

Award giving ceremony
Date: 27.11.2023
Place: Six Seasons Hotel

Introduction:

Youth, all over the world are working to innovate climate solutions for a sustainable future. Youth have the highest potential to come with innovative ideas that could bring true changes in sector of climate change development. But youth don't have the access to resources. Due to lack of resources, many youths cannot implement their ideas in reality. Thus, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), launch "Youth Innovation Fund" under the 'Capacity strengthening of multi-actors to climate change impacts and enhance resilience (CAP-RES)' project with financial support of Embassy of Sweden.

Youth Innovation Fund is a small grant support to sponsor a number of youth led/youth serving organizations and individual youth who want to contribute in the field of climate change and development. The fund encourages youth all of the country to provide innovative ideas or project that will contribute in the field of climate change and environmental sustainability.

In year of 2023, total 12 grantees from three categories (ICCCAD Youth Fellows, Youth Led/Serving Organizations and University Clubs) got total SEK 600,000 fund support under seven thematic areas. The thematic areas are: Climate Change adaptation and mitigation, Pollution & Waste Management, Disaster Risk Reduction, Renewable energy, Loss and Damage, Climate Change Conflict, Women and Inclusion.

About Event:

ICCCAD's Youth Innovation Fund under 'Capacity strengthening of multi-actors to climate change impacts and enhance resilience (CAP-RES)' project, organized an award giving ceremony to recognize and celebrate the innovative projects of the ICCCAD Youth Innovation Fund recipients, the Award Ceremony organized on 27th Nov 23 at Six season Hotel. The Award giving ceremony was held to celebrate and acknowledge of 12 youth grantees who are finally chosen to get the funding and mentoring support from ICCCAD to execute their innovative ideas in reality.

- Programme Objective: Recognizing and celebrating the innovative projects of the ICCCAD Youth Innovation Fund recipients.
- Creating networking opportunities among participants for future collaborations.

Program inauguration:

The award ceremony was graced by distinguished guests, including Prof Mizan R Khan, Deputy Director of ICCCAD, Nayoka Martinez-Bäckström, First Secretary, Environment and Climate Change from the Swedish Embassy, and Abu Sadat Moniruzzaman Khan from Brac. At the ceremony, each grant winners received a symbolic dummy cheque of 5,00,000 BDT for implementing their projects.

Overview of Youth Innovation Fund:

Md Tariqul Hasan Rifat provided a brief overview of the 'Youth Innovation Fund,' detailing its purpose and background. In his speech, he highlighted the rigorous process of idea selection. He also explained the fair process of evaluation for final idea selection. The following evaluation criterias that has been followed to select the best 12 innovative ideas among 113 applicants.

SL	Marking area(s)	Point
1	Skill and Experience in field of climate change and environment sustainability	20
2	Context or Problem to address	20
3	Feasibility and Sustainability of solution	20
4	Inclusion and Innovation	20
5	The proposal has a clear methodology, including clear implementation strategies	10
6	The overall requested budget is compatible with the project	10

Announcement of Grantee: Joyee Chakma announced the names of the grant winners under each category and guests handed over the crests and dummy cheque to the winners

Award Winners at a Glance:

Twelve grant winners were selected, each demonstrating ingenuity and commitment to combating climate change.

Project Categories and Winners:

ICCCAD Youth Fellow Winners:

1. Nowreen Tasnim - AROHON: Rise of the Climate Warriors
2. Jumana Akter and Shisha Shanshaptaque - Resilient High-Schoolers: Capacity Building on Climate Change Adaptation through Debating and Education Initiatives in the District of Munshiganj
3. Md Saiful Islam - Capacity Building of Youth to Improve Drinking Water Security and Climate Resilience through Youth-led Participatory Sensing - YPS Model in Hatiya Island, Noakhali
4. Umma Salma - Unveiling the Nexus of Climate Change Vulnerability due to Riverbank Erosion, Economic Loss and Damage, and Local Adaptation Barriers: A Pathway to Empowering Capacity Building for Resilient Futures for Sustainability in Gaibandha, Rangpur, Bangladesh

Youth Fund to Sponsor Green Idea/Campaign Competition for University Clubs Winners:

5. BUET Debating Club - BUETDC Innovation

Policy Dialogue, Idea Competition that will bridge the gap between engineering and policy design on climate change

6. Rajshahi University Science Club - Green Horizons: Sustainable Legacy through Environmental Restoration

Green Horizons will be a transformative 5-years project dedicated to creating a sustainable legacy through environmental restoration. By engaging communities, we aim to restore ecosystems, reduce pollution, promote recycling and waste management, and raise environmental awareness.

