

Report

Youth Residential Workshop

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Location: BaseCamp, Gazipur, Dhaka

Executive Summary

The Youth Programme of "Capacity & Strengthening of Multi across to Limit Climate Change Impact & Enhance Resilience (CAPRES)" project has organized a residential workshop from 24th to 28th February with 19 participants of ICCCAD Youth Fellowship 2024 cohort. The objective of the workshop was-

- To introduce and orient new cohort of ICCCAD youth fellowship programme
- To create an opportunity to exchange the knowledge and experience of ICCCAD youth fellow-2023
- Capacity building of ICCCAD youth fellow's on field of climate change and development
- To explore the future directives of youth fellows during the overall youth fellowship period

The report provides a comprehensive overview of the various sessions conducted during the workshop on climate change resilience and adaptation. It covers key topics such as youth-led climate action, gender considerations in climate change, proposal writing, and the history of UNFCCC and COP processes. Additionally, the report delves into locally-led adaptation efforts, climate impact and solutions, and experience sharing of youth climate activism. The document also highlights knowledge sharing opportunities, challenges faced, and key learnings from the workshop.

Overall, the report aims to capture the essence of the discussions and insights shared during the workshop to inform future climate change initiatives.

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Background

The International Climate Center Change & Development (ICCCAD) is executing a youth leadership program titled "Capacity & Strengthening of Multi across to Limit Climate Change Impact & Enhance Resilience (CAPRES)" with financial support from the Embassy of Sweden. This initiative aims to bolster the resilience and adaptive capacity of youth at both local community and national levels. Central to the program is the engagement of youth in raising awareness and addressing environmental and social challenges through education and capacity building. The program comprises two major components: the Youth Fellowship Program and the Youth Innovation Fund.

The Youth Fellowship Program, a pivotal aspect of the initiative, spans a five-day residential workshop utilizing a Training of Trainers (TOT) approach. This modality endeavors to enhance the capacity of youth fellows through residential training sessions and lectures delivered by national and international mentors, focusing on climate change awareness and fostering strong climate leadership skills. Notably, the residential workshop for the ICCCAD Youth Fellowship Program 2024 took place at BASECAMP, Gazipur, Dhaka, from February 24th to 28th, 2024. The workshop aimed to empower ICCCAD youth fellows in the field of climate change and development by facilitating knowledge exchange and experiences among youth climate activists from diverse regions. Participants gained insights into climate science and strategies for climate action.



Introduction

The workshop sessions encompassed various thematic areas aimed at equipping youth fellows with the requisite knowledge and skills to address climate challenges effectively.

Tariqul Hasan Rifat, Programme Coordinator-Youth, commenced the workshop by welcoming all participants and facilitating introductions through an interactive game, fostering camaraderie among fellows.

Session on Climate Change Resilience & Adaptation

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



Session on Youth-led Climate Action

Md. Tariqul Hasan Rifat, Programme Coordinator-Youth, ICCCAD led a session on youth-led climate action, emphasizing the concept of climate justice and encouraging participants to identify the most affected youth demographics in different areas, highlighting gender disparities. In this session, the fellows also identified climate impact and vulnerabilities for their own local context and designed climate action plans. In this session, fellows learned the necessity of youth led climate action to promote climate justice and also learnt the tools and techniques of youth led climate actions

Session on Climate Change and Gender

This session was facilitated by Sumaiya Binte Selim, Programme Coordinator – Gender, ICCCAD. She started by discussing equality and equity and the differences between them. Then various topics were explained like empowering women, gender transformative approach etc. She also explained how women and children were disproportionately affected by climate change. Participants shared experiences and insights on gender-sensitive climate action.

In this session, the participants also took part in an interactive game, where every body shared their insecurity issues regarding gender aspects. The outcome of this game was amazing, the participants came with their insecurity issues and exercised, how empathy can help to overcome the insecurity issues regarding gender aspects .

Session on Proposal Writing & Youth Innovation Fund

Naznine Nahar facilitated a session on proposal writing and the ICCCAD Youth Innovation Fund. In this session she explained the structure of the proposal writing and the Impact Oriented Approach to project development. She also explained the key components of theory of change (TOC) and the “No harm approach” while designing a project. Followed by that 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. She provided detailed information about the ICCCAD Youth Innovation Fund, outlining its objectives, terms, and conditions. Participants were encouraged to generate innovative ideas aligned with the fund's objectives, fostering open discussion and inquiry

Session on History of UNFCCC & COP Processes

M. Hafijul Islam Khan, Climate Change Negotiator, provided insights into the history of the UNFCCC, COP processes, and initiatives such as Loss and Damage, fostering a deeper understanding of international climate governance.

Polluter countries need to commit. They cannot contribute. There is a difference between commit and contribute.”

