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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, with reference to Note Verbale No. SOC/DOC/1539 dated 14 December 2022, has the honour to forward the registration link of the People's Republic of Bangladesh's online Workshop on "Ecosystem Restoration in the Context of Climate and Other Vulnerability", which will be held on 10-11 July 2023 at 12:00 (GMT +6), under the CICA Plan of Implementation of Confidence Building Measures for 2023, adopted by the Senior Officials Committee decision.

The CICA Secretariat kindly requests to register by following the link <https://cicaworkshop.online/> by 07 July 2023. Participation and presentations from Member States in Technical Sessions 1, 2 and 3 are encouraged. Final Concept Paper and Programme of the Workshop are enclosed herewith.

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

Astana, 29\_ June 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 № SOC/DOC/1539 от 14 декабря 2022 года, имеет честь направить ссылку для регистрации на онлайн-семинар Народной Республики Бангладеш на тему «Восстановление экосистем в контексте климатической и других видов уязвимостей», который пройдет 10-11 июля 2023 года в 12:00 (GMT+6) в соответствии с Планом СВМДА по реализации мер доверия на 2023 год, принятым решением Комитета старших должностных лиц.

Секретариат СВМДА просит пройти регистрацию по следующей ссылке <https://cicaworkshop.online/> до 7 июля 2023 года. Участие и выступления государств-членов в технических сессиях 1, 2 и 3 приветствуются. Итоговая концепция и программа семинара прилагаются.

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

Астана, 29 июня 2023 г.

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ  
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ  
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2022 жылғы 14 желтоқсандағы № SOC/DOC/1539 вербалды нотаға сілтеме жасай отырып, Аға лауазымды тұлғалар комитетінің шешімімен қабылданған 2023 жылға арналған Азия Кеңесінің Сенім шараларын жүзеге асыру жөніндегі жоспарына сәйкес 2023 жылғы 10-11 шілдеде сағат 12:00-де (GMT+6) өтетін Бангладеш Халық Республикасының “Климаттық және басқа да осалдықтар контекстінде экожүйелерді қалпына келтіру” тақырыбындағы онлайн-семинарына тіркелу үшін сілтемені жіберуді өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 29 маусым

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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 has the honour to forward herewith Final Concept Paper, Programme and Registration Link of the CICA online Workshop on **"Ecosystem Restoration in the Context of Climate and Other Vulnerability"** to be held on 10-11 July 2023.

The Esteemed Secretariat is requested to circulate the Final Concept Paper, Programme and Registration Link among the CICA Member States. The Ministry has the further honour to request CICA Secretariat to encourage participants from the CICA Member States to register by 07 July 2023 and to confirm participation as speakers in the Technical Sessions 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

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, 25 June 2023



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

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

10-11 July 2023 (Virtual Platform)  
Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2023

## Background

The Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) is an inter-governmental forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia. Each CICA member state 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 Germanwatch<sup>1</sup>, 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, and 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, and 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, adversely affecting 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 were approved on 14 December 2022 in Astana, Kazakhstan, by the Senior Officials Meeting (SOC) of the 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.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://germanwatch.org/sites/default/files/Global%20Climate%20Risk%20Index%202021\\_2.pdf](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 will 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.

## Event Date

10-11 July 2023

## Venue/Platform

Virtual (Zoom Platform), Dhaka, Bangladesh

## 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.

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## 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 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.

## 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 wetlands ecosystem

Theme-2: Restoration of Forests and Coastal 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 wetlands and marine ecosystems, the forest and coastal mangrove ecosystems, 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 take necessary actions for ecosystem restoration of degraded forests, wetlands, and coastal areas, as well as the conservation of marine ecosystems sustainably.

## Working Languages/Interpretation

English

## Tentative Programme Agenda CICA Workshop on

### “Ecosystem Restoration in the Context of Climate and Other Vulnerability”

Date: 10-11 July 2023, Virtual

Venue: Department of Environment (DoE), Dhaka, Bangladesh

#### Day-1

Time (BD Time)	Activity	Responsible Officials
12:00-12:05	Recitation from the Holy Quran	<b>Imam Babul Hossain, DoE</b>
12:05-12:10	Welcome Address	<b>Dr. Abdul Hamid</b> Director General, DoE, Bangladesh
12:10-12:20	Keynote Presentation	<b>Mr. Malik Fida A Khan</b> Executive Director, CEGIS
12:20 -12:30	Address the scope of work and ongoing biodiversity-related activities of CICA	<b>CICA Representative</b>
12:30 -12:40	Address by the Special Guest	<b>H.E. Md. Masud Bin Momen,</b> Senior Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
12:40 -12:50	Address by the Chief Guest	<b>Mr. Md. Shahab Uddin M.P.</b> Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh
12:50 -13:00	Address by the Chair	<b>Dr. Farhina Ahmed</b> Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh
13:00-13:30	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Technical Session-1:</b>		
<b>Theme: Restoration of Wetlands Ecosystem</b>		
<b>Session Chair: Dr. A. Nishat, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University</b>		
13:30-15:10	Country Presentation* (10 Minutes for Each Country; Maximum 10 countries)	
	Discussion	
	Closing Remarks by the Session Chair	
15:10-15:20	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Technical Session-2:</b>		
<b>Theme: Restoration of Forests and Coastal Mangrove ecosystem</b>		
<b>Session Chair: Mr. Amir Hossain Chowdhury, CCF, Bangladesh Forest Department</b>		
15:20-17:00	Country Presentation* (10 Min for each country; Max 9 countries)	
	Discussion	
	Closing Remarks by the Session Chair	

\* Country presentation will be allocated according to themes once the organizer receives the presentation from member states.



## Day-2

Time (BD Time)	Activity	Responsible
<b>Technical Session-3:</b> <b>Theme: Means of Implementation, Capacity Development, and Experience Sharing</b> <b>Session Chair: Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bhowmik, Additional Secretary (Climate Change) MoEFCC</b>		
12:00-13:40	Country Presentation* (10 Minutes for each country; maximum 9 countries)	
	Discussion	
	Closing Remarks by the Session Chair	
13:40-14:00	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Closing Session</b>		
14:00-14:10	Remarks	<b>Dr. Farhina Ahmed</b> Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh
14:10-14:20	Closing Remarks	<b>Ms. Habibun Nahar M.P.</b> Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh

### Presentation Theme:

- **Session- 1 (Restoration of wetlands ecosystem):**
  - Major degradation of wetland ecosystem
  - Major restoration initiatives
  - Proven 1 or 2 best practices/options for sharing with CICA member states
  
- **Session- 2 (Restoration of forests and coastal mangrove ecosystem):**
  - Major degradation in forests and coastal mangrove ecosystems
  - Major initiatives in forests and coastal mangrove areas
  - Proven 1 or 2 best practices/options for sharing with CICA member states
  
- **Session- 3 Means of Implementation, Capacity Development, and Experience Sharing):**
  - Major vulnerabilities
  - Proven 1 or 2 best practices/options for sharing with CICA member states
  - Example of regional cooperation with neighboring countries/regions (if exist)
  - Name 1 or 2 suggested future collaborative actions to be taken under CICA



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