

# Third International Conference on Bangladesh Environment ICBEN 2010

January 3-4

Osmani Memorial Auditorium and  
Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban Complex, Dhaka University

## Programme

January 3 (Sunday), 2009

### Opening Session

Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

*Chief Guest:* Honourable Prime Minister, **Sheikh Hasina**

*Special Guest:* Honourable State Minister of environment and forests, **Hasan Mahmud**

*Chair:* **Muzaffer Ahmad**, President, BAPA

Guests take their seats

Arrival of the Chief Guest

National anthem

Welcome address by **Nazrul Islam**, Chairman, University Grants Commission, and  
Chairman, Conference Organizing Committee (COC).

Address by **Nazrul Islam**, Global Coordinator, Bangladesh Environment Network  
(BEN) and Vice President, BAPA

Address by **A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddique**, Vice Chancellor, Dhaka University

Address by the **Special Guest**

Address by the **Chief Guest**

Address by the **Chair** of the Session

Vote of thanks by **M. A. Matin**, General Secretary, BAPA and Member Secretary, COC

### First Plenary Session

Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

*Topic:* **Climate Change, Copenhagen conference, and Future Tasks for Bangladesh**

*Chair:* **ASM Shahjahan**, Vice President, BAPA

*Organizer:* **Taqsem A. Khan**

*Keynote speaker:* Honourable State Minister of environment and forests, **Hasan Mahmud**

*Commentators:*

**Saleemul Huq**, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), UK

**Atiq Rahman**, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS)

**Md. Asaduzzaman**, Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies (BIDS)

**Ainun Nishat**, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**M. A. Matin**, General Secretary, BAPA

**Nazrul Islam**, Global Coordinator, BEN and Vice President, BAPA

**ICBEN 2010 Rally**  
**Time: 12:30 pm -- 1:00 pm**

Conference participants gather outside Osmani Memorial Auditorium and walk in a colourful procession to Dhaka University Senate Bhaban Complex (behind Dhaka University Registrar Building).

**Lunch**  
**Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm**  
**Venue: DU Senate Bhaban Complex**

**Concurrent Sessions [A]**  
**Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Session A1**

**Topic: Climate Change and Bangladesh Environment -- I**

*Time:* 2:00-4:00 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

*Venue:* **Room 1**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Saleh Tanveer**, Ohio State University

*Co-Chair:* **Aminul Islam**, UNDP, Dhaka

*Organizer:* **Zahedur Rahman**

**Sarwat Chowdhury:** Accessing Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Projects for

Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change in Bangladesh

**Ataur Rahman Belal, et al.:** Corporate Environmental and Climate Change Disclosures: Empirical Evidence from Bangladesh

**Abdul Qader:** CCS (Geo-sequestration) As Part of GHG Reduction in Climate Change Mitigation – Consequence for Developing Countries Like Bangladesh

**Md. Abdul Baten, Begum Samsun Nahar, Rehana Khatun, Md. Mozammel Hoq, Akira Miyata, Masayoshi Mano, and Keisuke Ono:** Increasing Sink Strength To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emission From Rice Fields To Minimize Global Warming

**A. N. M. Nurul Haque:** The Political Context Of Climate Change

**Md. Sarwar Hossain:** Youth Tape: An Approach to Pursuing the Solution to Climate Change

## **Session A2**

**Topic: Energy, Environment, and Policy**

**Time:** 2:00-4:00 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

**Venue:** Room 2, DU Senate Bhaban complex

**Chair:** Nurul Islam, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

**Co-Chair:** Zakir Hossain, BAPA

**Organizer:** Sirajul Islam Mollah

*First part of the session (1 hour)*

*Special presentation (30 minutes):*

An Independent Assessment of Petrobangla Model Production Sharing Contract 2008 by the Energy Panel of the Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN). Presented by **Golam Kabir**, Philadelphia, USA

*Discussion by designated discussants (20 minutes):*

**Hossain Mansur**, Chairman, Petrobangla

**Anu Muhammad**, Jahangir Nagar University

*General discussion (10 minutes)*

*Second part of the session (1 hour)*

*Presentations*

**Chad Dobson and Jakob K. Loukas:** IFC Performance Standards and Policies Compared to World Bank Operational Policies: An Exception to All the Rules.

