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Editor's Note

“The Voice” – Bangladesh Youth COP 2025, a reflection of the courage, clarity, and commitment of young climate leaders across Bangladesh. As we navigate one of the most defining climate crises, this publication captures the power of collective youth action, and the urgent need for inclusive, just, and youth-driven climate solutions.

This year, through the strategic collaboration between ActionAid Bangladesh and Brighters Society of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Youth COP 2025 has become a dynamic platform uniting over 1000 youth voices from diverse and climate-vulnerable regions. From the hill tracts of Bandarban to the coastal belt of Barguna, and from the drought-hit plains of Lalmonirhat to the flood-prone wetlands of Sunamganj, our young people have not only raised their voices but also have shaped a powerful Youth Demand Charter that sets the tone for a just transition ahead of COP30 in Belem.

This document captures their lived realities, local wisdom, and forward-thinking solutions. It highlights key interventions like the Climate Policy Negotiation Fellowship, a trailblazing step toward equipping youth with the tools to engage meaningfully in national and global climate negotiations. It also showcases the power of regional consultations, robust youth partnerships, and real policy positioning, not as mere consultation, but as co-creation.

The voices here call for climate-resilient infrastructure, equitable disaster response, gender-responsive services, green entrepreneurship, and youth inclusion in decision-making processes. These are not optional add-ons to climate policy, they are essential, transformative priorities.

This draft edition serves as more than documentation; let it be a call to action. As we look ahead to COP30 and beyond, may this work serve as a beacon for governments, civil society, and global partners to recognize, support, and stand in solidarity with the youth of Bangladesh. Because the future is not just ours to inherit, it is ours to lead and make responsible choices.

In solidarity and hope,
The Editorial Team
Bangladesh Youth COP 2025
September 2025



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Note for “The Voice” Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

The Vision for Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

The strategic partnership between Brighters and ActionAid Bangladesh for the Bangladesh Youth COP 2025 represents a powerful and synergistic collaboration. The primary objective is to amplify the voices of young people, ensuring their perspectives, leadership and innovative ideas are at the forefront of climate discourse. This initiative is designed to be a dynamic and inclusive platform for fostering creative solutions, facilitating robust knowledge exchange, and driving collective action. By bringing together the grassroots energy and youth-centric approach of Brighter and global network of ActionAid, including its technical knowledge and skill on climate justice, the partnership aims to forge a more sustainable and climate-resilient future for Bangladesh and beyond.

Legacy of Bangladesh Youth COP

2022

- Organized virtually
- Mobilized young people from grassroots communities
- Captured grassroots voice on climate justice

2023

- Developed Youth-Led Green Manifest to influence the political parties
- Three regional consultations conducted.
- Renewable energy and Green Jobs were the most prioritized agenda.
- One young woman participated in the COP 28 to represent Bangladesh Youth COP 2023

2024

- Organized Youth COPs at sub-national level targeting climate-vulnerable areas,
- 515 youth leaders, who engaged in extensive consultations and contributed to a unified climate advocacy,
- The Voice Publication
- Participation in COP 29 with The Voice, a publication developed from the BYCOP 2024

2025

- Organized Four Regional Youth COPs
- Developed Bangladesh Youth COP Podcast
- Inaugurated Climate Policy Negotiations Fellowship
- Ensured participation from regional countries.



Beyond Consultations: Developing Youth Climate Negotiators

Climate Policy Negotiation

The "Climate Policy Negotiation Fellowship 2025" is a new initiative from Bangladesh Youth COP 2025 with a goal of empowering youth leaders to strengthen their capacity in climate policy advocacy, and negotiation. It is meant to bridge the gap between grassroots communities and climate negotiations at national and global stages to ensure a just and inclusive transition towards sustainable development. Out of over 500 applicants, 27 young fellows were selected to participate in a program that equipped them with the skills needed to influence climate policy. The program included a diverse group of participants, including representatives from 23 universities, from both the public and private, as well as four youth-led organizations. This is the pedestal for empowering the future policy negotiators for the UNFCCC process.





