



Bangladesh Climate Change in the context of global and local policies and governance

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LOCAL ISSUES LINKED TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL POLICIES FOR CC

Food insecurity – Prices of staples have tripled since mid-2007 and going beyond purchasing power of the poor and middle class.

Energy Insecurity – 70% population without power. Energy is key to go beyond 7% growth. Rural energy services severely lacking – MDG linked.

Vulnerability to disasters – Both frequency & intensity increasing, sliding back in growth, response should be adaptation focused.

Health concerns – New and emerging diseases in future. Intensification of some old diseases : cholera, diarrhoea, malaria, kala azar, etc.

Loss of Sundarbans World Heritage Site – salinity intrusion, loss of mangrove due to siltation, loss of habitat of rare species, and loss of a global carbon sink.

Sea-level rise – a major threat- will displace 30 million people, incalculable economic loss and social cost

OTHER LOCAL ISSUES

Poverty – Environment nexus tied to Climate Change

Unplanned and unsustainable exploitation of natural resources

Highly stressed ecology and environment

High population : economic and social demands high

Impact of 3 disasters in 2007 (2 floods + cyclone Sidr) on economy

Current high price of fuel has driven up cost of living

**Cost of adaptation to climate change in various other sectors :
education, industries, infrastructure, communication,
transportation, etc.**

CLIMATE CHANGE GOVERNANCE

Climate Change is a development issue - not just an environmental one

CC is overtaking all other threats – singularly most threat for the Earth

UN recognizes CC as a “human rights” issue – threat to “right to life”

UN sees it as a global problem requiring global solution

Therefore global governance of Climate Change is necessary

Linking local visions, policies and actions to global ones

CLIMATE CHANGE GLOBAL POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE

Global governance of CC has to ensure an equitable distribution of resources

Countries most vulnerable and most affected should get special preferences

Condition free and easily available technical, technological and financial support is a must for LDCs

Debt relief for most affected LDCs with particular vulnerabilities

Making the CDM market more inclusive of smaller countries through preferential treatment

Ban biofuel production from food crops and wood or forest products

ACTIONS FOR BANGLADESH

Policy & institution building for mainstreaming adaptation in national, sub-national and local level activities

Defining way forward for all sectors in adaptation

Public-private partnership building

Advocacy for broader understanding of climate change risks, impacts at all levels and adaptation priorities

Review and implementation of NAPA

Formulation of new generation of adaptation projects to meet future needs

Donor support for creation of a special Climate Change Trust Fund

POLICY & IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES FOR BANGLADESH ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

High disaster risk country – key focus on adaptation

Local level – empowering people to prepare for and cope with disaster

Sub-national level – building institutional capacities for disaster preparedness and response

National level - climate change planning, mainstreaming adaptation in national development, disaster risk reduction (pre-disaster), and socio- economic recovery (post disaster)

WHAT CAN WE DO ?

Government :

- **create enabling policies for mainstreaming adaptation into all spheres of life**
- **develop individual sectoral action plans for CC adaptation**
- **sectoral coordination, monitoring and evaluation**
- **create incentives to promote adaptation : fiscal, trade, etc.**

Private sector :

- **develop market mechanisms that favour adaptation**
- **develop indigenous technologies for adaptation**
- **provide continuous operations and maintenance support where needed**

WHAT CAN WE DO ?

Financial Institutions :

- develop financial mechanisms to support adaptation projects
- provide easy credit for adaptation technologies to the poor

NGOs :

- general advocacy and awareness on climate change risks, impacts and adaptation
- capacity building of people for specific adaptation actions

Donors :

- pool their local funds for climate change into a special CC Trust fund for Bangladesh
- help assess adaptation situation and formulation of new projects



Thank You
