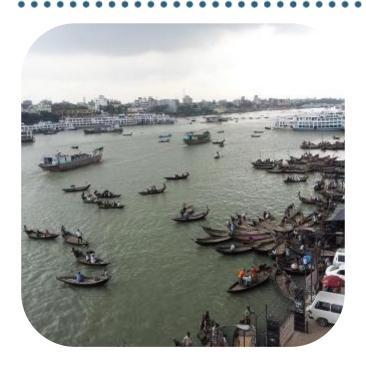
Collaborative approaches to tackling the climate emergency in Bangladesh

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Climate change is an urgent and potentially catastrophic issue affecting the entire world.

Bangladesh is highly vulnerable to climate change, particularly with regard to rising sea levels.

Fostering effective and engaged collaborative research on climate change in Bangladesh may help mitigate the country's vulnerability, especially to sea-level rise.

During London Climate Action Week 2019, the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), working with the Society and the Bangladesh High Commission, hosted two events.

These events aimed to share experiences and foster collaboration on the impacts of climate change in Bangladesh, through effective and engaged research.

<u>Describing the events</u>, Dr Saleemul Huq (Director of ICCCAD), highlighted that Bangladesh is "finding solutions to tackle the global problem of

climate change, and can also share its experiential knowledge with the rest of the world going forward".

Discussions at the events drew attention to the role of educational and research collaborations in addressing global climate problems.

An emphasis was placed on critical research that engages with the politics of climate change as both a technical problem and a social issue for a range of groups, such as Bangladeshi people living in urban, urban periphery and rural settings, 'trapped' populations, and displaced climate migrants.

The events called for a more strategic bilateral partnership approach, to guide more effective, equitable and empathetic research, policy and practice around addressing climate change in Bangladesh.

Read more about these events in the following articles written by Dr Huq:

- 'A developing partnership between
 Bangladesh and the UK to tackle climate
 change' in The Daily Star (Bangladesh)
- <u>'Bangladesh can lead the way'</u>, published in the Dhaka Tribune (Bangladesh)

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