



REPORT

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Background

International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) is implementing a youth leadership programme under the project titled “Capacity Strengthening of multi-actors to limit climate change impacts and enhance resilience (CAP-RES)” with the financial support of Embassy of Sweden. The programme aims to enhance the resilience and adaptive capacity of youth at both local community and national levels. This program focuses on the idea of involving youth to come forward from their position and participate in the knowledge and awareness building process related to environmental and social problems through education and capacity building. The programme has two major components (1) Youth Fellowship Programme & (2) Youth Innovation Fund.

The youth fellowship programme under Cap-Res project works as a one-year training of trainer’s (ToT) modality where it tries to build the capacity of youth fellows via both online and residential training and lectures from national and international mentors, with an emphasis on understanding climate change and becoming stronger climate leaders. And as a part of youth fellowship programme, a residential workshop has been organized at BRAC CDM, Rajendrapur, Dhaka from 31st July to 4th August 2023. The workshop aims to build the capacity of ICCCAD youth fellows-2023 in field of climate change and development. The programme opened an access to exchange the knowledge and experience of youth climate activists from different parts of the country as well as build their capacity in climate science to take climate actions.

The program provided a brief understanding on very basic knowledge on climate change and development including impact of climate change, locally led adaptation, climate change impact on gender and youth, loss and damage. The workshop also highlighted the opportunity and scope of youth engagement in different national and international forums like UNFCCC so that the youth could get access to national and international climate change decision making platform and contribute at climate change decision making process with their knowledge and experience.

Introduction and Icebreaking

The workshop started with a formal introduction with everyone who attended the endeavor with the facilitation of Joyee Chakma, Youth representative, ICCCAD. It was packed with interesting and interactive session where participants participated in a game called “Treasure Hunt”. The game gave the participants the opportunity to know each other better. After the game, they attended another game called “Pass the Baton”, where they could easily memorize the name of other fellows and all this part of this session create a good bonding among the youth fellows. In this session, Sumaiya Binte Selim, Programme Coordinator welcomed all the fellows with a welcoming remark.

After introduction, participants expectation from the workshop has been collected and participants express their expectation from the workshop. The facilitator grouped the expectations in thematic area and overall workshop schedule tried to meet up all of their areas of expectation.

The participants developed some housekeeping rules for entire workshop and all the programme participants has agreed on those housekeeping rule.



Expectations from Participants





Session on Understanding Grantmaking

After the introduction session, Grant making Formal session has been started by “Understanding grant Making” session. The session has been facilitated by Adiba Binte Kamal, Programme Coordinator, Resilience. In her session she highlighted the grant opportunity of ICCCAD as well as describe the eligibility for grant application. In this entire session, she described the tools and techniques to write strong application. She also gave an overview of ICCCAD publication including climate tribune and blog writing. This session also described blog writing, article writing and monthly published article on Climate Tribune of ICCCAD. She encouraged youth in climate action. and mentioned the potentiality of youth in bringing the positive changed. Beside this, she discussed about different stages of grant evaluation process.

“Pen can speak many untold words so do believe yourselves and start writing”

“Voice for the Voiceless” it’s the main criteria for selecting grant fellow those who want to speak from their root and make development for the society. Mainly youth are the best for bringing the smallest to biggest changes in society. They can contribute to climate action and make listen to people to the surroundings they belong to.

Q/A

Q: Is there any specific theme selected for publishing an article in Climate Tribune per month?

A: Yes. They selected the monthly theme for publishing an article.

Q : Does my proposal need to only be solution based or can it be problem based or lab based also?

A: Yes. But your proposal should be specific. “Keep it simple”, Make idea from small things, Feasible and sustainable

Session on Approach to Design Sustainable Development Project

The session has been facilitated by Naznine Nahar, Project Officer, ICCCAD. In this session she explained the structure of the proposal writing. She explained the Impact Oriented Approach of project development. She also explained the key components of theory of change (TOC). She also facilitated a small group activities where the participants identified project input, output and impacts. She also explained “No harm approach” while designing a project. Followed by she made some groups for interactive sessions learning and asked the fellows to make a research proposal on climatic theme such as Salinity, L&D, LLA etc. The participants were enthusiastically engaged in that session and then presented their own theory of change.