– M. Hafijul Islam Khan





Session on Locally-led Adaptation

Savio Rousseau Rozario discussed natural versus man-made climate impacts, citing the Milankovitch cycle theory and showing a temperature graph from 2002 to 2022. He emphasized challenges in Bangladesh, including geographical vulnerabilities and centralized government decisions. Opportunities for action were highlighted, focusing on community engagement, youth involvement, and adaptation strategies like Community-based Adaptation. The vulnerability of Northern countries due to economic factors was noted. The session included a Locally-led Adaptation game, exploring disaster impacts and community roles

Session on Climate Impact and Solutions

Mohammed Mofizur Rahman, a Scientist at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, elucidated climate impacts, carbon footprint, and mitigation strategies, fostering discussions on sustainable resource management.

“All are not equally contributing to mitigate climate change.” – Mohammed Mofizur Rahman

Session on Experience Sharing of Youth Climate Activism

This session was facilitated by Al Mamun Rakib, ICCCAD Youth Fellow 2023. He started his speech by remembering Dr. Saleemul Huq and observing a minute of silence in his honor. Rakib told the fellows that he was with an organization called Lal Sabuj. Their organization has many projects like Green School, eco-friendly tourism, and climate strike. Then he shared his experience being a ICCCAD Youth Fellow in Youth Residential Programme in 2023, was held last year at the BRAC CDM. Rakib went to the COP28 with the ICCCAD team. At the end of the session, he shared his experience with the fellows and urged them to work as much as they can from their own place for the people who are affected by climate change.

Knowledge Sharing

Rifat Abrar Anik, ICCCAD Youth Innovation Fund Winner-2023 and Al-Mamun Rakib, ICCCAD Youth Fellow-2023 facilitated a knowledge sharing session by sharing a wonderful story. Rifat and his friend traveled by bicycle from Teknaf to Tetulia to learn more about the lives of vulnerable people. They faced challenges as many elderly people were hesitant to talk about disasters. However, Rifat discovered that many had lost their homes and children in events like floods, and the help they received was minimal. Rifat and his friend aimed to understand the stories of low-income people deeply and create an accurate picture of their struggles. They even shared data collected from the World Bank, available on the website atlas.storiesofchange.co

Participants engaged in interactive discussions, sharing experiences and strategies for effective communication with vulnerable groups.

Challenges and learnings of this workshop

CHALLENGES

- Time management of all the fellows at a certain time
- Finding a resort/workshop venue was difficult to find due to high sessional demand in our program period
- Late advance

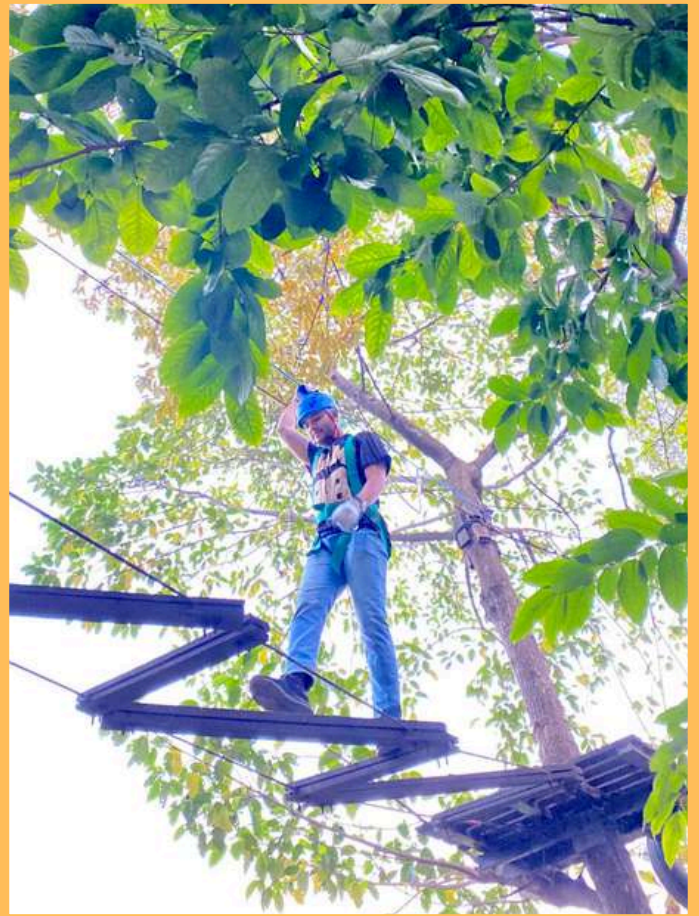
LEARNING

- Team building activities of Base Camp had a positive impact in terms of interaction and bonding among fellows
- Residential workshop can include sessions like Community mobilization, Story telling, Survey Tools



Conclusion

The ICCCAD Youth Leadership Program's residential workshop provided a platform for youth fellows to enhance their understanding of climate change, develop leadership skills, and collaborate on innovative solutions. Through interactive sessions, knowledge sharing, and experiential learning, participants gained valuable insights and tools to drive climate action at local and global levels, contributing to building resilient and sustainable communities.



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