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## Introduction:

The Gobeshona Young Researcher Workshop was conceptualized in 2014 to promote the Bangladeshi young professionals in publishing climate change research papers. The Gobeshona project has finished working with two (2) batches of young professionals under the knowledge management programme at the International Centre for Climate Change And Development (ICCCAD). This article officially completes the conduction of the third batch of young researchers.

This initiative annually calls the passionate young researchers with ready research manuscript or thesis with a climate change research topic which are eventually converted to research papers after four (4) systematic workshops. The first prepares the young professional to think on his manuscript and plan forward for one year on the conversion. Unlike a research proposal, it addresses publishers' requirements in few milestone which ends with submitting to a journal. The second workshop rationales the data collection method to come out with the findings. The third workshop focuses on data interpretations and writing the findings. Finally the forth workshop shares submission experiences and further dissemination of research findings through seminars or conferences.

Each batch participants of Gobeshona young researchers have successfully published their papers in international peer reviewed journals, though not all participants could come out with an article; the third batch achieved the most. By the third workshop, two (2) participants have published their articles and more articles are under review. Moreover, Gobeshona team still follows up the first two batches participants to publish more or present research solutions at monthly or annual events. Thus climate knowledge flows from the researchers to other peers or the users of knowledge and the team continuously learns the training gaps to produce more journal articles through these workshops and ultimately raise the ladder of local climate knowledge.

## The workshop:

The forth workshop was conducted on 20 July 2017 with 8 participants along with the workshop facilitator Dr. Haseeb M Irfanullah and the core members of the Gobeshona team. The initiator of the workshop Dr. Saleemul Huq gave a keynote and Mr. Shahadat Hossain Shakil was the special guest on behalf of the support organization USAID.

### *Special Guest:*

The special guest of the workshop Mr. Shahadat Hossain Shakil, Project Management Specialist (Environment Economic Growth Office) USAID, congratulated all the participants for completing the journey of this research publishing workshop. He inspired all professionals to keep up the spirit for research. He shared a pitiful story of buying research paper for building ones CV which will never benefit in the long run. Because, research is meant to be original, a narrow finding is always contributing toward a great solution. We are really struggling on managing systematic climate knowledge and publishing. Under this circumstance being so climate vulnerable, even one authentic journal article from the young researchers could be a great success of this award programme of USAID. Ultimately quality paper will move one ahead in this long way of publishing research.



Figure 1 Dr. Saleemul Huq catching updates from the researchers

experiences. The target should be to publish so qualified journal article that include the young researchers into the IPCC assessment reports.

#### **Status update poster:**

The workshop started by all young researchers boldly presenting their research title, submitted journal with the comments and responses from the reviewers individually. For those who haven't submitted, they updated their manuscript status reasoning what made them late. The facilitator and other members together helped them to overcome their struggle with the paper. Each individual designed a poster to present their status.



Figure 2: Gobeshona young researchers during the workshop

paper could be re-submitted to another journal without major changes but, each journal requires re-formatting accordingly. On the other hand, rejection generally means major changes are required in the manuscript.

#### **Under review:**

Under review could mean that the title is suitable for the journal but the contents are not yet examined to be accepted or rejected. For those cases of not getting information in 15 days, the workshop suggested to politely follow up the timeline for keeping a paper under review.

#### **Keynote:**

Dr. Saleemul Huq, the director of International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) expressed his happiness for the participants who had already published at scientific journals. By now the initiative has reached the primary objective of publishing. For the future workshops, the objective is to deliver internationally time-demanding research solutions from the country's extended adaptation

#### **Interactions with Journals:**

After a submission is made, researchers get the message from the editors and the comments from the reviewers. Based on the research title and keywords, ideally journals return unsuitable articles very quickly. Returning and rejecting are different results. Returned manuscript from any journal means the thematic area of

the selected journal doesn't match the topic of the research. The

### **Commented papers:**

Any written comment demands similar response. Generic comments should be responded generally and similarly specific comments should be responded specifically. It is always better to reply as soon as possible and give proper rationale to any type of reviewers' comments.

### **Behavioral suggestions:**

Reviewers' are often not paid at all for revising or commenting a paper. It is recommended to consider a reviewer as a knowledge-thirstily individual who wants to know the newest knowledge. The workshop suggested careful



**Figure 4: Dr Haseeb Md Irfanullah facilitating the workshop**

text exchange while communicating with reviewers.

researchers are passionate for new knowledge. Only knowledge could contribute toward sustainable development. Only knowledge based evidence could resolve the policy issues for developments. Bangladesh needs all passionate researchers to work hard on solving climate change problems. Finally the workshop participants suggested their valued feedback for the onward young researcher workshops.



**Figure 3: Gobeshona young researchers after the first workshop**

text exchange while communicating with reviewers.

### **Payments and Quality Journal:**

Some prominent journals may charge nominal charges to keep open access knowledge. The evaluation criteria for selecting a good journal is not only a high impact factor, rather young researcher should select indexed journals.

### **Conclusion:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> batch of Young Researcher Workshop ended with a formal conclusion wishing all the participants the best to continue research efforts. Excess of anything could be bad but knowledge. The young

Status of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Batch Gobeshona Young Researchers				
S.NO	Name	Title	Journal	Update
1	Naimul Islam	Scenarios of Climate Change Impact and Vulnerability on Hilsa Fish and Fishermen Livelihood; A Billion Dollar Fishery in Bangladesh”	Not yet submitted	The systematic processing helped him get a foreign scholarship.
2	Marzia Shafin	“Vulnerability Index for the Ganges Delta”	Not yet submitted	Working on the Draft
3	Kazi Nabila Haque	“Evaluation of Bangladesh monsoon rainwater characteristics for drinking purpose.”	Journal of water and climate change	Submitted Received commented working on the response.
4	Md. Hafizur Rahman	Climate Change Migration: Case Study in Dhaka Slums”	Climatic Change, Springer	Submitted
5	Md. Arif Chowdhury	“Climate Change Adaptation through Community Based Management in Village Common Forest in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh”	Special Issue "Tropical Forests and Climate Change: Impacts, Adaptation and Mitigation"	Submitted, Under review
6	Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman	“Linking Rural-Urban Migration and Changing Urban Land Use and Exploring its Impact on Dhaka City, Bangladesh”	Migrations and Development	Published
		“Rural-urban migration: a case study on the socioeconomic implications for urban informal settlers in Dhaka City”	Migration Studies' published by Oxford University Press	Submitted
7	Md. Sanaul Haque Mondal	“Interacting effects of population and climate dynamics on changing land cover of Sundarbans mangrove forest in Bangladesh”		Published
		“Population growth, climate change and sustainable development in Bangladesh”	Jàmbá: Journal of Disaster Risk Studies	Submitted
8	A. S. M. Nadim	“Climate Induced Migration: Understanding the Status of Basic Humanitarian Needs and Responses to Poor Migrant People of Barisal City”	Not yet submitted	The Manuscript is in process to submit in the journal
9	Hasan Mohammed Asiful Hoque	“Soil quality of the Sundarban Mangrove Forest, a Reference for Future Comparison under Changing Climate”	Not yet submitted	The Manuscript is in process to submit in the journal
1	Md. Ekhtekharul Islam	“Tailored Information on Climate Change Adaptation for School-age Children in Bangladesh: Looking through the Lens of School Readiness”	International Journal on Climate Change Strategies and Management	Submitted, Reviewer commented, Author is responding.