

# International Seminar 2010 on Climate Change and Environmental Challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> Century

7-9 December 2010

Institute of Environmental Science, University of Rajshahi,  
Rajshahi, Bangladesh

## Overview

### Welcome to International Seminar 2010 on Climate Change and Environmental Challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Bangladesh is considered as the most threatened country in the world referring to climate change impact. The entire world is now positively conscious about the potential threat that is going to affect almost each and every parts of the planet in different magnitudes and in different dimensions. One significant aspect is the possible sea-level rise that is estimated to displace about one-third of the population of Bangladesh if it rises more than 3 meters from present average sea-level. Multiplied impacts are going to affect different aspects of the country such as food security, human health, bio-diversity loss etc. and finally the impact will potentially affect other parts of the world through the world's global partnership. The question appears whether the nation is ready to cope with the possible change. The impact of climate change may affect locally but its management must be global and the mega- issues can only be tackled if the entire earth units to work together. So the seminar intends to address certain selected aspects which are imminent and burning and yet to be decided appropriately to outline a strategy and to show how and where we can work together to tackle the problem of the 21<sup>st</sup> century – the century which is going to be the most important in earth's history. During the last several world meets the national leaders have perpetually been unsuccessful due to proper understanding of three things – one is the reasons of crises, the second one is the depth and dimension of the effect and the third one is the possible way of solution. The proposed seminar is a small effort to unite ideas and concepts to open up a path for better understanding of the three misunderstood goals.

The seminar will provide an opportunity to discuss current environmental issues, promote greater collaboration and strengthen the connection among scientists, policymakers and practitioners.

#### Seminar Objectives:

- To exchange knowledge and share information in environmental issues due to climate change.
- To explore the use of new technologies and scientific knowledge in the study of environmental science.
- To provide opportunities for decision makers, scientists, trainer and experts to share their expertise in order to find integrated and comprehensive solutions for climate change.

We cordially invite abstracts and papers for oral and poster presentations at our 1<sup>st</sup> International Seminar, which will be held at the University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh from 7-9 December 2010, organized by the Institute of Environmental Science, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh.

## General Information

### Venue:

- **University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi, Bangladesh.** Rajshahi is about 250 km west from Dhaka and well connected by road and railway. Several trains can be availed right from the airport and busses of different types from bus stand, located about 15 km from the Dhaka Airport (at Kalyanpur). December is the beginning of winter in Bangladesh and average temperature runs around 10°C. Normal winter clothing will be sufficient. There will be an arrangement to receive foreign delegates at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka and at Benapole land check post. They will only coordinate the travel to help guests find convenient transports for their journey to Rajshahi and seminar venue.

### Duration of Conference:

- 3 days (7-9 December 2010) –The scientific papers will be presented in different technical sessions from 7-8 December, 2010 and an excursion will be arranged on 9 December 2010.

### Conference Languages:

- English

### Travel, Transport and Accommodation Costs:

- The conference organizer will provide accommodation and lunch during technical sessions of the seminar for participants.
- Transportation will be provided between the hotels/guest houses and the conference venue and vice versa.
- The accommodation provided by the organizer will be a modest one, are limited to a reasonable number and will be given priority basis. Alternative accommodations at hotels and guest houses are available, and they are quite reasonable in both price and quality. These may be arranged on request prior to arrival or on arrival (depending on availability) at selected commercial hotels. A list with price is below. After registration please send your choice of rooms, days and category with a second option to Organizing Secretary.

Accommodation	Room type	Price in BD Taka	Distance from venue*
Haq's Inn Shiroil (opposite to Railway Station), Rajshahi 60110	AC double	950	5 km
	AC single	600	
	Non-AC double	500	
	Non-AC single	250	
Porjoton Motel	AC double	1500	9 km
	AC single	1300	
	Non-AC double	1000	
	Non-AC single	700	
Hotel Chez Razzak	AC single	2000	4 km
Hotel Nice	AC single	1300	5 km
	AC double	1500	

### Registration Fees:

- For local participants: BDT 500 (for professionals) and BDT 300 (for M.Phil. and Ph.D. fellows)
- For delegates from SAARC countries US\$ 30
- For delegates from rest of the world US\$ 60

