

WORKSHOP ON

“Water Security and Urban Water Management for Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Cities/Towns with Special Emphasis on Impact of Climate Change”

Bangladesh Water Partnership organized a day long workshop on 19th December 2015 titled **“Water Security And Urban Water Management For Sustainable And Eco-Friendly Cities/Towns With Special Emphasis On Impact Of Climate Change”** at the BRAC Centre Inn, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Total 56 participants were present in the workshops. The workshop was largely attended by Chief Executive Officer & Secretary of different Municipalities & Pourashavas, Environmentalists, Engineers, Water Resource Planners, Urban Planners, Economists, civil society actors of Bangladesh. Eminent Environmentalist and Economists and Chairperson of Palli Karma Shahayan Foundation (PKSF) and Institute of Microfinance (InM) Dr. Qazi Kholikuzzaman Ahmad attended the workshop as the Chief Guest of the Inaugural Session of the meeting. The inaugural session was chaired by Engr. Md. Shahidul Hassan, President, Bangladesh Water Partnership & Former Chief Engineer, LGED. Dr. K. Azharul Haq, Vice President, BWP delivered the Welcome Speech. Dr. Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed, Project Coordinator and Community Climate Change Project presented the keynote paper.

The main objective of the workshop was to sensitize the stakeholders about the water security & its management towards establishing sustainable and eco friendly Cities/Towns. This workshop was a prelude to develop a program of Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM).

The daylong workshop was followed by of an Inaugural Session, 2 Technical Sessions and a Concluding Session. In the two technical sessions, seven speakers from Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (DWASA), Khulna WASA, Chittagong WASA, Department of Environment (DoE), Chittagong City Corporation, WaterAid, Institute of Water Modelling (IWM), Centre for Environment and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) presented the papers. In these papers they discussed about different dimensions of climate change and urban water security in different cities/towns of Bangladesh.

The participants took part in the open discussion in the workshops. They shared their problems on water which has been contaminated by pollutants from industries and urban wastes. A number of recommendations came from the open discussions which are expected to assist the concern authorities and policy makers to develop sustainable & eco-friendly strategies and interventions for the vulnerable cities/towns.

In the concluding session, Mr. Tauhidul Anwar Khan, Secretary General of BWP requested to all to be aware about the climate change impacts on the cities & towns of Bangladesh. Finally the workshop was wrapped up with a vote of thanks by Ms. Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary, BWP.

The detailed report will be submitted in the next month.