenges and Opportunities of Climate Finance' and will focus on topics such as:

- Promoting policies for utilizing climate finance
- Comparative analysis of climate finance – Bangladesh and other LDC's perspectives
- Comparative analysis of climate finance between bilateral and multilateral funding agencies
- Opportunities for climate finance in private sectors
- Analysis of projects funded by climate finance
- Compatibility of funds to mitigation and adaptation projects
- Risks and possibilities for developing countries in financing climate change projects in absence of ODA
- Conflicts and challenges of climate finance
- Dynamics of climate finance negotiations
- Effective mobilization of climate finance
- Transparency and accountability of climate finance
- Gender, youth and climate finance
- Sustainable safeguarding of biodiversity through climate finance

CALL FOR APPLICATION

Interested individuals are encouraged to participate in ICCF 2019 by applying through the link given below

<https://goo.gl/7t5tjh>

Applicants are requested to send abstracts within the deadline stated below. The abstract must be in English and no more than 250 words. Submitted abstracts will go through a review process.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS

Participants are expected to fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- Potential participant should be at least 18 years old, as of January 2019.
- International participants must own a passport valid till September 2019.
- Women are highly encouraged to apply.

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VISA ISSUE

Selected participants will receive a letter of invitation from conference secretariat via email on the confirmation of attendance. International applicants needing visa to visit Bangladesh are advised to initiate visa arrangements well ahead of the date of departure. The letter of invitation may be used in support of the visa application.

SPONSORSHIP

A selected number of participants will be sponsored by the organizers. Participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be prioritized for the sponsorship.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission

Sponsored presenters	30 December 2018
Self-funded presenters	15 January 2019

Abstract Acceptance Notification

Sponsored presenters	6 January 2019
Self-funded presenters	22 January 2019

Poster Submission

15 February 2019

Presentation Slides Submission

15 February 2019

Conference

9 – 10 March 2019

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- English will be the working language of the conference.
- Selected international participants (particularly from LDCs) will be provided with airfare, local transportation, food and accommodation upon confirmation of participation from the organizers.
- Detailed information on accommodation will be provided later.
- Participants will receive a preparatory conference programme in advance. The final programme will be available at the conference venue.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Neither CFTM nor the organizers will be liable to the participants for any liabilities, claims, actions, damages (whether direct or indirect, incidental, special, consequential and exemplary) or for any bodily injury, loss of life, medical or hospitalization costs which may be incurred or arising out of or in any way connected to the participant's registration or participation at the Conference on Climate Finance (ICCF) 2019.

CONFERENCE STEERING COMMITTEE

Dr. Atiq A. Rahman (Chair)

Executive Director, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies

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