Beyond Consultations: Developing Youth Climate Negotiators

Session Facilitators and Speakers

The following esteemed individuals facilitated the workshop sessions, sharing their expertise and insights with the fellows:

Speakers

Content covered under the fellowship programme



Dr Ainun Nishat

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Centre for Climate Change
and Environmental
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University

*Experience Sharing from the Perspective of
a Veteran Negotiator*



Farah Kabir

Country Director,
ActionAid Bangladesh

*Gender-sensitive Aspects of UNFCCC
Discussions and Gender Justice' where she
provided examples and practical advice on
how to foster progressive dialogues.*



Md. Ziaul Haque

Director (Air Quality
Management)
Department of
Environment

*Environmental Governance and Air Quality
Management, discussing the policy context
and on-the-ground challenges. He is also
the moderator for the 'Mock Negotiation'
Session.*



Dr. Suborno Barua

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*Economic and Policy Dimensions of
Climate Action, focusing on empowering
the fellows with skills in policy formulation
and economic analysis.*



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Kazi Amdadul Haque

Senior Director & Head of Strategic Planning
Climate Action, Friendship

Strategic Planning, Resilience, and Climate Adaptation, sharing practical and implementable strategies.



Md. Shamsuddoh

Chief Executive,
Centre for Participatory
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Comprehensive Overview of UNFCCC Negotiations and the Principles of Climate Justice, in an interactive workshop.



Moumita Das Gupta

Advocate, Supreme Court of
Bangladesh & Senior
Research Fellow,
Centre for Climate Justice -
Bangladesh (CCJ-B)

Litigation for Climate Justice



Regional Youth COP 2025 At A Glance

Regional Youth COPs: Amplifying Local Voices

To ensure grassroots participation and inclusiveness, the data was collected from 23 locations across 19 districts covering 4 distinct climate-vulnerable regions. This process culminated in 4 Regional Youth COPs (validation workshops), creating a platform where young people from diverse communities can shape collective demands rooted in their lived realities.

The four Regional Youth COPs (consultation workshop) were held in four different locations, ensuring voices from the diverse marginalized groups, highly affected by climate change susceptibility.

The objectives of these consultations aimed to -

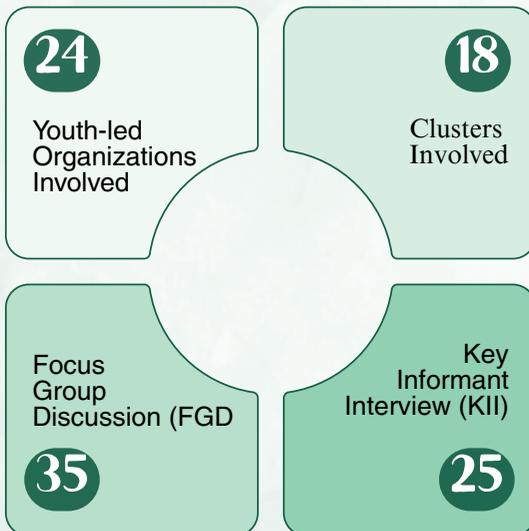


- **Bandarban:** Bring together youth from hill and indigenous communities to capture their voice and contextual demand.
- **Lalmonirhat:** Youth from northern districts suffering from drought and water scarcity to capture voice climate challenges and solutions.
- **Barguna:** Focus on coastal resilience and youth engagement in adaptation strategies.
- **Sunamganj:** Highlight Haor and wetland regions, amplifying local youth voices for inclusive climate policies.



Engagement Snapshot

Bangladesh Youth COP : Community and Regional Outreach



Regional Youth COPs (4):

Bandarban
Lalmoirhat
Barguna
Sunamganj

Districts Covered:

Khulna, Satkhira,
Khagrachari, Bandarban,
Chuadanga, Bogra, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sherpur,
Cox's Bazar, Noakhali, Borguna, Barisal, Patuakhali,
Sylhet, Sunamganj, Narayanganj, Munsiganj, and Dhaka.



Highlights from Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Overview of Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Bangladesh Youth COP 2025 is set to inspire a new generation of climate leaders and advocates across the country. The National Chapter, taking place from 6–8 September 2025 in Dhaka, has brought together young changemakers, advocates, and innovators to advance climate justice and a just transition.



