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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and has the honour to inform with reference to the Secretariat Note Verbale No. SOC/DOC/1539 that the People's Republic of Bangladesh has prepared the draft concept paper and programme for the CICA Workshop on "Ecosystem Restoration in the Context of Climate and Other Vulnerability".

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 7 pp.*

The CICA Workshop will be held in May 2023 under the CICA Plan of Implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2023.

The Secretariat kindly requests the Member States to consider the draft concept paper by 3 March 2023.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Astana, 9 February 2023

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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на вербальную ноту Секретариата № SOC/DOC/1539, имеет честь сообщить, что Народная Республика Бангладеш подготовила проекты концепции и программы для семинара СВМДА на тему «Восстановление экосистем в контексте климатической и других видов уязвимостей».

*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 7 лл.*

Семинар СВМДА состоится в мае 2023 года в соответствии с Планом по реализации мер доверия СВМДА на 2023 год.

Секретариат любезно просит государства-члены рассмотреть проект концепции до 3 марта 2023 года.

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем самом высоком уважении.

город Астана, 9 февраля 2023 г.

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**



Қосымша:
аталған, 7 пп.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және, Хатшылықтың № SOC/DOC/1539 нотасына сілтеме жасай отырып, Бангладеш Халық Республикасы «Климаттық және басқа да осалдықтар контекстінде экожүйелерді қалпына келтіру» тақырыбындағы Азия Кеңесінің семинарына тұжырымдама мен бағдарлама жобаларын дайындағанын хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Азия Кеңесінің семинары 2023 жылға арналған Азия Кеңесінің Сенім шараларын жүзеге асыру жөніндегі жоспарына сәйкес 2023 жылғы мамырда өтеді.

Хатшылық мүше мемлекеттерден 2023 жылдың 3 наурызына дейін тұжырымдаманы қарауды сұрайды.

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 9 ақпан

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
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МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕРІ**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) in Astana and with reference to the Secretariat Note Verbale No. SOC/DOC/1539, dated 14 December 2022 has the honour to forward herewith detailed Draft Concept Paper for CICA Workshop on "Ecosystem Restoration in the context of Climate and other Vulnerability".

The Esteemed Secretariat is requested to circulate the Draft Concept Paper among the CICA Member States for comments/opinion on it and provide the Ministry with the feedback as received from the Member States.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) in Astana the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dhaka, 06 February 2023



Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Astana

Draft Concept Paper for CICA Workshop on “Ecosystem Restoration in the Context of Climate and other Vulnerability”

May 2023, Hybrid/Virtual (TBC)
Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2022

Background

Each of the CICA member states has a unique topography, biodiversity and ecosystems, environmental hazards, climate change risks, and other vulnerabilities. International and regional cooperation among the member states may enhance their environmental resilience through ecosystem restoration to address the adverse impacts of climate and other environmental vulnerabilities.

According to the Global Climate Risk Index 2021 published by Germanwatch¹, most CICA member states are considered climate-vulnerable countries. Extreme temperature, erratic rainfall, flood and drought, more intense tropical cyclones, sea-level rise, seasonal variation, riverbank erosion, ocean acidification as well as man-made activities are causing severe negative impacts on the lives and livelihoods of millions of people of the CICA members.

The CICA member states having forests, wetlands, coastal, and mangrove ecosystems are incredibly vulnerable to climate change. Industrialization, environmental degradation, and climate change affect biodiversity and the ecosystem of the forests, wetlands, and coastal and mangroves. Ecosystem-dependent communities of the member states suffer from various vulnerabilities, especially environmental degradation and climatic disasters, bearing adverse effects on their lives and livelihood diversity, infrastructure, agriculture, water security, health, and overall wellbeing.

While the CICA member states are under different types and intensities of climatic vulnerabilities, strengthening ecosystem restoration and enhancing the adaptive capacity is an increasing and immediate necessity. The experiences of proven initiatives and best options of member states could help other member states to address the environmental degradation of forest, wetlands, coastal, and mangrove ecosystem. Besides, many environmental and climate-induced challenges and disasters and their impacts are transboundary. Potential responses thus call for much more coordinated regional response and action.

The 2023 action plans under the CBMs have been approved on 14 December in Astana, Kazakhstan, by the Senior Officials Meeting (SOC) of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA). As per the meeting decision, a CICA workshop on “Ecosystem Restoration in the Context of Climate and other Vulnerability” will be organized in May 2023 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

¹ https://germanwatch.org/sites/default/files/Global%20Climate%20Risk%20Index%202021_2.pdf

Theme/Title/Type of Activity

The proposed workshop would also bring forth an overview of ecosystem restoration in the context of climate and other vulnerabilities, experiences of proven best options/practices, and identify opportunities to form modest collaborative initiatives for the restoration of the ecosystem. The proposed workshop will be facilitated by sharing experiences on ecosystem restoration in the context of climate and other vulnerabilities among CICA member states. This concept paper would serve as a basis for the efficient organization of the workshop.

In preparation for the workshop, each CICA member state will be requested to prepare the country presentation. Each Member State shall choose any theme (out of three) and accordingly prepare their country presentation. The presentation would be focused on climate change vulnerabilities, major initiatives, proven practices/options, the example of regional cooperation (if exist) with neighboring countries/regions, and suggested future collaborative actions to be undertaken under the CICA.

