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## Building Bridges



Director General of CIRDAP Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau along with his wife exchanged Eid greetings with H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh on 26 June 2017 at Bangabhaban, Dhaka.



The left photo shows that Director General of CIRDAP was exchanging Eid greetings with H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh on 26 June 2017 at Ganabhaban in Dhaka on Eid Day. After Eid greetings, DG along with other diplomats and guests posed for a group photograph [right photo] with H.E. Sheikh Hasina. DG CIRDAP also exchanged greetings with other diplomats of different countries at Ganabhaban.



Director General of CIRDAP paid a courtesy call to H.E. Sonam Tobden Rabgye, Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh on 08 June 2017 at Embassy of Bhutan in Dhaka. During the meeting, they discussed the status of invitation to the Royal Government of Bhutan to be a member of CIRDAP.

### Climate Change Expert Panel Meeting

Organized by CIRDAP, a meeting of the Climate Change Expert Panel on “A Systematic Review on Impact of Climate Change on Rural Livelihood and Disaster Risk Reduction” was held on 15 June at DG’s Mini-Conference Room, CIRDAP, Dhaka. In the meeting, Mr. Khalid Mahmud, Director (Planning and Development) Department of Disaster Management,

Government of Bangladesh; Mr. Newaz Ahmed Chowdhury, Joint Director, Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, BARD, Comilla; Mr. Gawer Nayeem Wahra, Director, Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change, BRAC; Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Assistant Professor, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerabilities Studies, University of Dhaka; and Ms. Eva Benita A. Tuzon, Director, Pilot Projects Division, Mr. Md. Shafiqur Rahman, National Officer (Research) as well as Ms. Najiba Rashid, Intern (PPD) from CIRDAP were present.

The Expert Panel provided some suggestions for the Report which are as follows:

<p><b><i>Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria for report</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not only climate change but also DRR will be focused</li> <li>- There will be two chapters of the report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Climate Change</li> <li>(ii) Natural Disaster</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Reports concerned will be on specific topic of hazards</li> <li>- Landslides and lightning should also added</li> <li>- Review should be based on 5 year disasters</li> <li>- Processing stories of risk reduction and also our experience on this</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Suggested Secondary Documents</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SoD of Bangladesh</li> <li>- National Plan for Disaster Management Plan 2015-2016</li> <li>- National Policy-2016-17</li> <li>- Disaster Forum of all years and many more documents from DDM website and website of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies</li> <li>- Documents should buy from CEGIS and IWM if that necessary</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Report Writing Suggestion</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Best practices should be reviewed</li> <li>- All national policy of countries should be reviewed</li> <li>- Focusing should be not only rural but also on semi urban areas</li> <li>- Success stories of counties and how did it happened</li> <li>- Best practices of developed countries of pacific and categorize them</li> <li>- Best practices of Bangladesh which could be suggested to other countries</li> <li>- Chapter by chapter experts will give their review on the report</li> <li>- Best Practices of Bangladesh which could be suggested to other countries</li> </ul>

## Visit to Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, Comilla

What mentioned in GC-2 decision is that “GC agreed that there was need for a liaison office in Dhaka. GC endorsed the sharing of the BARD guest house by CIRDAP and the other arrangement with BARD on sharing the cost”.

In this connection, a team led by the Director General of CIRDAP visited the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), a link institution of CIRDAP located in Comilla, Bangladesh, during 20-22 June 2017 with a view to strengthening relationship with the link institution, preparing works and planning for TC-EC-GC meetings, and coming up with some important decisions at CIRDAP’s liaison office in BARD. Accordingly, CIRDAP has also provisioned a liaison office for BARD recently at CIRDAP headquarters in Dhaka.

## New Interns at CIRDAP



Ms. Nazmin Sultana joined CIRDAP on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 as Intern for the duration of three months. She has obtained her BSS (Hon’s) and MSS Degrees in Information Science and Library Management from University of Dhaka. She has also completed Junior, Senior and Diploma courses on Spanish Language from the Institute of Modern Language, University of Dhaka. She has been assigned to work on the digitizing library project of CIRDAP.



Ms. Fatin Nower, a Hon’s and Masters Degrees holder in Economics from University of Dhaka, joined CIRDAP on 6 June 2017 as Intern for the duration of three months. She has been assigned to work under the Training Division of CIRDAP.



Mr. Saiful Islam Chowdhury joined CIRDAP on 19 June 2017 as Intern. He has completed his BBA Degree in Finance from University of Dhaka. Currently, he is also studying MBA in this university. He has been assigned to work under the Finance Division of CIRDAP for the duration of three months.



Mr. Tanvir Ahmed joined CIRDAP on 19 June 2017 as Intern for the duration of three months. He has completed his BSc. Degree in Computer Science and Engineering from University of Asia Pacific. He has been assigned to work under the Information and Communication Division of CIRDAP.

### ITEC Fellowships offered by India

As a kind gesture for regional cooperation in promoting human resource development of CIRDAP Member Countries (CMCs), the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Government of India (GoI) and the Chairperson of the GC-19 declared in the inaugural session of the 19<sup>th</sup> GC meeting that Government of India would offer 20 Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) fellowships to CMCs every year.

Under the ITEC programmes, CMCs may avail the Civilian Training Programmes offered by various Indian institutes for the financial year 2017-18. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GoI will bear the course fee, board and lodging and out-of-pocket allowance of the qualified nominees. The international air travel cost of participant should be borne by participant or his/her organization. ITEC Training Calendar 2017-18 and the application form are available at <http://itec.mea.gov.in>.

### Forthcoming Programmes

- CIRDAP-BRAC Collaborative Exposure Visit on Aarong Model, 6-11 August 2017 in Fiji.
- Regional Workshop on Development of a Regional Project on Community based Non-wood Forest Products and Enterprise: A Sustainable Business Model, 24-26 August 2017 in Bhutan.
- CIRDAP-APO Collaborative International Workshop on Revitalization of Rural Communities through Productivity Improvement Initiatives, August 2017 in Indonesia.
- CIRDAP-APO Collaborative International Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management in Agriculture in collaboration with MA-HARTI, 11-15 September, Sri Lanka.
- CIRDAP-APO-AARDO Collaborative International Workshop on Farm Mechanisation on Crop Sector, 25-29 September in India.

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