**M. A. I. Chowdhury, M. A. Hoque, D. Bhattacharjee and M.B. Haque:** An Assessment of the Impact of Devastating Gas Explosion in Magurchara Gas Field on Surrounding Environment

**Albelee A. Haque and Shamim A. Choudhury:** Bangladesh and World Energy Revolution: Health Risks of Mercury, Arsenic and Other Hazardous Pollutants

### **Session A3**

**Topic: Water and environment - I**

*Time:* 2:00-4:00 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

*Venue:* **Room 3**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Feroze Ahmed**, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

*Co-Chair:* **Emad Uddin**, Institute of Water Modeling

*Organizer:* **ABM Anisuzzaman**

**F. Ferdoush, H. Katsumata, H. Nakao, S. Kaneco, T. Suzuki, K. Ohta and Y. Yobiko:** Degradation Of Diazinon In Aqueous Solution By V(IV)/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> System

**M. M. Mortula:** Use of Contract Based Decentralized Wastewater Management Systems for Bangladesh

**Zaira Zaman Chowdhury, Sharifuddin Mohd. Zain and Rashid Atta Khan:** Effect of Temperature on Bio-separation Process for Treatment of Waste Water

**Zaira Zaman Chowdhury, Sharifuddin Mohd. Zain and Rashid Atta Khan:** Role of Surfactant For Removal Of Heavy Metal From Waste Water

**Zaira Zaman Chowdhury, Sharifuddin Mohd. Zain and Rashid Atta Khan:** Removal of Lead from Waste Water by Activated Palm Oil Fuel Ash

**K. Khalisanni, A. K. Rashid, and M. Z. Sharifuddin:** Using Reversed-Flow Gas Chromatography to Estimate Rate Coefficients and Diffusion Coefficients for Evaporation of Pure Liquid

### **General Session AG1**

**Topic: Role of People's Representatives in Protection of Bangladesh Environment**

*Time:* 2:00-4:00 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

*Venue:* **Senate Hall**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Abdullah Abu Sayeed**, BAPA  
*Co-Chair:* **M. M. Akash**, Dhaka University  
*Organizer:* **Sharif Jamil**

*Designated speakers:*

**Saber Hossain Chowdhury**, MP, Chairperson of All Party Parliamentary Committee on Environment

**Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir**, Senior Joint Secretary, Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

**Lt. General (retired) Harun ar Rashid**, General Secretary, Sector Commanders' Forum

**Rehman Sobhan**, Centre for Policy Dialogue

**Mahfuz Anam**, Editor, the Daily Star

**Mujahidul Islam Selim**, General Secretary, Communist Party of Bangladesh

**Shirin Akhtar**, President, Kormojibi Nari Samity

**Wajedul Islam Khan**, General Secretary, Trade Union Committee (TUC), Bangladesh

### **Tea Break**

**Time: 4:00 – 4:30**

**Venue: DU Senate Bhaban Complex**

### **Concurrent Sessions [B]**

**Time: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

#### **Session B1**

**Topic: Climate Change and Bangladesh Environment II**

*Time:* 4:30-6:30 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

*Venue:* **Room 1**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Saleemul Huq**, International Institute for Environment and Development

*Co-Chair:* **Shamsul Alam**, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology

*Organizer:* **Zahedur Rahman**

*Presentations:*

**Eshrat Sharmeen Akand, Shazia Mohsin and Ainun Nishat:** Monitoring of Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Ecosystem

**Zakir Hossain:** Climate Change and Environment – A Human Rights Perspective

**M. Eftekharul Alam:** Impact of Sea Level Rise on Rice Production and Ecosystem of Bangladesh

**Md. Sarwar Hossain and Kushal Roy:** Rainfall Variability over the South Coast of Bangladesh

**Kh. Azizul Hoque Moni, and Md. Sarwar Hossain:** Responses of Environmental Changes in Wetlands: Focus on Climate change and *Chenchuri* Beel

**Kh. Azizul Hoque Moni, Md. Sarwar Hossain:** Cyclone In Relation To Climate Change: Strategy and Action Plan

**M. F. Hossain, W. Chen, Yu Zheng, J. Li, J. Wang, and G. Pavlic:** Soil Carbon Stock Measurement and Distribution over Canada's North