The session has been concluded with a feedback session where Sumaiya Binte Selim, interim Youth Coordinator, ICCCAD, S M Saify Iqbal, Coordinator, Capacity Building, ICCCAD, Maria Aktar, Assistant project manager, Cap-Res, ICCCAD gave their valuable feedback on the proposal presentation of the youth.

Session on Introduction to Climate Change

This session has been facilitated by Juel Mahmud, Project Manager, Cap-Res-ICCCAD. He briefed the basics of climate change, definitions and the reason behind climate change. He also elaborated how the greenhouse system works, and its effect on earth. The session was informative and the young fellows who are from different arenas needed to know about the basics of climate change. He facilitated a group dividing the participants into 4 different groups where the participants discuss and presented the basic differences of weather and climate. He also explained the adaptation and mitigation strategies in response to climate change.

“The main reason behind the drastic climate change is actually the natural pattern of Earth climatic system. Manmade reasons are accelerating the natural system. That is why the changes are noticeable.”



Q/A

Q: Does the mitigation process enough to defend climate change?

A: No. The way nature is changing it is really challenging for people like us take mitigate it. From study, if we shut down every way possible consumption instantly the world's temperature cannot be maintained by 2 degrees Celsius.

Q: How can we build resilience in communities and ecosystems to better cope with the impacts of climate change?

A: Building resilience in communities and ecosystems involves implementing adaptive strategies, enhancing disaster preparedness, and promoting sustainable practices to withstand and recover from climate change impacts.

Day 02

The session started with the recap of day 1 of youth residential workshop. The recap session had facilitated by Sumaiya Binte Selim along with the participants. The participants explain different topics they learned the previous day and help each other to remember the learning of previous day.



Session on Youth Innovation Fund

This session has been conducted by Maria Aktar, Assistant project manager, Cap-Res, ICCCAD. She has been discussed about the youth innovation fund opportunity for ICCCAD Youth fellow. She explained ICCCAD's objective of youth innovation fund as well as explained the terms and condition of funding. She also mentioned about ICCCAD expectation on youth fellows regarding the idea generation for innovation fund. She opened the floor for open discussion. Participants felt free to know further about innovation fund and asked questions accordingly.

Inspirational Speech from Abul Bashar Rahman, Stories of Change



The program invited Abul Basar Rahman, founder, stories of change to inspire ICCCAD fellows in his journey of climate activism. In this workshop, Abul Basar shared his journey towards climate justice. Abul Basar is a climate activist who started to think for save the world from his childhood when he studied at secondary school level. He began to start climate education for people. He and his team reached about 82+ schools and about 1 lac people through this. He explained his journey, challenges and learnings with the fellows. He also described his last year experience in Conference of Parties (COP).

“Hope is very important for survival. Young people are prominent about climate change. There are a lot of opportunities for them”

Q/A

Q: May I know the initial steps of the journey?

A: Discuss about climate change, video sharing, poster presentation, small scale learning workshops etc.

Q: What type of obstacles do you face while raising the fund?

A: donor hesitated to fund a young-middle income guy. To overcome these problems, I made huge networking through which I got funds for my work. Another obstacle I faced was lack of volunteers.

Session on “Introduction to the UNFCCC system

This session was hosted by Saify Iqbal, Programme Coordinator of Capacity Building. In this session he described the core basic of UNFCCC. Before starting he recapped all the sessions has been taken in previous day. He explained the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), WMO, UNEP are the main task force. The session also discussed Climate Justice, Evolution of COP, Loss & Damage. Introduction to Loss & damage in Bangladesh, Parties of UNFCCC. The session arranged followed by some brainstorming and debate sessions where fellows were logically described their point of view as Annex and Non-annex parties



Q/A

Q: What is the core difference between signatories and parties?

A: A signatory refers to an individual, organization, or country that has formally signed a document or agreement. Parties, on the other hand, are entities that are fully bound by the terms and obligations set forth in the document.

Q Can you elaborate the term “Climate Justice”?

A: It is a common but differentiated responsibility. It advocates for fair distribution of burdens and benefits, empowering affected groups, and holding polluters accountable to create a sustainable and equitable future for all.