The country presentation will be presented by each member state (a maximum of 10 minutes would be allocated for each presentation) at the workshop. Senior policymakers, experts in the fields of environment and climate change, and national policy planning (i.e., ministries and agencies) will be expected to involve in the preparation of a country presentation on the respective country to accomplish the workshop objectives. The proposed workshop is designed to engage all member states.

Date

May 2023 (Date will be decided)

Venue

Hybrid/Virtual, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Venue will be confirmed)

Organizers of the Workshop and Contact Information

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, will organize the workshop jointly.

Contact Information:

1. One Official from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), [TBC]
2. One Official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), [TBC]

Participants from the CICA Member-States

Participants from the relevant ministries and agencies, experts, representatives of relevant companies, and academia from the following CICA member states and observer states could attend in the virtual platform:

CICA Member States: 28 States

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, and Viet Nam.

Observer States: 9 States

Belarus, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and the USA

Proposed Agenda or Programme

The issues and the thematic areas which can become the basis for preparing country experiences to be presented and discussed in different sessions are given below as the provisional programme:

Theme-1: Restoration of degraded forest and wetlands ecosystem

Theme-2: Restoration of coastal and mangrove ecosystem

Theme-3: Means of Implementation, Capacity Development, and Experience Sharing

Please refer to *Annexure 1 for detailed draft agenda*

Expected Outcomes and Objectives

1. Expected Outcomes:

The workshop would result in identifying and understanding vulnerabilities of the forest, wetland, and marine ecosystem, restoration experiences, and best practices assessing the common needs for means of implementation, prioritizing common result areas, and enhancing cooperation among its member states. It will help better address risks through joint efforts amongst the member states and with the countries beyond/other regional organizations/groupings if required.

2. Expected Objectives:

The key objective of the workshop is to initiate a process towards sharing experiences on the restoration of degraded forests, wetlands, coastal and mangroves in the context of climate and other vulnerabilities, and efforts towards conservation of marine ecosystems. It would help member states to take necessary actions for ecosystem restoration of degraded forests, wetlands, and coastal areas, as well as the conservation of marine ecosystems in a sustainable manner.

Working Languages/Interpretation

English and Russian (TBC)

Annexures

1. Tentative Agenda/Programme
2. Tentative Budget for in-person Workshop

(Annexure 1)

Tentative Programme Agenda²**CICA Workshop on****“Ecosystem Restoration in the Context of Climate and other Vulnerability”**

Date: May 2023, Hybrid/Virtual (TBD)

Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh (TBD)

Day-1

Time	Activity	Responsible Officials
09:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:05	Recitation from the Holy Quran	TBD
10:05-10:10	Welcome Address	Director General DoE, Bangladesh
10:10 -10:20	Address on the scope of work and ongoing biodiversity-related activities of CICA	CICA Representative
10:20 -10:30	Address by the Special Guest	Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:30 -10:40	Address by the Special Guest	Hon'ble Deputy Minister, MoEFCC, Bangladesh
10:40 -10:50	Address by the Chief Guest	Hon'ble Minister MoEFCC Bangladesh
10:50 -11:00	Address by the Chair	Secretary MoEFCC, Bangladesh
11:00-11:20	Tea/Coffee Break	
Technical Session-1:		
Theme: Restoration of degraded forest and wetlands ecosystem		
Session Chair: TBD		
11:20-01:30	Country Presentation* (10 Minutes for Each Country; Maximum 10 countries)	TBD
	Discussion	
01:30-02:30	Lunch Break	
Technical Session-2:		
Theme: Restoration of coastal and mangrove ecosystem		
Session Chair: TBD		
02:30-04:00	Country Presentation* (10 Min for each country; Max 9 countries)	TBD
04:00-04:20	Tea/Coffee Break	
04:20-04:50	Discussion	
04:50-05:00	Closing Remarks by the Session Chair	

07:30 PM	Welcome Dinner: TBD [Hosted by Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change]
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* Country presentation will be allocated according to themes once the organizer receives the presentation from member states.

² Considering Hybrid/In-Person programme

Day-2

Time	Activity	Responsible
Technical Session-3:		
Theme: Means of Implementation, Capacity Development, and Experience Sharing		
Session Chair: TBD		
09:00-11:00	Country Presentation* (10 Minutes for each country; maximum 9 countries)	TBD
	Discussion	
11:00-11:10	Closing Remarks by the Session Chair	
11:10-11:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
Technical Session-4: Draft Framework for Future Cooperation		
Session Chair: Director-General, DOE (TBD)		
11:30-12:50	Presentation on Draft Framework for Future Cooperation	TBD
	Discussion and Consideration of the Draft Framework for Future Cooperation	
	Adoption of the Outcome	
12:50-01:00	Closing Remarks by the Session Chair	
01:00-02:00	Lunch Break	
Visit DOE Office		
02:30-02:40	Meet at Hotel Lobby	
02:45	Depart for Department of Environment (DOE)	
03:15-04:45	Arrival at DOE	
	Briefing on Climate Change Activities by DG, DOE, and Open Discussion	
04:45	Depart for Hotel	
07:30 PM	Closing Dinner & Cultural Program: TBD [Hosted by Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs]	