**Md. Moniruzzaman and Mohammad Abdul Quader:** Adaptation To Climate Change In Southwestern Coastal Zone Of Bangladesh

**Jose Bitor:** Experiences on Windmills in Denmark

## **Session B2**

**Topic: Urbanization and Bangladesh Environment-- I**

**Time:** 4:30-6:30 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

**Venue:** Room 2, DU Senate Bhaban complex

**Chair:** Sarwar Jahan, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

**Co-Chair:** Iqbal Habib, BAPA

**Organizer:** Sirajul Islam Mollah

### *Presentations*

**Asib Ahmed and Mohammad Abdul Quader:** Noise Pollution In Municipal Cities of Bangladesh: A Case Study of Narayanganj

**A.S.M.Saifullah and Md. Shafiur Rahman Khan:** Institutional Strengthening And Policy Intervention in Improving Air Quality of Dhaka City: An Analysis

নাজনীন কবীর: শব্দ দূষণ – বর্তমান অবস্থা এবং করণীয়

মহিদুল হক খান (বাংলাদেশ পরিবেশ আন্দোলন, বাপা) ও মারুফ রহমান (ডার্লিউবিবি ট্রাস্ট) : ঢাকার যানজট সমস্যা সমাধানে বাস্তবমুখী ভাবনা।

## **Sirajul Islam Mollah: Noise Pollution and Its Impact on Health**

কাম্বুল্লোসা মুন্না ও মারুফ রহমান: হাঁটার গুরুত্ব ও এর জন্য উপযোগী পরিবেশ সৃষ্টিতে করণীয়

মারুফ রহমান: পরিবেশ বান্ধব, প্রাণবন্ত ও বসবাসযোগ্য নগরের জন্য সাইকেল চলাচল উপযোগী পরিবেশ সৃষ্টিতে করণীয়।

### **Session B3**

#### **Topic: Water and Bangladesh Environment-- II**

*Time:* 4:30-6:30 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

*Venue:* **Room 3**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Kazi Saleh Ahmed**, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA)

*Co-Chair:* **Golam Kabir**, BEN

*Organizer:* **ABM Anisuzzaman**

#### *Presentations*

*জিয়াউর রহমান গিটু: বিশুদ্ধ পানির উতস - নদ-নদী, খাল-বিল, ও জলাশয় রক্ষায় করণীয়*

**Abdullah Al-Muyeed and Md. Saiful Islam, M. H. Rahman, M. Zillur Rahman and A.E.M. Tanvir Hassan:** Minimizing Water Demand in Coastal Bangladesh through Rainwater Harvesting

**Ishita Rahman and M. Feroze Ahmed:** Evaluation of the Performance of Saidabad Water Treatment Plant, Dhaka

**M.A.I. Chowdhury, R. Alam, S. Nasrin and S. Afroze and A. Hossain:** Water Quality Of Chatla Beel in Hakaluki Haor And Its Low Cost Treatment for Drinking Purpose

**Md. Shamim Hayder Talukder, Shusmita Khan, S.M Shajedul Haque and Md. Z.I Mamun:** Community Perspectives On Water And Sanitation Towards 'Disaster Risk Reduction' (DRR)

**Azizur Molla:** Water and Health in Developing Countries: An Ethno-scientific Analysis in Reference to Bangladesh

**M. Shahidul Islam and Kamal Sen Gupta:** Pollution Of The Kaptai Lake: A Geo-Environmental Study

## **General Session BG1**

**Topic: Environment, Forests, and Indigenous Peoples**

**Time:** 4:30-6:30 pm, January 3 (Sunday), 2009

**Venue:** **Senate Hall**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

**Chair:** **Sultana Kamal**, BAPA

**Co-Chair:** **Badiul Alam Majumdar**, BAPA

**Organizer:** **Mohidul Hoque Khan**

*Designated speakers:*

**Sharif Jamil**, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) and Adibashi Poribesh Rokkha Andolon (APRA)

**Hilaluddin Khan Arefin**, Department of Anthropology, Dhaka University

**Sanjeeb Drong**, Bangladesh Adibashi Forum

**Flora Babli Talang**, *Koboraj Antopunji Unnayan Shangstha*

**Roki Chakma**, Bangladesh Red Crescent, Rangamati

**Sara Hossain**, Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court

**A.T.M. Nasimuzzaman**, Habiganj Gas Field, Petrobangla

## **Cultural Program**

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Venue:** **DU Senate Bhaban Complex**

