




2ND PLANNING MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PLATFORM ON LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION (LLA)



This publication briefly includes the discussion from the 2nd planning meeting of the National Platform on Locally Led Adaptation (NPLLA). The publication has been compiled based on the notes taken by icccad's lla program staff.

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WHY LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION?

Local people and communities residing at the climate vulnerable hotspots of Bangladesh, are often the most proactive in adopting innovative adaptation solutions. However, oftentimes local communities' limited access to resources, technologies, capacity-building and funding opportunities undermines their capabilities to effectively implement contextual adaptive solutions. When local communities are consulted and included as decision-makers in the climate adaptation interventions that affect them, it is considered as locally led adaptation (LLA). The crucial multi-dimensional enablers of LLA include power, justice, thriving social, economic and political environment, flexibility in programming, building local institutional capacities, transparency and accountability, long-term financing, incorporation of local and indigenous knowledge and agency.

NATIONAL PLATFORM ON LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION

In May 2022, a two-day national consultation on locally led adaptation was organized by the International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Dhaka, Bangladesh to assess the existing readiness for introducing and incorporating locally led adaptation (LLA) in climate change policies, planning and programming. More than 35 participants representing INGOs, NGOs, academicians, practitioners, think tanks, youth organizations, government representatives, etc. joined the national consultation. The consultation resulted in the launch of the National Platform which mainly aims to promote learning-by-doing; communicate local messages to the national level and focus on networking; identify good practices of local leadership and focus on capacity-building of local institutions and local communities.



OPENING REMARKS

The 2nd Planning Meeting of the National Platform on LLA event started with the welcoming remarks of Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, ICCCAD. He provided a brief overview of the 1st planning meeting of the National Platform which focused on collating key messages on the opportunities, local leadership strategies, and way forward on LLA for the Conference of Parties (COP). Later, Dr. Huq stressed the importance of moving away from buzzwords to unfolding the concept of locally-led adaptation in a practical manner. He also stated that this kind of national platform allows like-minded stakeholders of LLA to share their knowledge, ideas, expertise, and experiences on scaling up LLA in their own contexts.



ICCCAD'S LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION PROGRAM

Mr. Savio Rousseau Rozario, Program Coordinator, LLA Program, ICCCAD presented a brief overview of the programmatic activities, key milestones, and future action plans for the LLA program. He further talked about the launching of the national and divisional platforms on LLA, research projects, and key dissemination through policy briefs, research reports, newspapers, journal articles, etc. Lastly, he mentioned the upcoming five-year plan that includes scaling up the LLA initiatives, outreach activities, and networking activities.



360 ACCOUNTABILITY SCORE CARDS ON LLA

May Thazin Aung, Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) introduced the mechanism of 360-accountability Scorecards approach of Locally led Adaptation (LLA) to the participants. She stated that this accountability approach is targeted to promote greater accountability towards locally led adaptation through tracking the results of adaptation finance reaching the local communities from donors and intermediaries. The 360-accountability approach includes three working streams; tracking climate finance, developing scorecard indicators for LLA principles, and conducting effective dialogues on unfolding the concept of accountability. Currently, ICCCAD and IIED are developing contextual indicators on LLA in Bangladesh to pilot the scorecards and enable downward accountability to track the fund flow. May also shared that IIED plans to test the indicators in different contexts, share the learnings, and conduct a dialogue between the actors to alter accountability practices for promoting local leadership. The bigger aim is to ensure that all the actors will be accountable to each other regarding adaptation finance. Group exercises on accountability related to LLA were carried out followed by the insightful session of the IIED team.



REMARKS FROM ANJU SHARMA ON THE GLOBAL CENTER ON ADAPTATION (GCA) PROMOTING LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION

Anju Sharma, the Global Lead of the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) announced the launch of the '2023 Local Adaptation Champions Awards.' This award is curated to acknowledge the individuals and organizations around the world, who are at the forefront of curating innovative and contextual locally led efforts to adapt to the climatic impacts. The GCA mainly focuses on leaving in place institutional legacy of local institutions by prioritizing methodologies which promote local leadership; collating the best practices of local leadership; and promoting upward accountability.