Q: Is there any Loss & Damage framework introduced in Bangladesh?

A: Unfortunately. Not yet. But there are some partnership platforms that can introduce L&D through MoEF, MoDMR, Journalists etc



Session on Locally Led Adaptation (LLA)

Afsara Binte Mirza, research officer from ICCCAD facilitated her session on Locally Led Adaptation (LLA). At the beginning of the session, she gave a brief introduction on LLA. She explained how LLA empowers communities to take the reins in responding to environmental changes, fostering sustainable resilience through tailored strategies and grassroots innovation. Here in this sessions she also described LLA evolution process from 2019 to till now. She also added the funding mechanism and limitation in funding allocation for LLA.

During the session an important discussion got arisen on community based adaptation and locally led adaptation. She clearly explained the transition phase from community-based adaptation (CBA) to LLA which is because of the less participation chances of locals in decision making.



“Think about a common and famous intervention which is rainwater harvesting in houses of the local people, however, the intervention will definitely fail if they don’t have land ownership”

“Decision-making needs to be participated by the locals, the locals will take the decisions, not the donors”

Afsara Binte Mirza discussed about the key principles and characteristics of LLA which includes accountability, resilience, leadership, flexibility, transparency, empathy and local knowledge. Here, she specifically put emphasis on flexibility which is to know and understand local needs better.

Session on Gobeshona

After LLA session, Sarah Farheen Khan, Programme Assistant, Gobeshona Programme, ICCCAD presented the knowledge-sharing platform of ICCCAD called “GOBESHONA”. It’s a platform for climate change research in Bangladesh that aims to bring together the national and international research community throughout the whole country. It cost nothing to publish or present their scientific work at this conference. She invited the participants to publish their works on this platform for better global reach and recognition of their work. She also provided social media links of GOBESHONA including the Facebook and You Tube Channel

Day 03

The third day of the workshop has begun with the recap of the previous day. Sumaiya Binte Selim has facilitated this session and asked all the participants (20 youth fellows) to speak up and narrate the sessions and events of the previous day in short. All the participants has participated in this session.

Session on Project Development and Management

Juel Mahmud, Project manager, ICCCAD has facilitate this session. On this session, he illustrated step by step procedure of grant making from the steps of project circular to project selection. This session was very important for the participants since each fellow is subjected to provide a proposal under their fellowship program. The facilitator explains RFP (Request for Proposals) and EOI (Expression of Interest) as an initial part of grant circulation. He added that, the proposal should have “problem identification” at its beginning which will include the basic need for conducting the research. After that, there should be some specific objective which are flexible enough to change later on as per demand. However, here Juel Mahmud emphasizes on the limitation of objectives which should be kept as minimum as possible



“Project titles should be attractive, catchy, interesting”

Inspirational Speech from Shohanur Rahman

Sohanur Rahman, Executive Coordinator, Youth Net for Climate Justice attended the workshop as a guest speaker to inspire the youth fellows on climate activism. In this session, Sohanur Rahman mostly discussed about the most common theme of his organization, he mentioned activism and advocacy in particular.

he particularly mentioned that activism must be action oriented otherwise zero benefit will be achieved.

In his session, he emphasis on his activism, story of his organization as well as inspired the youth fellows in climate action. In his speech, he focused the causes of climate change, responsible countries behind this global crisis as well as the vulnerability of us. He also discussed the signature programmes of his organizations including advocacy in local, national and international level, community outreach programmes, collaboration with local government and educational institutions; assembling numerous youth-led organizations for the common purpose of tackling climate crisis; developing a youth movement towards climate justice in Bangladesh



“Activism must be action oriented otherwise zero benefit will be achieved”

“Humans must move from using fossil fuels to using renewable energy to address sustainable goals”

Q/A

Q: What does green garments mean?

A: Green garments are those which are built in a way that supports sustainability and which is climate-friendly. The main idea is that these will not emit greenhouse gases and it will save water and will protect the environment from pollution.

Q: Did you face any political threats of government restrictions or pressures during his activism in Youth Network?