**January 4 (Monday), 2009**

## **Concurrent Sessions [C]**

**Time:** 9:00 - 11:00 am

### **Session C1**

**Topic: Solid waste and Environment**

**Time:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am, January 4 (Monday), 2009

**Venue:** **Room 1**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

**Chair:** **Abdul Matin Patwary**, University of Asia and Pacific

**Co-Chair:** **K. M. Nurul Huda**, BAPA

*Organizer:* **Zahedur Rahman**

*Presentations:*

**Sudipti Biswas:** Industrial Waste Management In The Informal Industries Of Dhaka

**A. Al-Muyeed, A. M. Shadullah , M. H. Rahman and Bari M. E.:** Examination Of Household Composting Technologies For Suburban Areas Of Bangladesh

**S. M. Shamimur Rahman, Md. Delwar Hossain and Tariq Bin Yousuf:** A Study on Solid Waste Management of Barisal City Corporation

**S. M. Shamimur Rahman, Shahriar Shams and Md. Shayeb Shahariar:** Formulation of Waste Management Policy Integrating Climate Change In Bangladesh

### **Session C2**

**Topic:** Sustainable Agriculture and Environment

**Time:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am, January 4 (Monday), 2009

**Venue:** Room 2, DU Senate Bhaban complex

**Chair:** Nitish Chandra Debnath, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Science University

**Co-Chair:** Anwar Hossain, American International University of Bangladesh

**Organizer:** Sirajul Islam Mollah

**Nepal C. Dey, Asim K. Sajjan, Muhammed A. Bhuiyan, M. Aminul Islam and Y. Ibaraki:** Environmental Assessment Of Drought In The Northwest Region Of Bangladesh

*আমিনুল ইসলাম সূজন: ভাৰাৰ চাৰে পৰিবেশৰ উপৰ নেতিবাচক প্ৰভাৱ ও প্ৰতিকাৰ*

**M A Momin, S H Molla, K.M.Khalequzzaman, M R Alam and M A Ali and G N M Ilias:** Agriculture, Environment, Food Safety In Bangladesh And Some Recent Development

**Shahidul Islam, Abu Wali Ragib Hasan, Mazharul Aziz:** Climate Change Impact on Bangladesh Agriculture

### **Session C3**

**Topic:** Other Environmental Concerns

**Time:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am, January 4 (Monday), 2009

**Venue:** Room 3, DU Senate Bhaban complex

**Chair:** Syeda Rezwana Hasan, BELA

*Co-Chair: Sarwat Chowdhury, BEN*  
*Organizer: ABM Anisuzzaman*

*Presentations:*

**Md. Shamim Hayder Talukder, Shusmita Khan, Dina Farhana, S.M Shajedul Haque, Golam Rabbani, Kuntal K Saha And Salina Amin:** Post Disaster Food Security And Nutritional Status Among Under Five Children In Barguna District Of Bangladesh

**Syeda Israt Najia, Hasan Mohammad Titu:** Role of GO's and NGO's in Urban Poverty Alleviation: A Case Study of Faridpur Town

**Mohammad Ekramol Islam, Ms. Afia Akter And Md. Zakatullah Ziku:** Environmental Impact On Tourism: Bangladesh Perspective

**Nepal C. Dey, Seiji Hayakawa, Yasuomi Ibaraki, Reiji Kimura and Makio Kamichika:** Relationship between Soil Surface Conditions and Spectral Reflectance

**Nilufar Jahan:** An Unknown Fortune Linking Women to the Global Jute Market

**Md. Salequzzaman:** Sustainability of South-West Coastal Livelihood in Bangladesh

#### **Session C4**

**Topic: Forests and Biodiversity-I**

*Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am, January 4 (Monday), 2009*

*Venue: Room 4, DU Senate Bhaban complex*

*Chair: Bazlul Hoque Khondoker, BAPA*

*Co-Chair: Shahidul Islam, BAPA*

*Organizer: Feroz Ahmed*

*Presentations:*

**Abdullah Harun Chowdhury:** Environmental Threats on Algal Diversity of St. Martin's Island of Bangladesh

**Rahman Mohammad Arifur:** Environmental And Socio-Cultural Impact Of BMDA Project On Indigenous Community People: A Case Study

**Md. Nazibor Rahman and Md. Ashrafuzzaman Pramanik:** Infrastructure Development And It's Impact On Forestry Resources In Bangladesh

**M. A. Aziz, Adam C. D. Barlow, Christina J. Greenwood and Md. Anwarul Islam:**

Prioritising Threats To Improve Conservation Strategy For Tigers In The Bangladesh Sundarbans

**Md. Abdur Rashid, Kashed Ali Sarker and M. Zaman And Md. Nurul Alom:** Hydro Biological Study On The Chalan Beel Of Bangladesh: Physico-Chemical Characteristics.

