

Session Plan

National Coastal Convention 2025

13-14 December 2025 | Bangladesh Military Museum, Dhaka



Inaugural Session | 13 December, 2025

Day 01 | 13 December 2025 | Saturday

Time	: 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Venue	: Multipurpose Hall; Bangladesh Military Museum
Chief Guest	: Syeda Rizwana Hasan Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change & Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Bangladesh
Guest of Honor	: 1. Md. Enayet Ullah ; Director General, CC, Bangladesh Water Development Board 2. Md. Jahidul Kabir , Deputy Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Department Representative 3. Rezaul Karim Chowdhury , Executive Director, COAST Foundation 4. Sunzida Sultana , Additional Executive Director, Karmojibi Nari
Chair	: Gawher Nayeem Wahra Convenor, Organizing Committee for the National Coastal Convention 2025
Keynote Speaker	: Umme Salma , Programme Coordinator, Participatory Research & Action Network- PRAAN
Welcome Speech	: Hasan Mehedi , Chief Executive, Coastal Livelihood and Environment Action Network (CLEAN)
Solidarity Speech	: 1. Alauddin Sikder , President, Kendrio Krishok Moyitree (KKM) 2. Rabeya Begum , Executive Director, SDS- Shariatpur Development Society 3. Jahangir Hossain Masum , Executive Director, Coastal Development Partnership (CDP) 4. Dr. Mohammad Emran Hasan , Head of Climate Justice and Natural Resource Rights, Oxfam in Bangladesh
Moderator	: Nurul Alam Masud , Chief Executive, Participatory Research & Action Network- PRAAN

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Parallel Session -1 | Climate Resilience, Biodiversity Conservation, and Community Stewardship

Sub Issues : Climate Impact | Adaptation | Biodiversity |

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Time	: 12:00 PM- 1:30 PM
Venue	: Seminar Hall Bangladesh Military Museum
Guest of Honor	: Md. Jahidul Kabir , Deputy Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Department Representative
Keynote Speaker	: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pavel Partha, Director, Education culture and Diversity, BARCIK; '<i>Are the NDC 3.0 and NBSAP are standing up for bee or banyan tree?</i>'2. Md. Abul Hasan, Project Head, COAST Foundation; '<i>Climate Impact and Adaptive Livelihoods in Bangladesh Coastal Areas</i>'3. Md. Samiul Alim, Manager- Resilience Building, Climate Change Program, CCDB; '<i>Community Resilience Building</i>'
Panelist	: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Haseeb Irfanullah, Research Fellow, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh2. George Ashit Singha, Head of Climate Change Program, CCDB3. Shanta Soheli Moyna, Programme Coordinator, Oxfam in Bangladesh
Moderator	: Dr. Md. Arifur Rahman , Executive Director, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)

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Parallel Session -2 | Advancing Sustainable Natural Resource Management for Coastal Communities

Sub Issues : Water | Agriculture | Fisheries | Livestock | Forest | Land | River | Afforestation

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Time	: 12:00 PM- 1:30 PM
Venue	: Multipurpose Hall Bangladesh Military Museum
Guest of Honor	: Dr. Mohammad Emdad Ullah Mian , Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
Chair	: Dr. M Zainul Abedin , Chairperson, Bangladesh Food Security Network- KHANI
Keynote Speaker	: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amit Ranjan Dey, Deputy Manager, ActionAid Bangladesh; <i>'Livelihoods of coastal communities: Climate resilient, sustainable practices and the experience of ActionAid Bangladesh'</i>2. Professor Dr. Moin Us Salam, Agriculture Researcher, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council <i>'Advancing agriculture against the odds in the coastal region of Bangladesh'</i>3. Mohon Kumar Mondol, Executive Director, Local Environment Development and Agricultural Research Society (LEDARS); <i>'Blue Carbon: An Understated Sector with Transformative Potential in Coastal Bangladesh'</i>
Panelist	: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mokhlesur Rahman, Executive Director, Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS)/ Anisur Rahaman, Director, CNRS (TBC)2. Dr. Muhammd Nazim Uddin, Senior Scientific Officer, Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute (BARI)
Moderator	: Rezaul Karim Siddique , Vice-Chair, Bangladesh Food Security Network- KHANI

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Parallel Session -3 | Strengthening Livelihoods, Social Protection, and Inclusive Community

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Time	:	2:30 PM- 04.00 PM
Venue	:	Seminar Hall Bangladesh Military Museum
Guest of Honor	:	Sharmind Neelormi , Professor, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University
Keynote Speaker	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rabeya Begum, Executive Director, SDS (Shariatpur Development Society); <i>'Climate Change-induced Economic and Non-Economic Loss and Damages Findings of a longitudinal study with the erosion-displaced communities in Shariatpur'</i>2. Gouranga Nandy, Chairperson, Centre for Environment and Participatory Research (CEPR) / Tauhedul Islam Shahzada, Executive Director, Prantojon Trust3. Rina Amena, Project Coordinator, Karmojibi Nari; <i>'Coastal Women Workers and the Climate Crisis: Dignity, Livelihoods, and Social Protection'</i>4. Md. Ashrafuzzaman Khan, Interim Coordinator-Resilience Building at CCDB; <i>"Community Climate Resilience Center (CCRC), A Community-Led and Inclusive Approach Toward Building Climate Resilience"</i>
Panelist	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Md Shamsuddoha, Chief Executive, Center for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD)2. Farhana Afroz, Programme Director, CALL (Climate Action at Local Level)3. Abdul Awal, Executive Director, Noakhali Rural Development Society (NRDS)4. Juliate Keya Malaker, Executive Director, Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB)
Moderator	:	F. M. Anwar Hossain , President, Riverian People Trust

