

# LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION NEWSLETTER

## Dr. Huq's vision on locally led adaptation

"If all the sectors in Bangladesh can join forces to make our own country more resilient and prosperous in spite of climate change, we can also share that knowledge with other countries through peer-to-peer exchange visits, as well as the annual Gobeshona Global Conference on Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) and Resilience, organised by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD). Bangladesh can indeed become the world leader in LLA if everyone concerned work together, effectively and with a whole-of-society approach."

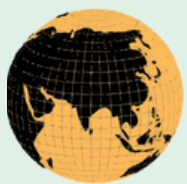
**Professor Saleemul Huq OBE**  
(1952-2023)

The Daily Star, Feb 16, 2022



## Gobeshona 4 is kicking off!

The Gobeshona Global Conference, a virtual series of enticing sessions dedicated to Locally Led Adaptation (LLA), continues its yearly commitment to advance LLA initiatives globally. This event, hosted by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, and supporters of LLA. This year Gobeshona invites anybody who has/is planning to endorse the 8 principles of LLA. The sessions will aim to shed light on the lessons learned, best practices, and way forward on implementing and monitoring local adaptation efforts effectively. The focus of Gobeshona Global Conference this year is learning to monitor locally led adaptation and Resilience.



**GOBESHONA**  
**Global Conference 4**  
Monitoring **Locally - Led Adaptation & Resilience**

**1ST-8TH MARCH, 2024**



Theme: Monitoring Locally Led Adaptation and Resilience



Happens 24 hours- over 7 days aimed at different continents and geographies such as Asia and Pacific, Africa and Europe, North, Central, and South America



Conference Site link:  
<https://conference.gobeshona.net/>

## 8 Principles of LLA



1 Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level



2 Addressing structural inequalities



3 Providing patient and predictable funding



4 Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy



5 Building a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty



6 Flexible programming and learning



7 Ensuring transparency and accountability



8 Collaborative action and investment

# UNDP's Local Government Initiative on Climate Change wins Locally Led Adaptation Championship Award 2023



Bangladesh has achieved a remarkable milestone at COP28, securing the Locally Led Adaptation Championship Award from the Global Center on Adaptation for its Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC) Project. The award, presented in the Innovation in Devolving Finance category, recognizes LoGIC's innovative and scalable approach to empowering vulnerable communities in the face of climate change. Launched in 2022, the GCA LLA Champions Award seeks to spotlight impactful locally-led projects addressing climate change, particularly benefiting vulnerable populations.

LoGIC has positively impacted nearly 2 million people across nine climate-vulnerable districts in Bangladesh, enabling over 400,000 households to pursue climate-resilient livelihoods and access financing. The success underscores collaborative efforts involving the Local Government Division, the European Union, Sweden, Denmark, UNCDF, and UNDP, emphasizing the importance of collective action and innovation in addressing climate change at the local level.

These initiatives significantly contribute to building resilience and fostering adaptation in the face of climate change, reflecting a commitment to a sustainable future.



## Green Lead Inspiring Youth Leaders for Local Climate Actions

In July 2023, Green Lead invited twenty local youth leaders for the 'Climate Case Bandarban' at the Pourashava conference hall. The Climate Case is a program designed by Green Lead to bring together local leaders and stakeholders such as indigenous peoples, local volunteers, and female members on the same table to discuss local solutions challenges in the face of climate change. The participants discussed four climate issues i.e. water scarcity, deforestation, stone extraction, and waste management in a case study



format by forming four teams. This knowledge exchange fostered a comprehensive understanding of climate vulnerabilities and underscored the importance of involving local leaders in adaptation efforts for enhanced acceptability and sustainability. The impactful day concluded with a tree plantation program and a shared commitment to translating ideas into actionable initiatives on the ground.

# Bright Bangladesh Forum Helping Rokeya Begum on a Mission to Close the Gender Gap

Rokeya Begum was married off at an early age. She became a wife when she was in class three. Coming from a poverty-stricken family, Rokeya Begum always struggled to meet the needs of her family. Soon her family expanded to 9 members which led her to work in the Dry Fish processing zone in Bastuhara, Chattogram, where she earned a minimum income. Oxfam Bangladesh and Bright Bangladesh Forum facilitated her entry into the Bastuhara Fisherwomen Self-Help Group (SHG), under “Empowerment of Fisher Women in Coastal Chattogram and Cox’s Bazar-EFCCC.” Rokeya, elected as the SHG President, received training on human rights, gender equality, occupational safety, etc. With this knowledge, Rokeya initiated advocacy efforts in her own community.



Rokeya, through her leadership raised her and colleagues' daily wages from BDT 250 to BDT 300. However, her male counterparts still earn more, and she wants to change this norm. Rokeya also benefited from BDT 7,500 in cash assistance for flood-affected families, which helped her to diversify her economic opportunities by investing in poultry. This initiative also aided her to improve her living standards. Rokeya believes, with sustained support from the local organizations, when decision making is transferred to the appropriate lowest level, they can reduce their own inequalities and become their own hero.

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[National Consultation on Locally Led Adaptation: May, 2022](#)



[1st Meeting of the National Platform on Locally Led Adaptation: September 2022](#)



[Khulna Divisional Platform on LLA: February, 2023](#)



[2nd meeting of the National Platform on Locally Led Adaptation: August 2023](#)



[Chattogram Divisional Platform on Locally Led Adaptation: September 2023](#)



## Highlights from COP28

### Sessions on Locally led Adaptation:

- Exploring locally led adaptation in Bangladesh: Expectation and Reality
- Locally led iterative learning and transformative adaptation
- Empowering the Vulnerable: Evaluating Locally Led Adaptation for Climate Finance Accountability in the Least Developed Countries and the Global South

### Key Takeaways from the Sessions:

- It is critical to hold climate finance delivery chain actors (such as donors, intermediaries, and local community) accountable to deliver effective adaptation and keep local communities at the heart of decision-making
- 360-degree accountability scorecards can be a key assessment tool to build a picture of how climate finance is flowing to the local/grassroots level
- In order to tackle the issue of fragmentation in sectors and actors related to strengthening locally led actions, more consistent dialogues and consultations are needed to increase trust and mutual learning opportunities between local actors, government bodies, donors, INGOs, NGOs, marginalized groups, etc.
- Fundamental changes are required to make adaptation effective, such as flexibility in designing and budgeting, altering ways of reporting and tailoring it to local contexts, and above all changing our mindsets when it comes to top-down decision making.

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