**A. Hossain and R. Karim:** Community Participation In Co-Management Of Protected Areas In Bangladesh

*Guest Speaker: Dijen Sharma, Author and Environmentalist*

### **General Session CG1**

**Topic: Rivers and Wetlands: Confronting Disaster**

*Time: 9:00 – 11:00 pm, January 4 (Monday), 2009*

*Venue: Senate Hall, DU Senate Bhaban complex*

*Chair: Nazrul Islam, Global Coordinator, BEN and Vice-President, BAPA*

*Co-Chair: Afsar Ali, Jessore*

*Organizer: Iqbal Habib*

*Designated speakers:*

**Gopal Chintan, HIMSAR, Nepal**

**M. A. Matin, General Secretary, BAPA, Coordinator, JNRA**

**A. S. M. Mizanur Rahman, Coordinator, Chalan Beel Andolon**

**Azizul Hoque Moni, Coordinator, JNRA, Jessore**

**Abdus Zohir, Coordinator, Khoai Bachao Andolon**

**Abdul Matin, President, Dhaka Nagorik**

**Mihir Biswas, Buriganga Bachao Andolon**

### **Session CG2**

**Topic: Role of Social, Cultural, and Sports Movements in Protection of Environment**

*Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am, January 4 (Monday), 2009*

*Venue: Room 5 (Alumnae Lounge), DU Senate Bhaban complex*

*Chair: M. Hamid, BAPA, CEO, RTV and cultural activist*

*Co-Chair: Kamrul Khan, BEN*

*Organizer:* **Sharif Jamil**

*Presentations:*

**Tarana Halim**, MP and Cultural activist

**Gazi Ashraful Islam Lipu**, Former Captain, Bangladesh National Cricket Team

**Quamrunnahar Dana**, Sports activist

**Tanvir Mokammel**, Film Director

**Mamunur Rashid**, Theatre movement

**Selim Mahmud**, *Shilpakala* Academy

**Shahjahan Mridha**, Science Movement (*Anushandithsu Chakra*)

**Selina Hossain**, Novelist and organizer, *Dhaka Unnayan Committee*

**Tea Break**

**Time: 11:00 – 11:30 am**

**Venue: DU Senate Bhaban Complex**

**Concurrent Sessions [D]**

**Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**Session D1**

**Topic: Climate Change and Bangladesh Environment III**

**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, January 4 (Monday), 2009

**Venue:** **Room 1**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

**Chair:** **Atiq Rahman**, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS)

**Co-Chair:** **Nilufar Jahan**, BEN

**Organizer:** **Zahedur Rahman**

*Presentations:*

**Md. Tajuddin Sikder:** Impact Of Climate Change On Agriculture: An Investigation Of Vulnerability and Adaptation Of The Coastal Area Of Bangladesh.

**M. Zakir Hossain Khan:** Climate Change Equity, Integrity And Governance Risks: Policy Options for Bangladesh

**Khondoker Mokaddem Hossain and Mahbuba Nasreen:** The Impacts of Climate Change on the Coastal Belt in Bangladesh: The Risks and Challenges Experienced by People

**Kushal Roy and Umme Tania Sultana:** Climate Change Disasters And Rural Poverty: Case Of Coastal Bangladesh

**Farida Chowdhury Khan:** Changes in the Climate and the Economy: Challenges for the survival of the Munda Community in South Western Bangladesh

**Ahmad Neaz, M. Aminul Islam Akanda, Sohrab Rahman Khan:** The Laws of Nature and Human Actions on the Ecology and Economy of Bangladesh

**Angela Bernbe:** Sharing Experiences on CC mitigation in Africa.

## **Session D2**

**Topic: Urbanization and Bangladesh Environment II**

*Time:* 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, January 4 (Monday), 2009