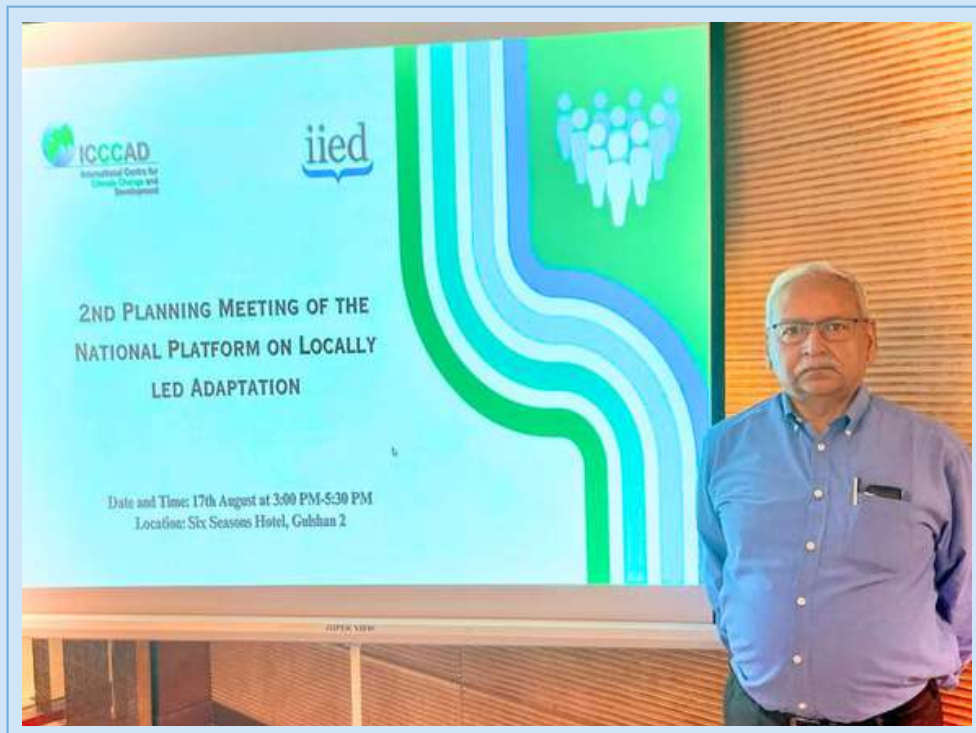
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS:

- It is crucial to learn, document and contextualize the best practices of locally led adaptation happening in Bangladesh and in the Global South
- Scaling up locally led adaptation might not always be the right strategy to involve local individuals and institutions; therefore, it is imperative to consider the existing inequalities and multidimensional challenges
- Locally led Adaptation needs to establish a long-term and accessible monitoring mechanism which resonates with the local contexts and lived realities of vulnerable communities
- Valuing and incorporating traditional and local knowledge in adaptation planning and design is a key enabler for promoting local leadership
- Success of locally led efforts will depend on taking into account the intersectionality of social, economic and political aspects embedded in locality
- The National Platform on locally led adaptation creates a space for peer-to-peer knowledge exchange through highlighting similar challenges related to operationalizing locally led adaptation.
- Open dialogue amongst the donors, intermediaries and the local community can ameliorate upwards accountability of utilizing funds appropriately
- Youth-led platforms require funding and capacity building opportunities to pave strategic partnerships related to local leadership



CLOSING REMARKS

At the end of the event, Dr. Saleemul Huq informed the audience about the launching of the Divisional Platform of Locally led Adaptation (DPLLA) in the other 7 divisions. He then stated the necessity of ensuring accountability consistently by developing a constructive and bottom-up monitoring framework. Dr. Huq also mentioned the increased need to learn first and then focus on accountability, monitoring, and evaluation. Learning by doing will be the key factor in taking forward the locally-led adaptation agenda. He concluded his remarks by stating that “locally led adaptation is being accepted globally but we are ahead in the game.”



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PROGRAM AGENDA

3:00 PM-3:30 PM	Registration	ICCCAD LLA Team
3:30 PM-3:40 PM	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, ICCCAD
3:40 PM-3:50 PM	Divisional Platform on locally led adaptation	Savio Rozario, LLA Coordinator, ICCCAD
3:50 PM-4:10 PM	Understanding approaches to measure locally led adaptation	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
4:10 PM-5:00 PM	Interactive and Discussion Session	ICCCAD LLA Team
5:00 PM-5:10 PM	Global Center on Adaptation's Locally led Adaptation Activities	Anju Sharma, Lead, Locally Led Adaptation, GCA
5:10 PM-5:20 PM	Closing Remarks	Mizan R Khan, Deputy Director, ICCCAD
5:20 PM-6:00 PM	Photo session and Refreshment	