The initiative celebrates the power of youth leadership, recognizing that young people are both disproportionately affected by climate change and crucial to driving effective solutions. The National Chapter has provided training, dialogue, and mentorship opportunities, equipping participants with the skills to engage in policy advocacy, climate negotiations, and community-based solutions.



Highlights from Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Youth Partners: Strength in Collaboration

Bangladesh Youth COP 2025 is supported by a vibrant network of official youth partners, who bring unique visions, dedication, and expertise to youth-led climate action. These include :

- APOS
- Ashar Alo
- Barishal Youth Forum
- Clean
- Climate Frontiers
- Dhaka Planters
- Durbar Youth Network
- Eco Network
- Environmental Shapers Network
- Fight for Coastal Rights and Justice
- Future Flare Foundation
- Green Peace Youth Development Society
- Greenman
- Heart Society
- HSF
- Janakallayan Sangstha
- Mission Green Bangladesh
- OAB Foundation
- ODOMMO '19
- One Earth Initiative
- Patuakhali Volunteers
- Renew Earth
- Rupantar
- SADA
- Samriddhi Foundation
- School of Earth and Environment
- SHARUB YOUTH TEAM
- SHBO
- Sonar Bangla Youth Club
- Sopno Sui Youth Foundation
- Shurjodoy Youth Society
- UNCORA
- YASD
- YOUCAN
- Youth Action for Development
- Youth Environment and Development Organization
- Youth for Uplift Bangladesh

Together, they lead advocacy, awareness campaigns, and action across Bangladesh, ensuring youth voices shape climate policies at local and national levels.





Context captured and issues raised by The young people



Dhaka

Climate Change Induced hazards

Extreme temperatures evident that marginalized and excluded working people suffer from heat stroke, dehydration resulting in economic vulnerability.

Community Context

Climate change is worsening the struggles of Dhaka's most vulnerable communities, the gender-diverse, Bede, Dalit & Harijan, slum dwellers, and daily laborers. All these marginalised communities face a similar cycle of poverty, discrimination, and social exclusion, which limits their access to basic public services like healthcare, livelihood and employment opportunities.

Demand of Young People

- During extreme weather events like heat waves, all institutions must be closed and new infrastructure should be designed to be climate-resilient, with dedicated care for vulnerable populations.
- Society must actively protect the rights of the gender-diverse community and that all sectors, government, private, and NGO, must ensure their full inclusion in mainstream activities as a matter of fundamental human rights.
- Full integration of the Bede community into mainstream society by providing them with access to gender-responsive public services and capacity-building initiatives that support their transition and empowerment.



Context Captured and Issues Raised by The young people



Bandarban

Climate Change Induced hazards

Rising temperatures and unpredictable rainfall manifested in landslides, floods, and crop loss, causing economic vulnerability for those who rely on agriculture.

Community Context

The indigenous communities possess a deep connection to their environment and have traditional knowledge of living in the hilly areas. However, these marginalized indigenous communities face social exclusion and economic vulnerabilities.

Demand of Young People

Technology-based support for young people to overcome barriers in leadership, funding, and technical skills to actively and effectively participate in community based decision-making processes and youth empowerment.



Context Captured and Issues Raised by The young people

Lalmonirhat

Climate Change Induced hazards

The unpredictable rainfall and drought have displayed to acute water shortages, loss of crops, and health hazards, causing food insecurity for farmers, vulnerable communities, and indigenous groups.

Community Context

In Lalmonirhat, most of the communities are dependent on agriculture. They face irregular rainfall, floods, and degraded soil, which destroy crops and result in lower yields. Meanwhile, women, of these farming families, often experience disruption in their education, loss of livelihood, and displacement. They are mostly excluded from the decision making processes regarding disaster management and adaptation.

Demand of Young People

- Permanent solutions for safe drinking water, adequate facilities for irrigation, and availability of drought-resistant seeds.
- Accessibility to healthcare services specially for the marginalized women to reduce the risk during the time of pregnancy and motherhood.





Context Captured and Issues Raised by The young people

Sunamganj

Climate Change Induced hazards

Flash floods, intensified by climate change, result in the destruction of crops, loss of livelihoods and shelter, and also poses food insecurity and lack of usable water supply.