A: Government officials and political leaders were needed to participate in the activities demanded by his group. As a result, he was never intimidated by any of them during his activities.

Inspirational Speech from Shamim Ahmed Mridha



Shamim Ahmed Mridha from Eco-Network Global facilitated this session. Shamim Ahmed Mridha, is the founder of Eco-Network and is a current fellow at “Climate Champions Transport Youth Fellow”. He has been invited as a guest speaker in this event to inspire the fellow climate activist. In this session, he described his working experience with Tunja Eco Generation & United Nations Major Group for Childre and Youth (MGCY).

Shamim Ahmed Mridha emphasized the youth representation in Conference of Parties (COP). He explained his own experience of attending COP 27 and encouraging everyone to work for COP badges. He also inspired the participants to engaged at different youth platform like YOUNGO





Concluding Remarks from Dr. Saleemul Huq

Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, ICCCAD gave his remarks towards the ICCCAD youth fellows at the concluding session of the workshop. In his speech, he advised the youth fellows to stay update on latest climate news and current state of climate change

In his speech, He also called for ideas from the youth for climate action. He mentioned that, ICCCAD always tries to support youth ideas either by their direct support or connect them with others who are working with climate change. At conclusion, he opened the access for youth fellows in receiving direct feedback from him, if anyone have any ideas to present or discuss with him.

“Since Bangladesh is a climate vulnerable country, we have huge opportunity to work in this field. Now Bangladesh is the field of Climate knowledge and global people have many things to learn from us”



Annex I: Participants list

SL	Name	Designation	Organisation/Institute
1	Juel Mahmud	Project Manager	ICCCAD
2	Maria Akter	Asst. Project Manager	ICCCAD
3	Sumaiya Binte Selim	Project Coordinator	ICCCAD
4	S M Saify Iqbal	Project coordinator	ICCCAD
5	Adiba Binte Kamal	Project Coordinator	ICCCAD
6	Sarah F Khan	Project Coordinator	ICCCAD
7	Nusrat Naushin	Research Officer	ICCCAD
8	Magnus Ahmed	Comms Officer	ICCCAD
9	Naznine Nahar	Project Officer	ICCCAD
10	Joyee Chakma	Youth Representative	ICCCAD
11	Tamanna Hannan	Project Intern	ICCCAD
12	Nafis Imtiaj Hossain	Project Intern	ICCCAD
13	Sumaiya Afroj	Youth fellow	KUET
14	Shimi Chak	Youth fellow	AUW
15	Sadia Afrin	Youth fellow	Khulna University
16	Mina Akter	Youth fellow	Chittagong College
17	Shapla Swarna Ruram	Youth fellow	Dhaka University
18	Nawreen Tasnim	Youth fellow	Dhaka University
19	Umma Salma	Youth fellow	SUST
20	Jumana Akhter	Youth fellow	BUET
21	Pretty Tangchangya	Youth fellow	IUB
22	Triratan Chakma	Youth fellow	Chittagong University
23	Saifullah Mahmud	Youth fellow	Prantojon
24	Md Fahim Hossain	Youth fellow	CUET
25	Shirsha Songshoptak	Youth fellow	BUET
26	Md Saiful Islam	Youth fellow	NSTU
27	Anas Makki	Youth fellow	BUET
28	Md Faizul Islam	Youth fellow	Rangamati College
29	Md Abu Saleh	Youth fellow	RUET
30	Md Rakibul Islam	Youth fellow	Dhaka University
31	Abul Bashar Rahman	Project Lead	Stories of Change
32	MD Sadrul Islam Sourov	Youth fellow	MMC
33	Md Almamun Rakib	Climate Focal	Lal Sobuj Society
34	Sohanur Rahman	Executive Coordinator	Youth Net
35	Shamim Ahmed Mridha	Founder & Director	Eco-Network

Annex II

ICCCAD Youth Fellowship Programme-2023

ICCCAD is offering a youth fellowship programme under “Capacity Strengthening of multi-actors to limit climate change impacts and enhance resilience (CAP-RES)” project. The fellowship program has designed to build the capacity of youth in climate activism and policy negotiation. For the year of 2023, the program has offered 06 months of tenure from July to December and total 20 youths across the country has been offered with the fellowship.

