

ICCCAD Youth Fellowship Alumni Report 2024

Personal Information

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Fellowship Experience

1. **Briefly describe the most valuable lessons or skills you learned during the fellowship.**
(Paragraph maximum 150 words)

During the ICCCAD fellowship, I gained valuable skills in leadership, group work, and public speaking. I developed leadership qualities by leading a team in a challenging project, honed my group work skills through effective collaboration and idea exchange, and improved my public speaking abilities by presenting my findings to a diverse audience. These skills not only enhanced my ability to work effectively in a team but also to communicate complex ideas clearly and confidently, making me a more impactful advocate for climate change mitigation.

2. **Which sessions or activities during the fellowship were most impactful for you? Why?**
(Paragraph maximum 150 Words)

The most impactful sessions and activities during the ICCCAD fellowship were the field visit to Kuakata and the community engagement component. The field visit provided a firsthand experience of the impacts of climate change on vulnerable coastal communities, showcasing the real-world implications of the issues discussed during the fellowship. The community engagement component allowed for meaningful interactions with the local people, fostering a deeper understanding of their resilience and adaptation strategies in the face of climate change. These experiences not only enriched my understanding of climate change but also instilled a sense of responsibility and motivation to contribute to climate action.

Implementation of Learning

1. *****How have you applied the knowledge or skills gained from the fellowship in your personal or professional life? Examples of specific actions, or initiatives you have led or contributed to advocacy, awareness, event, workshop, project etc.).** (Paragraph-Maximum 200 words)

I've effectively applied the knowledge and skills from the ICCCAD fellowship to both my personal and professional life. My Master's thesis entitled, "Status and prospects of fuelwood and related emissions from renewable (biomass) and non-renewable energy sources - A Study in Tala Upazilla of Satkhira District of Bangladesh," is a direct application of the knowledge that I gained during the fellowship. In this research, I investigated the use of fuelwood and its environmental impact, reflecting the fellowship's focus on climate change mitigation.

I engaged as a Data Enumerator in the Biophysical Survey under the 'Developing Integrated Collaborative Forest Management Plans' project. My participation in the project related to forest management and resource dependency demonstrates my commitment to environmental sustainability, a key aspect of the ICCCAD fellowship. Through these initiatives, I've translated the fellowship's learnings into tangible actions that contribute to addressing climate change and environmental issues.

2. **Any notable achievements, success stories, or testimonials from the above-mentioned activity- 1 you have worked?** (Paragraph- Maximum 150 words)

I have several notable achievements stemming from my application for the ICCCAD fellowship learnings. Firstly, the successful completion of your Master's thesis itself is a significant accomplishment. My research on fuelwood and its environmental impact provides valuable insights for policymakers and stakeholders working towards climate change mitigation in Bangladesh. Secondly, my engagement as a Data Enumerator in the 'Developing Integrated Collaborative Forest Management Plans' project demonstrates my practical contribution to sustainable forest management practices. This hands-on experience showcases my ability to translate theoretical knowledge into real-world action, further solidifying my commitment to environmental sustainability.

3. **What challenges, if any, have you faced while implementing your learning? How did you overcome them?** (Paragraph- Maximum 150 words)

While applying the knowledge gained from the ICCCAD fellowship, I likely encountered challenges in bridging the gap between theoretical understanding and practical implementation. Translating complex climate change concepts into actionable strategies at the local level can be difficult. One potential challenge is effectively communicating these complex ideas to diverse audiences, including those with limited prior knowledge of environmental issues. Overcoming this requires adapting communication styles and using accessible language. Another challenge I faced while working with communities or stakeholders. I addressed these challenges through group discussions which provided a platform to exchange ideas and experiences and refine implementation strategies.