Community Context

The tea workers of Sylhet, Haor residents, and those affected by flash floods all face a common climate crisis. This crisis is particularly severe for vulnerable groups, including women, children, and people with disabilities, and is worsened by loss of livelihood, lack of sanitation facilities, and health hazards.

Demand of Young People

- Immediate recognition of unmet rights of the tea workers, which includes fair wages and medical allowances especially for the elderly and injured workers.
- Regular cleaning of canals and river dredging for the smoother water flows which can prevent the water logging to reduce the possibilities of flash flood.



Context Captured and Issues Raised by The young people

Barguna

Climate Change Induced hazards

Flash floods, intensified by climate change, result in the destruction of crops, loss of livelihoods and shelter, and also poses food insecurity and lack of usable water supply.

Community Context

Coastal, Dalit & Harijan, Mouyal, and Manta communities, along with those affected by cyclones, loss of livelihood, social exclusion, and a lack of basic public services like safe housing, clean water, and healthcare. Women and children in these communities are mostly vulnerable, with limited education facilities and increased safety risks during and post disasters.



Demand of Young People

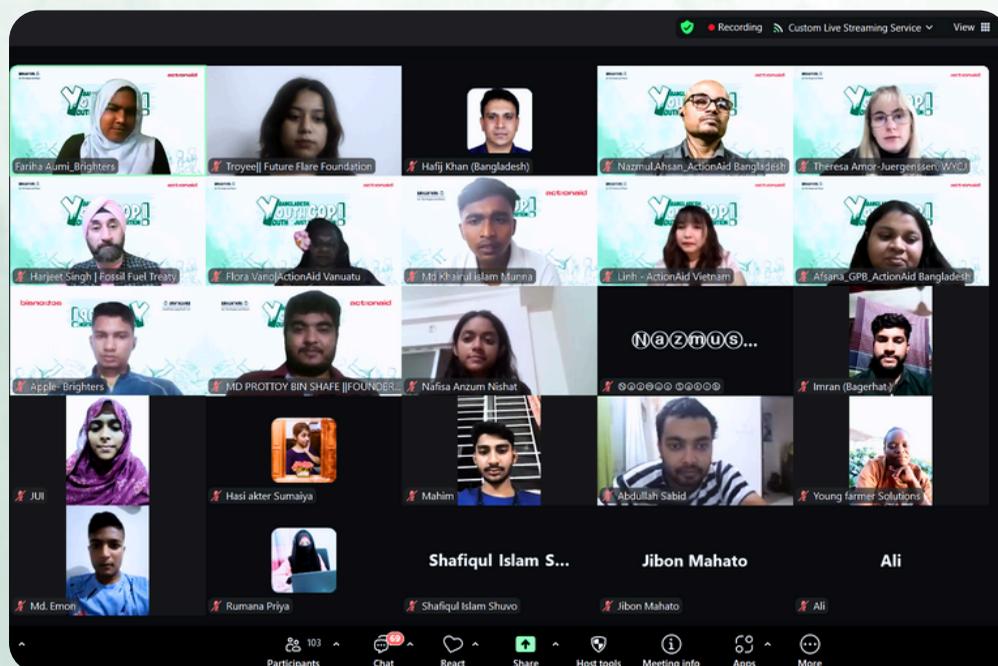
- Ensure immediate relief & healthcare for all disaster-affected communities, including instant safe food, water, and medical support.
- Guarantee safe housing & livelihoods through cyclone-resistant homes, farmer compensation, alternative income generation opportunity and rehabilitation support for vulnerable communities.
- Protect rights & dignity by ensuring women's safety, ending child marriage, and guaranteeing equality for Dalit, Harijan, and Manta people.



Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Session Summary on: ICJ Advisory Opinion from the lens of Just Transition (Webinar)

The panel discussion on “ICJ Advisory Opinion from the Lens of Just Transition” brought together ten experts who explored the role of ICJ advisory opinions in advancing climate justice through Just Transition. They explained the ICJ’s purpose and emphasized that while advisory opinions are not legally binding, they hold strong moral and legal authority that shapes international law and practice. The panel emphasized their potential as a justice toolkit to hold developed nations accountable, pressuring them to fulfill climate obligations, support loss and damage negotiations, and ensure predictable climate finance for vulnerable communities. They also underscored the importance of gender-responsive climate action and the active role of youth and marginalized communities in monitoring commitments to secure a just transition that leaves no one behind. Inclusive and gender-responsive climate financing is a must, but there is a gap in the ICJ Advisory Opinion, as it does not consider gender-specific actions. There can be no climate justice without gender justice.





Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Session Summary on: Bangladesh Youth Position for COP30, Belém

The Roundtable Dialogue on Bangladesh Youth Position for COP30, Belém brought together youth leaders, community representatives, media, and international delegates to review the journey of Bangladesh Youth COP (2022–2025) under the theme “Youth for Just Transition.” Through the engagement of 18 community clusters and 24 organizations, a comprehensive youth demand charter was developed, highlighting adaptation needs in infrastructure, livelihoods, healthcare, and disaster preparedness. Youth-led initiatives such as The Voice publication, the Youth COP Podcast, YCAN Adda, and the Climate Policy Negotiation Fellowship reflected the strong role of young people in climate advocacy. The discussion emphasized the importance of nature-based solutions, government accountability, and transparent climate finance, while delegates from Vietnam and Cambodia enriched the dialogue with experiences on conservation, mangrove protection, and marine pollution. The discussion urged to move from the traditional climate narrative to a second generation of climate talks, looking beyond climate governance alone that covers innovative solutions, decentralized mechanisms, and a clear understanding of the priorities. The event concluded with a collective call for Bangladeshi youth to take a strong and unified position at COP30, advocating for just transition, inclusive participation, and accountable climate action.





Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Session Summary on: Just Transition: Through the lens of Gender Justice, Social Justice, and Climate Finance towards the Road to Belém 30

The session amplified youth voices on climate injustice, particularly the struggles of coastal communities lacking access to finance, technology, and transport. Panelists expanded the concept of just transition beyond energy shifts, emphasizing ethical leadership, inclusive development, adaptation, finance, and social justice. They raised voice realizing rights of climate vulnerable people and ensuring transparency in climate finance, urging south-south cooperation, grassroots engagement, and recognition of local knowledge. In the Q & A, participants discussed regional justice, livelihoods, and circular economy approaches. The session concluded that a just transition must be anchored in justice, equity, dignity, youth participation, and global solidarity.





Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

From the Mekong to the Bay: Regional Unity Beyond Boundaries

The Bangladesh Youth COP 2025 is signified by participation by young people and ActionAid Colleagues from Vietnam and Cambodia. The participation broaden the horizon of young people fighting for climate justice. Their presence highlighted the urgent need for reforming climate finance to sick for climate justice, noting that developed countries are responsible for historical emissions and owe climate debt to vulnerable nations. Their engagement also created scope learning and experience sharing among the young people from Bangladesh, Vietnam and Cambodia towards a regional collaboration in the areas of energy transition, climate education, and wildlife conservation, mangrove conservation, nature-based solutions, rising seas, salinity, and displacement, while creating sustainable livelihoods and economic opportunities.





Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Session Summary on: Youth Demand leading to a Political Manifesto

The third panel, Youth Demand Leading to a Political Manifesto, underscored the central role of political parties in advancing climate justice within Bangladesh. Young participants urged political parties to actively engage in policymaking, grounded in the principles of justice and the realities of climate change. They emphasized the need for adequate investment to support climate-vulnerable communities, particularly in housing, food security, safe water, climate-resilient jobs, and disaster preparedness. Political party representatives, in turn, acknowledged these concerns and stressed the importance of increasing climate budgets.

This session highlighted the central role of youth in national politics and climate action ahead of the February 2025 elections. Political leaders from Nationalist Democratic Movement (NDM), National Citizens' Party (NCP), Jamaat-e-Islami, and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) encouraged youth participation in policymaking, pledged to include youth-led climate action priorities in their party manifestos, and committed to supporting youth-led projects. The discussions reaffirmed that meaningful climate action and a just transition depend on political will, inclusive decision-making, and the active participation of young people - ensuring that their voices are reflected in party manifestos, national policies, and global negotiations.





