

# CAPACITY STRENGTHENING OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs) FOR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE (CLACC)

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Map of the 50 Least Developed Countries



## Editorial

Many activities have taken place since our last issue in February. In this newsletter, we brief you on the progress of the in-country studies on climate change and human health; fellowships, training and other activities undertaken by the fellows. We also bring you highlights on the project meeting held in Bonn and plans for the second half of the year including preparations for COP12 to be held in Nairobi, Kenya in November 2006. We also profile one of the CLACC partners-CARITAS Bangladesh to help our collaborators know us better.

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### Update on Climate Change and Human Health

The in-country studies being carried out in 12 LDCs (9 in Africa and 3 in South Asia) are moving on well. Most of the countries plan to have the final workshops in July or August where they will present the results to various stakeholders in their respective countries. The team expects to present the results at a side event during COP12/MOP2 in Nairobi in November. A summary of the results will also appear in the CLACC Newsletter Special Edition for COP 12.

### Fellowships and Training

Two members of the CLACC family benefited from the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) fellowships. **Victor Orindi** from ACTS was hosted by the Climate Change Team at IIED between the 29<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> April. During his stay, he worked on the ACCCA East Africa Proposal, the CLACC PowerPoint Template and Climate Change and Human Health progress report.

He also participated in a number of meetings including the one-day workshop on *Climate Change in Africa Linking Science and Policy for Adaptation* at the Royal Society London and the *RING annual meeting* in Santiago Chile.

**Mozaharul Alam (Babu)** from BCAS was at IIED between May 11 and July 05, during which he developed brochure for the Community Based Adaptation Workshop to be held in January 2007 in Dhaka Bangladesh and the ACCCA proposal for S.Asia. Babu also provided invaluable input towards the development of the CBAA Proposal submitted to IDRC in mid-July and, together with Lwandle Mqaadi also wrote an article on SSNAPP Methodology that will be coming out in the next issue of *Tiempo Magazine*.

Babu participated in a number of meetings including the Third World Urban Forum in Vancouver and a Side event on Asia-Pacific Initiative towards a Sustainable and Environmentally Sound Society, organized by National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), Japan. At IIED, he gave a seminar on the Evolution of LDC Group and National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) under UNFCCC.

**Bimal Regmi** from Li-Bird was at Wageningen International, the Netherlands between May 7 and June 18 attending a course on Participatory Approaches to Genetic Resource Management. The main objective of the training was to provide participants with knowledge and skills in genetic resource management. The course also dealt with genetic resources policies at the national and international levels including negotiations. Bimal will be exploring the linkage

between climate change and genetic resources in NEPAL.

### CLACC Meeting in Bonn

The CLACC team held its meeting in Bonn on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. The Coordinator- **Saleemul Huq** gave an update of the project activities ranging from last years activities to plans for next year. He noted the good progress CLACC is making in terms of awareness creation, capacity building and contribution to on-going initiatives at different levels. Fellows were encouraged to take advantage of existing opportunities (e.g. writing in *Tiempo Magazine*) as a way of sharpening their skills. Dr Huq also informed the team about the three year funding from SIDA in support CLACC activities.

In the afternoon, **Sari Kovats** of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine took the team through the Climate Change and Human Health research objectives and methodology. She highlighted key issues that fellows need to be aware while carrying out the study to ensure the results are robust enough and useful. She later gave an update on where each of the countries were and how best to prepare for the workshop where the results will be presented and discussed.

### From Uganda

**Ben Twinomugisha**, the Ugandan CLACC Fellow was recently appointed to be DENIVA's Coordinator of Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Improvement Programme. This gives Ben a good opportunity to take a step further his work on climate change. Already, the organization has started creating awareness on the links between

## CARITAS Bangladesh

Caritas is a Latin word. Literally it means 'charity' or universal love. Caritas is a Bangladeshi, national, non-profit, development organization, established to carry out activities of integrated social welfare and development. Caritas was formed in 1967 as the eastern branch of Caritas Pakistan. Following the cyclone of November 1970 it was re-organized and became known as CORR (Christian Organization for Relief and Rehabilitation), and took on the character of a national organization on January 13, 1971.