*Venue:* **Room 2**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Mustafizur Rahman**, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

*Co-Chair:* **Ishrat Islam**, BUET

*Organizer:* **Sirajul Islam Mollah**

*Presentations:*

**Md. Manjur Morshed and A.S.M.Saifullah:** Socio-Economic And Environmental Impacts Of Real Estates' Apartment Housing In Dhaka City: A Case Study

**K M Rezaul Karim and Tusar Kanti Roy:** Environment Of The Parks In Metropolitan Area: A Case Of Khulna City

**Md. Rezaul Karim and AKM Khairuzzaman:** Road Traffic Environment In Bangladesh: Diagnosis Of Challenges And Remedies

**Salma A. Shafi:** Planning Needs For Balanced Living In Dhaka

## **Session D3**

**Topic: Water and Bangladesh Environment III**

*Time:* 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, January 4 (Monday), 2009

*Venue:* **Room 3**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Ainun Nishat**, IUCN

*Co-Chair:* **J. K. Baral**, BAPA

*Organizer:* **ABM Anisuzzaman**

*Presentations:*

**Ruwaida Bari and Md. Delwar Hossain:** Phytoremediation Of Banani Lake Water Using Water Hyacinth

**A. Hossain and M. T.H. Easher:** Deterioration Of Water Quality Of Mokosh Beel And Associated Socio-Economic Impacts

#### **Session D4**

**Topic: Forest and Biodiversity II**

*Time:* 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, January 4 (Monday), 2009

*Venue:* **Room 4**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Kazi Modina**, University of Liberal Arts

*Co-Chair:* **Md. Ekramul Wadud**, BAPA

*Organizer:* **Feroz Ahmed**

*Presentations:*

**Iffat Ara:** Invasive Alien Fish Species (Iafs): Threat On Freshwater Aquatic Ecosystem And Bio-Diversity In Bangladesh

**M. R. Rahman, M. N. Islam and M. S. Rahman:** Biodiversity Of Beel Koshba Of Naogaon District, Bangladesh

**Fahmida Sultana, Sawpan Kumar Sarker and Md. Abu Sayed Arfin Khan:** Tree Diversity In Sacred Places: Implication For Conservation Through Spiritual Beliefs

**Md. Abdur Rashid:** Coastal Afforestation Is One Of The Approach For Amelioration Of Environment.

**Abdul Awal Biswas:** Destruction of Hill: Impact on Environment and our Responsibilities

#### **General Session DG1**

**Topic: Ten Years of BAPA**

*Time:* 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, January 4 (Monday), 2009

*Venue:* **Senate Hall**, DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Nazrul Islam**, Vice President, BAPA and Chairman, UGC

*Organizer:* **M. A. Matin**, General Secretary, BAPA

*Designated speakers:*

**AMA Muhith**, Honorable Minister of Finance, and Founding President of BAPA

**Rehman Sobhan**, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

**Jamilur Reza Chowdhury**, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University and Ex-President, BAPA

**Abul Barkat**, Economist, Dhaka University

**Mofidul Hoque**, *Shahitya Prakash*

**Nirmalendu Goon**, Poet

**A. R. Khan**, President Bangladesh Astronomical Association

**Mubassher Hossain**, Institute of Architects, Bangladesh

**Kamrul Ahsan Khan**, BEN

**Nazrul Islam**, Global Coordinator, BEN and Vice President, BAPA

**Session DG2**

**Topic: Climate Change, Environmental Issues, and Health Problems**

*Time:* 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, January 4 (Monday), 2009

