



C L I M A T E F I N A N C E

3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE FINANCE ICCF 2021

Date: 3-4 October

Venue: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Conference Mode: Virtual (Zoom)



Climate Finance Governance: Status and Resources Mobilisation

Background

Climate change is the greatest threat to mankind in the twenty-first century. It is a global issue that needs to be addressed with concerted efforts from all countries and stakeholders. While some developed countries are held responsible for causing climate change, some of the less endowed countries are highly vulnerable to its consequences. The key documents, viz. the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol (KP) and the Paris Agreement (PA) call for assistance from Annex I Parties in four key areas - mitigation, adaptation, capacity building and finance.

Considering the above, the first and the second International Conference on Climate Finance (ICCF) was held on 27-28 January 2018 and 9-10 March 2019 respectively in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Followed by the success of ICCF 2018 and 2019, the conference secretariat, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) is determined to continue this effort. Hence, BCAS is organizing the 3rd International Conference on Climate Finance (3rd ICCF) 2021 on 3-4 October 2021, in collaboration with the Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER), BRAC University and International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Independent University of Bangladesh under the Climate Finance (CF) project.

ICCF is a platform for national and international experts, scientists, researchers, practitioners and policymakers to share and exchange their knowledge and experiences on current and future climate finance issues. It offers representatives from government, non-government, academics and private sectors opportunity for interdisciplinary dialogues on Climate Finance.

The theme of the 3rd ICCF 2021 is “Climate Finance Governance: Status and Resource Mobilisation” with a focus on availability, accessibility and modality of mobilisation and utilisation of Climate Finance. This two-day conference welcomes participants to showcase project experiences, research progress and emerging policy issues through technical sessions and discussions.

The ICCF secretariat has successfully engaged international speakers and presenters in the past two conferences. Considering the travel restrictions in some parts of the world and the current COVID-19 scenario in Bangladesh, where the immunisation process is still ongoing, the conference will be held virtually this year. Conversely, this brings about an opportunity for a wider range of participation from across the world.

Objectives

This virtual conference will have ample opportunities for intensive discussions, interactions and question and answer sessions and would welcome many participants from across the world. The objectives of the 3rd International Conference on Climate Finance (3rd ICCF) 2021 being held virtually are:

- To discuss existing and potential opportunities and challenges of climate finance.
- To enable representatives from government, donors, NGOs, SDGs, research community, and relevant sectors to exchange knowledge and experiences in climate finance.
- To help develop methodologies and tools for climate finance issues.
- To enhance financial contribution and political ownership of Parties to UNFCCC, improve climate governance, ensure access to climate finance and climate justice.
- To discuss concerns of least developed countries (LDCs) and most vulnerable countries (MVCs), including accessing financial and technical resources as well in managing them.
- A summary output of the conference will be present at CoP26 in Glasgow, UK

Conference Themes

The themes for the 3rd ICCF 2021 is “*Climate Finance Governance: Status and Resource Mobilisation*” and will focus on several topics including:

- Opportunities and challenges for climate finance governance and resource mobilisation
- Access and comparative analysis of climate finance for the least developed countries (LDCs) and most vulnerable countries (MVCs)
- Transparency and accountability of climate finance
- Promoting policies and strategies for utilizing climate finance
- Climate finance and efforts for Adaptation and Mitigation
- Climate finance, climate justice and COVID-19 nexus

Potential Speakers

Eminent academicians, experts and high-level government officials will be cordially invited to deliver their speeches, concerns and perspectives in different technical sessions of the two day programme to address various issues of climate finance, equity, access, better utilisation and climate justice. The eminent experts and global climate negotiators include:

- **Dr. A. Atiq Rahman**
Executive Director, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies
- **Dr. Ainun Nishat**
Professor Emeritus, Director
Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER), BRAC University
- **Dr. Saleemul Huq**
Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)
Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB)
- **Dr. Irving Mintzer**
University of Maryland
- **Dr. Alan Miller**
World Bank, Washington
- **Dr. Paul V. Desanker**
Manager, Adaptation Programme, UNFCCC
- **Dr. Pa Ousman Jarju**
Director, Country Programming Division, Green Climate Fund
- **Mr. Mathius Broman**
Chair, Adaptation Fund Board
- **Ms. Katherine Cooke**
Senior Consultant, Climate change and disaster risk, Oxford Policy Management (OPM)
Oxford, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Paul Steele**
Chief Economist, IIED, London, UK

They are being formally approached soonest.

Call for Abstracts

The interested participants and experts are required to send an abstract (less than 500 words) soon in alignment with the themes and technical sessions outlined in the programme of 3rd ICCF.

We welcome participants to share their knowledge and experiences in relevant thematic areas through the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/ICCF2021>

Important Dates

Issue	Start Date	End Date
Conference Registration	01 September 2021	30 September 2021
Abstract Submission	30 August 2021	20 September 2021
Announcement of Selected Abstracts	25 September 2021	
Submission of Presentation Slides for Selected Abstracts	30 September 2021	
Conference	3-4 October 2021	

Additional Information

- Considering the COVID-19 pandemic reality, the conference will be conducted virtually via Zoom platform.
- English will be the working language of the conference.
- Participants will receive the final programme before the conference through web-link, social media and emails to registered participants.
- A brief summary of the 3rd ICCF will be presented at a side event in CoP26.

Conference Steering Committee

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