
South Asia Regional Resilience Hub, COP 26 (Nov 1-12, 2021)

Session on **The contribution of nature-based solutions to vulnerability reduction** **and sustainable development in Bangladesh and the Global South**

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Background and discussion topics

Nature-based solutions (NbS) involve working with nature to address societal challenges, including climate change adaptation. Although evidence for the effectiveness of NbS for adaptation is growing, there is relatively less evidence on whether and how NbS reduces vulnerability to climate change in the Global South, which houses a large proportion of the world's most climate-vulnerable people. For example, although Bangladesh leads in adopting ecosystem-based approaches for human well-being and biodiversity benefits, documented evidence has been lacking. In this session, we will discuss the evidence available on NbS for climate change adaptation in the Global South and Bangladesh and how NbS have potential to address short-term and long-term economic recovery. The session will highlight policy actions to scale-up NbS and facilitate their effective and inclusive delivery in the Global South.

Expected outcome

As Nature-based Solutions (NbS) is a major agenda in COP26, we hope to hear from researchers, practitioners and policymakers across the world working on NbS. During our session, we would like to gather messages to strengthen the knowledge base and scale-up NbS across policy and practice to address the climate crisis and biodiversity loss for human wellbeing.

Agenda

Time (in GMT)	Items	Responsible person(s)
09:00 – 09:05 am	Setting the tone of the session	Dr. Haseeb Md. Irfanullah , ICCCAD
09:05 – 09:10 am	4 policy guidelines on NbS	Alexandre Chausson , NBSI
09:10 – 09:20 am	Presentation 1: Contributions of NbS in Global South	Stephen Woroniecki , PhD, NBSI
09:20 – 09:30 am	Presentation 2: Empirical evidence on the effectiveness of NbS in Bangladesh	Tasfia Tasnim , ICCCAD
09:30 – 09:40 am	Presentation 3: Policy related actions on NbS in Bangladesh	Samina Islam and Mahmuda Akter , ICCCAD
09:40 – 10:10 am	Guided discussion with panelists and presenters	Moderator: Alexandre Chausson , NBSI Panelists: Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi , Senior Fellow/ Training Lead FGG Program - World Wildlife Fund Mr. Sunil Acharya , Regional Advisor – Climate and Resilience, Practical Action, Nepal (TBC)
10:10 – 10:25 am	Q/A session	Moderator: Alexandre Chausson , NBSI Participants: Audience
10:25 – 10:30 am	Closing remarks	Alexandre Chausson , NBSI

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