**Registration form is downloadable from the IES home page ([www.ru.ac.bd/ies](http://www.ru.ac.bd/ies)). Please deposit/transfer appropriate amount of fee to:**

**Account head : International Seminar 2010 IES, RU**  
**Account number : 34296385**  
**Swift code : AGBKBDDH027**  
**Name of bank : Agrani Bank**  
**Rajshahi University Branch, Rajshahi, Bangladesh**

**Or**

**Send draft to the Secretary, Organizing Committee, directly. In case of draft mention the account head, account number and bank name.**

**Excursion:**

- An excursion will be arranged on the last day of the seminar. Participation cost will be BDT 700 or US\$ 10 per person.

**How to reach University of Rajshahi Campus:**

From Dhaka Hazrat Shah Jalal International Airport go to Airport Railway station just opposite to the airport. There are three Inter-City trains from Dhaka Kamalapur Station to Rajshahi Station. All of them stop at the Airport Station and take 6 hours to reach Rajshahi. One leaves Airport Station at morning 6:27 AM (Dhumketu Express), one at 3:07 PM (Silk City Express) and one at 10:55 PM (Padma Express) daily. Don't forget to convert US Dollar from cash counters inside the Airport. BDT will be required for tickets and snacks during journey. From Rajshahi Railway Station take rickshaw and come to IES office any time (24 hours) or University Juberi Guest House (24 hours). It may take BDT 50.

Alternatively go to Kalyanpur Bus Terminal about 15 km west of Airport. Take a Taxi (about BDT 400 full taxi) to reach there. There will be reasonably good non-AC buses those leave Dhaka every half an hour and takes 6 hours to reach Rajshahi. AC Volvo buses are available in the morning at 8:30 AM, at 4:15 PM daily. Get down at Kajla (4 km before Rajshahi Central Bus Terminal). Take a rickshaw and reach IES office of Juberi Guest House. It is just 0.50 km.

Participants who are coming from India and prefer to travel by train and road may enter Bangladesh through Benapole/Petrapole land check post. There are also several other check posts which may be used to enter. From Benapole come to Jessore town, about 45 minutes bus ride. From Jessore to Rajshahi there are few direct buses and trains. There is a train from Jessore at 8:05 AM and at 4:20 PM and will take 5 hours to reach Rajshahi. Bus takes little less time.

**Weather in Rajshahi:**

December is generally dry and rain-free in Rajshahi. During the seminar time temperature will run around 10° C (day) and 8° C (night). Moderate warm cloth is enough. Regular cloths and warm cloths are relatively cheaper in Rajshahi.

## Seminar theme

The Seminar Program includes keynote lectures from renowned scientists of various disciplines. Scientists and experts will present papers in different scientific sessions. The program is organized in ten broad sub-themes.

### Sub-themes:

- I. Climate Change and its impact on soil and water
- II. Climate Change and biodiversity
- III. Climate Change and human health
- IV. Climate Change and International Conflict
- V. Climate Change and agriculture
- VI. Climate Change, Culture and Language
- VII. Dimension of disasters and management
- VIII. Technological mitigation of climate change impact
- IX. Social mitigation of climate change impact
- X. Policy issues-global and local

## Key Dates

15 August 2010	:Deadline for submitting abstracts (closed)
30 August 2010	:Notification of preliminary acceptance (completed)
15 October 2010	:Deadline for submitting revised abstracts (complete)
30 October 2010	:Notice of final acceptance (complete)
7 December 2010	:Seminar starts

### Submission of abstracts:

The abstract should contain a concise and informative title, author(s)' name(s) and affiliation(s) including the complete postal address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. The text should be limited to about 450 words and should be typed in 12pt Times New Roman in MS Word format.

The abstract should state briefly the statement of problems, methods and findings. Please provide a maximum of 6 keywords immediately after the abstract.

- Abstracts must be submitted online, no later than 31 August 2010 (email your abstract to the Secretary of the Organizing committee: mostafaies@yahoo.com).

## Program

**Please see detail program schedule at the IES main page**

## Sponsors

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