Fellow Selection Process:

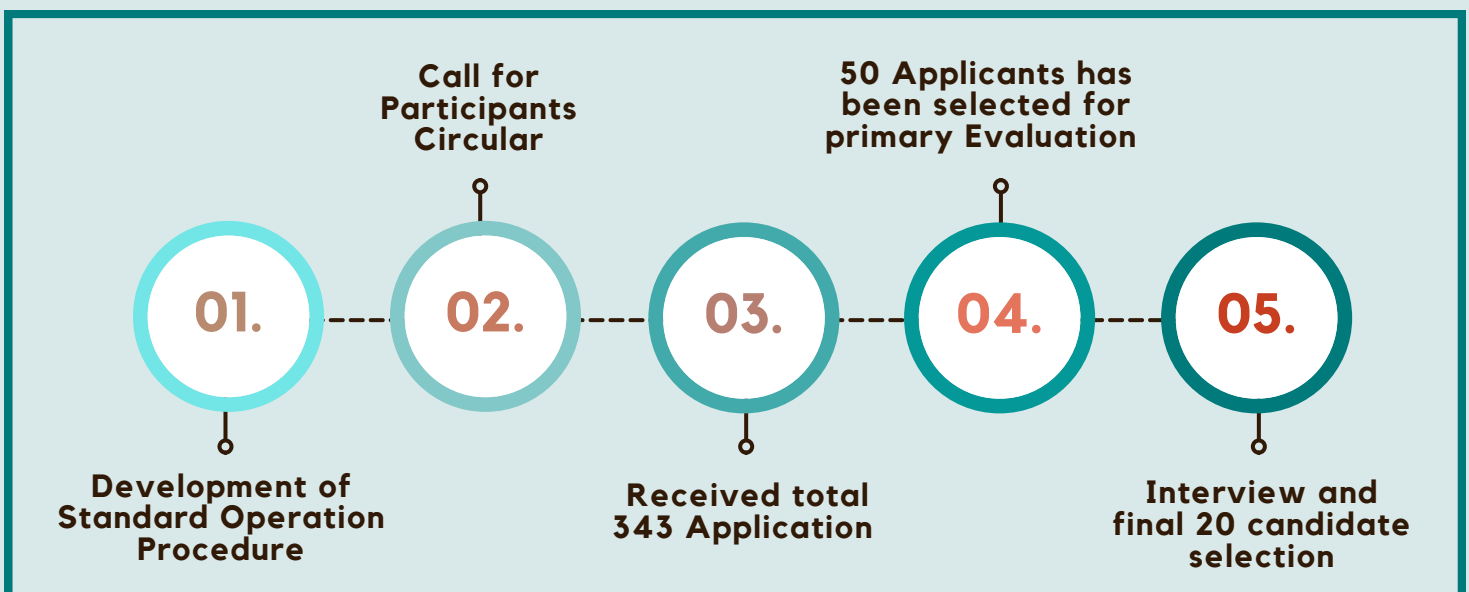
A non-biased rigorous process has been followed to select the 20 fellows for 2023 cohort. The process has been followed the following stages

Call for Participants: The process has circulated a call for participants at the beginning of the process. The Call for Participants included a set of questions including motivation, experience and skills to apply for the opportunity. The call got total 343 applications across the country

Primary Screening of Application: The primary screening of the applications has been done by a evaluation committee with four members. The programme developed a set of evaluation criteria for primary screening of the application. The primary evaluation criteria included motivation, inclusion and skill & experience of applicants in field of climate change. Total 50 applicants has been primarily selected for the next round of evaluation process

Interview and final selection: All the primarily selected applicants attended an online interview and 20 candidates has been selected to offer ICCCAD youth fellowship for the year of 2023.

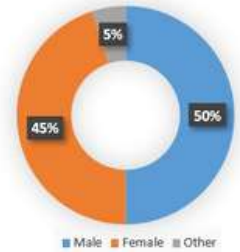
Flow Chart: ICCCAD Youth Fellow-2023 Selcetion Process



Fellows at a Glance

Sex Ratio of Youth Fellows:

Male: 10
Female: 09
Other: 01



Location of Fellows