7. Global Gatekeepers, IUB - Renewable Energy Policy Competition: Empowering a Sustainable Bangladesh

Project aims to organize a national-level policy competition focused on renewable energy in Bangladesh. The competition will provide a dynamic and inclusive platform for students, young professionals, researchers, and industry experts to propose innovative policies and strategies that promote renewable energy adoption and sustainability in the country. The goal is to foster creative thinking, generate actionable ideas, and inspire practical solutions to address the pressing energy and environmental challenges faced by Bangladesh.

8. University of Barishal Geophysical Society - Turning Trash into Treasure by Introducing Compost Plant on the University of Barishal Campus

The project has been designed in such a way that it can convert the organic waste produced by the University of Barishal into productive organic fertilizer. The plan has been constructed to find out the versatility of the results of the projects.

Youth Fund to Catalyze Youth Projects Winners:

9. Earth School - Zero Climate Change Festival

10. Feminist Group Bangladesh - Strengthening Women Movement in Climate Justice

11. Stories of Change - Stories of Change

12. YouthNet for Climate Justice - Sathkhira unit - Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab

Conclusion:

The event celebrated both individual accomplishments and the ability of young people to effect positive change in society. The wide range of recipients demonstrated the depth and breadth of young people's involvement in combating climate change, ranging from scholarly discussion and environmental education to grassroots action and community outreach. Each of the grant winners shared a brief of their work.

The "Award giving ceremony" has shown to be an effective platform for raising interest, encouraging teamwork, and acknowledging the vital roles that youth play in creating a more

sustainable future. This historic event is evidence of the enormous potential of young people and their steadfast dedication to protecting the environment.







Participant List

SL.	Name	Organization	Designation
1	Julfiqar Haider	Programme Development Officer	SAJIDA Foundation
2	Nisharga Pratim Bhattacharjee	Manager - Business development	World Vision BD
3	Mir Md Arafat Rahman	Project manager	BBC media action
4	Md. Aquibul Islam Tanzil	Manager	Friendship
5	Ummay Asma Bhuiyan	Assist. Programme Manager	Friendship
6	Nayoka Martinez	First Secretary	Embassy of Sweden
7	Abu Sadat Moniruzzaman Khan	Programme Head, CCP	BRAC
8	Rukhsar Sultana	Manager- Research	BRAC
9	Jannatul Mawa	Founder	BINDU
10	Sohanur Rahman	Chief Executive	Youthnet
11	SM Shahin Alom	Representative	Youth net
12	Rifat Abrar Anik	Representative	Stories of Change
13	Md. Shahinur Islam	Representative	Feminist group BD
14	Md. Nayon Hossain	Representative	Earth School
15	Armanul Karim Abir	Representative	IUB
16	Jannatul Ferdous Anyotoma	Director	Buet Debating Club
17	Md Abdullah Salman	Faculty	Barishal Uni Club
18	Abu Sayem	Representative	Barishal Uni UBGS
19	Md Al-mamun Rakib	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
20	Shimi Chak	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
21	Shirsha Songshoptak	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
22	Nowreen Tasnim	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
23	Md. Fizul Islam	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD

24	Annas Hossain Makki	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
25	Umma Salma	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
26	Md Sadrul Islam Sourov	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
27	Md. Abu Saleh	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
28	Fahim Hossain	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
29	Prof. Mizan R Khan	Deputy Director	ICCCAD
30	Md. Iftekher Ebne jalal	Project Coordinator	Green Lead
31	Md. Rakibul Islam	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
32	Saiful Islam	Youth Fellow	ICCCAD
33	Ishmam Tasnim	President	BUETDC
34	Labiba Islam	Finance Secretary	BUETDC
35	Imran Hossain	Youth Fellow	CVF
36	Tariqul Hasan Rifat	Youth Focal	ICCCAD
37	Naznine Nahar	Project Officer-Youth	ICCCAD
38	Joyee Chakma	Youth Representative	ICCCAD
39	Juel Mahmud	Project Manager-CAP_RES	ICCCAD
40	Maria Aktar	Assit. Project Manager	ICCCAD
41	Gousia Keya	Project Assistant	ICCCAD
42	Intiaz Nafiz	Intern	ICCCAD
43	Tamanna Hanna	Intern	ICCCAD
44	Asraf Ahmed	M&E Manager	ICCCAD
45	Ahsan Habib	Research Officer	ICCCAD

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