*Venue:* Room 5 (Alumni Hall), DU Senate Bhaban complex

*Chair:* **Rashid-e-Mahbub**, National Health Rights Movement

*Co-Chair:* **S. K. Roy**, BAPA

*Organizer:* **Nitia Kanti Das**

*Presentations:*

**Sardar Arif Uddin:** Climate Change: A Contemporary Issue in Bangladesh – Public Health Perspective

**Shankha Barun Roy,** Stakeholders' Opinion on Health Policy by HRMNC

**Lunch**  
**Time: 1:30 – 2:30 pm**  
**Venue: DU Senate Bhaban Complex**

### **Plenary General Session**

**Topic: Dhaka Declaration on Bangladesh Environment, 2010**

**Time: 2:30 – 4:30 pm**

**Venue: DU Senate Hall Room**

**Chair: Wahiduddin Mahmud**, Dhaka University, Vice President, BAPA

**Organizer: M. A. Matin**, BAPA

**Feroze Ahmed:** Presentation of recommendations from Expert Sessions

**Sharif Jamil:** Presentation of recommendations from General Sessions

**Nazrul Islam:** Presentation of the Dhaka Declaration on Bangladesh Environment, 2010

Discussion and adoption of the Declaration

Guest Speaker: **Atiur Rahman**, Governor, Bangladesh Bank

**Tea Break**  
**Time: 4:30 – 5:00 pm**  
**Venue: DU Senate Bhaban Complex**

**Concluding Session**  
**Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium**  
**Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm**

**Chief Guest:** Leader of the Opposition, **Begum Khaleda Zia**

**Special Guest: Golam Rabbani**,

**Chair: Muzaffer Ahmad**, President, BAPA

Guests take their seats

Arrival of the Chief Guest

National anthem

Concluding address by **Nazrul Islam**, Vice President, BAPA and Global Coordinator.  
Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN).

Address by **Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi**, Vice Chancellor, North South University

Address by the **Special Guest**

Prize Distribution

Address by the **Chief Guest**

Address by the **Chair** of the Session

Vote of thanks by **M. A. Matin**, General Secretary, BAPA and Member Secretary, COC

## Other Items of the Conference

### **Boat trip on January 5 (Tuesday):**

There will be a boat trip in the *Dhaleshwari River* for **international, including non-resident Bangladeshi** participants of the conference.

Courtsey: **Tanvir Mokammel**, noted Film Director and Environmentalist

Organizer: **Shahjahan Mridha Benu** (Mobile phone: 01711533090 and 01919533090)

Willing participants are requested to contact **Shahjahan Mridha Benu** (Mobile phone: 01711533090 and 01919533090) by 6 pm January 3 (Sunday), to express their intention to join the boat trip

Participants will gather at DU Senate Bhaban Complex by 10:00 am on January 5 (Tuesday), 2009 to take the bus to the *Dhaleshwari* Second Bridge wherefrom the boat will start.

### ***Poribesh Mela* (Environmental exhibition)**

An exhibition is held at Dhaka University Mall during the conference, illustrating cases of environmental degradation and instances of efforts to protect environment. About twenty environment related organizations are participating in exhibition.

### **Children's Art Competition**

An art competition for children held on January 1, 2010 at **Kendriyo Shaheed Minar**, Dhaka at 10 am. Following are the three age groups and corresponding themes for the competition:

Age group (4 to 8) (*Surma*). Theme: Nature and environment

Age group (9 to 12) (*Brahmaputra*). Theme: Rivers and environment

Age group (13 to 16) (*Padma*). Theme: Threatened environment

Judges are **Abul Barq Alvi, Abdul Mannan, Zahid Mustafa**

The competition will be inaugurated by the eminent artist **Hashem Khan**

The prizes will be distributed at the Concluding Session of the conference.

### **Film show**

Several environment-related films will be shown at various points during the conference. Among these are *Shusuk, nodi, abong amra* (*Shusuk, our river, and the mankind*) and *Oi Jamuna*.

### **Bike rally**

As a preparatory event leading to ICBEN, a bike rally was held on December 26 as a symbolic event to emphasize the importance of bike as a mode of transportation suitable or Bangladesh on environmental and other grounds. It was organized jointly by BAPA, BEN, and WBB, and was coordinated by Kamrul Khan and Maruf Rahman. The rally was participated by a significant number of bicyclists from different organizations. The colorful rally drew significant attention of the people and was covered well by the press and media.

### **Ramna Park Cleaning Campaign**

As a preparatory event leading to ICBEN 2010, a campaign was held on December 31 to clean up *Ramna* Park of Dhaka city. It was organized by BAPA and Federation of Walkers' Association, *Ramna*. A group of 23 teachers and students from Copenhagen, Denmark, took part in this campaign.

### **Campaign for Protection of St. Martin Island**

As a preparatory event leading to ICBEN 2010 a press conference was held on December 27, 2010 at Dhaka Reporters' Unity. An appeal was made not to destroy the environment and ecology of the lone coral island of Bangladesh in the name of tourism and as venue to watch the solar eclipse that will occur on January 15, 2010.