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Parallel Session -4 | Promoting Just Transition, Innovation, and Community Social Equity

Day 01 | 13 December 2025 | Saturday

Time	: 2:30 PM- 04.00 PM
Venue	: Multipurpose Hall Bangladesh Military Museum
Guest of Honor	: Md. Abdullah Al Mamun , Assistant Director, Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)
Keynote Speaker	: 1. Zohora Binte Zaman , Senior Officer-Advocacy & Campaigning, ActionAid Bangladesh; ' <i>Youth-Led Pathways to Just Transition, Innovation, and Social Equity</i> ' 2. Rubaya Nasrin , Programme Officer, Oxfam in Bangladesh;
Panelist	: 1. Tajmary Akter , Lead-Gender Justice & Social Inclusion, Helvetas Bangladesh 2. Sunzida Sultana , Additional Executive Director, Karmojibi Nari 3. Abul Kalam Azad , Manager, Just Energy Transition, ActionAid Bangladesh 4. Ahsanul Wahed , Program Manager Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) 5. S M Jannatul Naeem , Sharub Youth Team
Moderator	: Nazmul Ahsan , Lead - Youth, Resilience and Climate Justice, ActionAid Bangladesh

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Parallel Session -5 | Integrated Multi-Hazard Preparedness, Response, and Community Resilience

Day 02 | 14 December 2025 | Sunday

Time	: 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM
Venue	: Multipurpose Hall Bangladesh Military Museum
Guest of Honor	: Razwanur Rahman , Director General, Department of Disaster Management
Chair	: Gawher Nayeem Wahra , Convenor, Organizing Committee for the National Coastal Convention 2025 and Member Secretary of Foundation for Disaster Forum (DF)
Keynote Speaker	: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rabeya Begum, Executive Director, SDS (Shariatpur Development Society); <i>'Anticipatory Actions for Responding to Flood Damages Experience of SDS in the lower GBM basin areas'</i>2. Duke Ine Amin & Neela Akter, JAGO NARI, <i>'Resilient Women in Disasters: JAGO NARI with vulnerable women living on the margins of coastal Bangladesh'</i>3. Shahidul Islam Shishir, Coordinator, Sundarban Coalition
Panelist	: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Shofiul Alam, Country Manager, Start Bangladesh Hub2. Dr. Ehsanur Rahman, Adviser, NAHAB (National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors Bangladesh)3. Samsad Khan, Programme Officer, GBV in Emergency, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Moderator	: Mohammad Shazed , Advisor, Humanitarian Affairs, Plan International Bangladesh

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Parallel Session -6 | Strategic Governance, Financial Mechanisms, and Resource Conflict

Day 02 | 14 December 2025 | Sunday

Time	:	10:00 AM- 11:30 AM
Venue	:	Seminar Hall Bangladesh Military Museum
Chair	:	Dr. Kazi Maruful Islam , Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka
Keynote Speaker	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hasan Mehedi, Chief Executive, Coastal Livelihood and Environment Network (CLEAN)2. Gouranga Nandy, Chairman, Centre for Environment and Participatory Research (CEPR)3. S M Saify Iqbal, Climate Policy Specialist, Oxfam in Bangladesh
Panelist	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Suborna Barua, Professor, International Business, University of Dhaka2. Rayyan Hasan, Executive Director, NGO Forum on ADB3. Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan, Head of Programme, Water, Food and Climate, Helvetas Bangladesh

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Closing Session

Day 02 | 14 December 2025 | Sunday

Time	: 12:00 AM -01:30 PM
Venue	: Seminar Hall Bangladesh Military Museum
Chief Guest	: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman ; Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)
Guest of Honor	: 1. Farah Kabir , Country Director, ActionAid Bangladesh 2. Nuzhat Jabin , Country Director, Cristian Aid Bangladesh 3. Fatema Tuz Johoora , Head of Economic Inclusion and Justice, Oxfam in Bangladesh
Chair	: Gawher Nayeem Wahra Convenor, Organizing Committee for the National Coastal Convention 2025
Convention Declaration	: Nurul Alam Masud , Chief Executive, Participatory Research & Action Network- PRAAN
Solidarity Speech	: 1. Dr. Md. Arifur Rahman , Executive Director, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) 2. Raha Naba Kumar , Secretary, Gandhi Ashram Trust 3. Shameem Arfeen , Executive Director, AOSED - An Organization for Socio-Economic Development 4. Tauhedul Islam Shahzada , Executive Director, Prantojon Trust
Moderator	: Monower Mostafa , Member, Steering Committee, Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development (BWGED)