



## Faith For Our Planet Bangladesh Workshop

Date: 18 - 19 July, 2023

Venue: BRAC Center Inn and Climate Technology Park, Bangladesh (Dhaka)

### Agenda (18th July 2023 at Brac Center)

Day 1

Time	Session	Speakers
10:15 AM	Guests arrive and welcoming reception	
11:00 am to 11:15 am	<b>Introduction to Faith For Our Planet (FFOP)</b> Participants will be informed about the organization's history, its mission and broader objectives.	<b>Shiraz Ahmad</b> , FFOP International Director
11:15 am to 12:30 pm	<b>Panel discussion followed by Q&amp;A</b> <b>Belief to Action: How Faith-Based Values Can Drive Powerful Climate Action</b> The panel will invite a re-exploration of insights found within religious scriptures and texts that articulate care for creation based on social justice, human and planetary well-being. It will explain the climate crisis, among other things, as a crisis of values and meaning – a gap faith (leaders) are well-positioned to both comprehend and remedy. By walking through values well enshrined, but in need of revisiting, within different faith groups, the panel will invite a new thinking on environmental preservation and stewardship.	<b>Professor Md. Abu Sayem</b> : Professor of World Religions and Culture at the University of Dhaka. Author of two books, Religion and Ecological Crisis: Christian and Muslim Perspectives from John B. Cobb and Seyyed Hossein Nasr and The Monotheistic Concept in Judaism and Islam: A Comparative Study <b>Dr. Samiya A Selim</b> : Director and Professor, Center for Sustainable Development, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, currently working as an Advisor of Climate Change and Disaster Management Programme of SAJIDA Foundation. <b>Dr Fachruddin Majeri Mangunjaya</b> : Environmentalist, Author and Associate Professor (Professor Madya) at School of Graduate Program Universitas Nasional, Chairman Centre for Islamic Studies Universitas Nasional
12:30 pm to 1:45 pm	Lunch break and networking time (Including prayer times)	
1:45 pm to 2:10 pm	<b>Online Lecture + Q/A</b> <b>Surveying the Climate Landscape of Bangladesh</b> This session will provide a comprehensive understanding of the global climate emergency, the broad stroke impact it has had on Bangladesh and the country's response to date. It will underscore the significance of faith-based initiatives in addressing climate-related issues and set the stage for the next session where Sajida Foundation will present real-world case studies on climate change and disaster management.	<b>Dr. Saleemul Huq</b> : Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and Professor at the Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) as well as Associate of the International Institute on Environment and Development (IIED) in the United Kingdom, COP28 Advisory Committee Member
2:10 pm to 2:45 pm	<b>Case Study Presentation</b> <b>Climate change and disaster management case-studies by Sajida Foundation</b> Session description: This session will explore the nexus between climate change and disaster management, illustrated through the real-world case studies of the Sajida Foundation along with the unique influence that faith communities can wield in this sphere. Mahmuda will explore how principles of faith can inspire and strengthen community action, and how faith communities can adopt and adapt the practices championed by the Sajida Foundation.	<b>Mahmuda Akhter</b> , Senior Research Associate at SAJIDA Foundation, she has been directly involved in several projects in the field of climate change: focusing on mental wellbeing, transformative adaptation, climate resilience and nature-based solution in Bangladesh.
2:45 to 3:45 pm	<b>Lecture</b> <b>Introduction to Systems Thinking in Climate Change</b> This session will introduce the concept of systems thinking. Participants will explore crucial questions pertaining to how we have arrived at this point, and how our worldview (ethical and moral paradigms) has shaped our relationship with the environment. Additionally, inviting participants to reflect on what they bring to the climate action movement/context they operate in.	<b>Dr Nafeez Ahmed</b> : Systems theorist, change strategist and investigative journalist. Advisory Board Member, Faith For Our Planet, Founding Director of Systems Shift Lab, Former Director of Global Research Communications at RethinkX - a think tank focusing on technology disruptions and societal transformation, Special Investigations & Global Trends Reporter at Byline Times.
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm	Short break	
4:00 pm to 5:15 pm	<b>Training</b> <b>Anchoring Environmental Stewardship on Religious and Moral Based Perspective</b> A training in environmental stewardship designed to help participants contextualize their knowledge and leadership capacities for climate action. The training will invite participants to reflect on ways they can inspire their congregations and communities towards a reinvigorated ecological consciousness and climate action grounded in values, meanings, and resources found within faith/faith communities.	<b>Shamir Shehab</b> : Founder of Bangladesh Youth Environmental Institute, aspiring social and environmental justice advocate. He has more than 10 years of experience in the intersection of climate change and international development. <b>Professor Md. Abu Sayem</b> : Professor of World Religions and Culture at the University of Dhaka. Author of two books, Religion and Ecological Crisis: Christian and Muslim Perspectives from John B. Cobb and Seyyed Hossein Nasr and The Monotheistic Concept in Judaism and Islam: A Comparative Study
5:15 PM to 5:30 PM	Closing remarks from <b>Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP</b> : PM's Special Envoy for Climate Change, Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and <b>FFOP Representative</b>	

## Agenda (19th July 2023 at CCDB Climate Park)

Field-visit to Climate Technology Park, a project of Global Ministries partner, The Christian Commission of Bangladesh (CCDB).

Climate Technology Park is an initiative by CCDB to exhibit innovative, sustainable, low-cost technology effective for climate change adaptation and mitigation. The park is intended to be a hub for innovative climate change techniques that help farmers and fishers.

### Day 2

Time	Session
6:15 AM	All participants to meet at Sajida Foundation Head Office, OTOBI Center, 1st floor, plot 12, Gulshan South Avenue, Dhaka 1212, and travel to CCDB Climate Park (Departure 6:30 AM)
9:00 AM	Arrival at CCDB Climate Centre
09:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Orientation Session on CCDB Climate Centre
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Snacks
10:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Climate Park Tour
2:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Lunch break
3:00 PM - 03:45 PM	Registration at Knowledge Hub, Orientation of Social media, Feedback and Way Forward Session
4:00 PM	Closing speech by <b>FFOP representative</b> and Departure