### Strategic Goals / Priorities

Guided by its Vision and Mission, Caritas Bangladesh addresses the challenges through its activities organized in four thematic areas to benefit the poor and most disadvantaged in society. The four areas are:

- Human Resources Development through Education, Formation and Capacity Building as Caritas considers Human Resource Development as its top priority and the prime investment in achieving human wellbeing.
- Social Justice and Human Rights through Capacity Building of the poor, women and ethnic communities: While social justice and human rights are at the one end of genuine development, the other dimension lies with promotion of self-help capacity building of the extreme poor for sustainable livelihood that brings dignity and respect to them.
- Health and Care: Caritas believes that a sound human resource development can only be sustained if quality health services are made accessible to all.
- Natural resources and Capacity Building in Disaster Management: Caritas supports sustainable use of natural resources for ecological balance. Bio-diversity conservation and poverty reduction are pursued through optimum and innovative use of natural resources (including, land, water, aquatic resources and livestock) as well as promotion of indigenous knowledge and techniques.

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climate change and development with vulnerable communities and other stakeholders. DENIVA has also set up a climate change section within their resource to allow those interested easy access to existing materials. The CLACC Family wishes Ben

success in his new position.

### CLACC Fellows Activities

CLACC Fellows also participated in other activities beyond the project. In the last few months for example, fellows were involved in:

i). **Climate Change and Cities in the South** side event organized by IIED and SIDA during the third World Urban Forum in Vancouver looking at what cities in the south can do to reduce green house gas emission and risks in a warming world. **Mozaharul Alam** presented a case study on Dhaka City while **Victor Orindi** presented the case of Mombasa during this side event chaired by **Saleemul Huq** and **David Satterthwaite** both from IIED. For more details see [www.iisd.ca/YMB/WUF\\_vol\\_125\\_No\\_3](http://www.iisd.ca/YMB/WUF_vol_125_No_3).

### ii) NAPA in Sudan

Sumaya Zaki-Eldeen has been actively participating in the development of Sudanese NAPA. As a member of the Technical Committee, she is involved in the drafting process and providing basic guidance to sectoral working groups. Sudan is set to have a final round of Sub national NAPA workshops in the coming weeks. Supporting the NAPA Process is one of CLACC's major objectives.

### Upcoming Events

#### Project Meeting in Nairobi

The next CLACC meeting is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006 on the side of COP 12. During the meeting, the team will review the results from the in-country studies and other on-going activities. The climate change and human health research will also be presented during a side event as part of our sensitization and awareness creation campaigns.



CLACC meeting May 20, 2006, Insel Hotel, Bonn



CLACC Fellows on a boat ride in River Rhine

## CLACC Partners

### Europe

Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO), Norway [www.cicero.uio.no](http://www.cicero.uio.no)

International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED), UK. [www.iied.org](http://www.iied.org)

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHM), UK [www.lshtm.ac.uk](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk)

Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), Germany. [www.pik-potsdam.de](http://www.pik-potsdam.de)

Stockholm Environment Institute-Oxford, UK [www.sei.se/oxford](http://www.sei.se/oxford)

### South Asia

Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Bangladesh. [www.bcas.net](http://www.bcas.net)

CARITAS Bangladesh, Bangladesh. [www.caritasbd.org](http://www.caritasbd.org)

Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD), Nepal. [www.libird.org](http://www.libird.org)

Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN), Bhutan. [www.rspn-bhutan.org](http://www.rspn-bhutan.org)

Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS), Bangladesh. [www.rdrsbangla.net](http://www.rdrsbangla.net)

### East Africa

African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Kenya. [www.acts.or.ke](http://www.acts.or.ke)

Development Network for Indigenous Voluntary Association (DENIVA), Uganda. [www.deniva.or.ug](http://www.deniva.or.ug)

Environmental Protection and Management Services (EPMS), Tanzania

Sudanese Environment Conservation Society (SECS), Sudan

Southern Africa

Action Group for Renewable Energies and Sustainable Development (GED), Mozambique

Energy and Environmental Concerns for Zambia (EECZ), Zambia

Coordination Unit for the Rehabilitation of the Environment (CURE), Malawi

Zimbabwe Regional Environmental Organization (ZERO), Zimbabwe. [www.zeroregional.com](http://www.zeroregional.com)

### West Africa

AMADE-PELCODE, Mali

Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA), Senegal. [www.enda.sn](http://www.enda.sn)

Organisation des Femmes pour la Gestion de l'Énergie de l'Environnement et la promotion du Développement (OFEDI), Benin

### TENMIYA, Mauritania

## Relevant Publications

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2. Thomalla, F.; Downing, T.; Spanger-Siegfried, E.; Han, G. and Rockström J. (2006): Reducing Hazard vulnerability: Towards a common approach between disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation. <http://www.clacc.net/Documents/report/j.1467-9523.2006.00305.pdf>
3. Zaki-Eldeen, S. A. (2006): Climate change and issues of concern in Sudan <http://www.clacc.net/Documents/africa/sumaya.pdf>

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