Bangladesh Youth COP 2025

Closing Session Summary on: Dialogue to Action

The closing session, From Dialogue to Action, highlighted youth as key stakeholders in shaping policies, budgets, and negotiations. It emphasized accountability, ethical leadership, and collective action as essential drivers of climate justice. At the programme, youth presented a demand charter emphasizing women’s leadership, housing, food security, safe water, climate-resilient jobs, and disaster preparedness. Leaders stressed the need for concrete policy outcomes, increased climate budgets, parliamentary representation, and cross-party collaboration to maintain long-term impact. ActionAid Bangladesh Country Director Farah Kabir stressed Bangladesh’s long history of youth leadership and called for just transition plans where political parties truly reflect young voices.





Climate Justice Youth Demand Charter-Road to Belém COP30

Adaptation

1. Ensure the inclusion and leadership capacities of young people specially marginalized young women in;
 - local governance
 - disaster risk management
 - climate-resilient agriculture
 - locally-led adaptation

through strengthening their capacities via different training, skills development, and institutional support.

2. Ensure access to safe drinking water for coastal and hilly communities. Address severe water crisis in northern parts through adopting tools such as rainwater harvesting, community-based water management, desalination strategies, etc.

3. Promote inclusive and climate resilient economic empowerment through supporting alternative livelihood for youth and marginalized communities disproportionately affected by climate change.

4. Invest in development and maintenance of sustainable and disaster-resilient infrastructures.

5. Encourage environment friendly practices and nature-based solutions in adaptation, discouraging the misuse of chemical fertilizers and promoting climate resilient sustainable agriculture.

6. Promote malnutrition prevention through climate-resilient education, homestead gardening, school feeding programs, flood-adaptive education etc. Ensure health services, particularly psychological support service for disaster affected communities.

7. Implement effective measures to protect vulnerable communities through riverbank protection, erosion control and different disaster resilient initiatives.

Mitigation

8. Promote environmental protection interventions to curb riverine and environmental pollution.

9. Invest in projects to restore eco-system, protecting natural forest and greeneries.



Climate Justice Youth Demand Charter-Road to Belém COP30

Just Transition

10. Decentralized planning and capacity building of local government institutions to ensure quality public services.
11. Develop youth and young women entrepreneurs by equipping them with climate-resilient agriculture, training on green skills and seed funding opportunities.
12. Develop and implement government policy addressing displacement and identity protection mechanisms for internally displaced people and homelessness due to climate induced disasters.
13. Establish integrated social protection mechanisms that promote alternative, climate-resilient livelihood opportunities for marginalized youth and young women, gender-diverse communities affected by climate change.
14. Develop plan and ensure investment for green energy transition.
15. Ensure just Transition for workers in fossil fuel-linked industries.
16. Support to develop community-level renewable energy projects with youth participation.

Climate Finance

17. Invest adequate resources through national and local government budget to support green transition and locally adaptation lead by young people.



Climate Justice Youth Demand Charter-Road to Belém COP30

Gender & Climate Justice

18. Policies must ensure women-friendly health centers, leadership training, and gender equity in climate finance.
19. Deployment of mobile education and healthcare units to safeguard the rights and well-being of women and children facing climate vulnerabilities. Ensure a special focus on reproductive health and rights of young women.
20. Ensure the development of gender-responsive disaster shelters, patrolling and community surveillance during the disasters to prevent all sorts of sexual and racial discrimination and violence.

Biodiversity

21. Protect mangroves, hill forests, and wetland ecosystems with community-led conservation.
22. Ban harmful fishing practices in Haor areas.
23. Integrate indigenous knowledge into biodiversity protection.

Youth Engagement in Policy Process

24. Institutionalize youth representation in locally-led adaptation, NDC implementation and finance allocation.
25. Recognize youth-led platforms like as stakeholders in COP processes.
26. Allocate resources for youth capacity-building in policy and negotiation.



Highlights & Quotes



Farah Kabir

Country Director
ActionAid Bangladesh

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We need inclusive and gender-responsive climate financing, but there is a gap in the ICJ Advisory Opinion, as it does not consider gender-specific actions. There can be no climate justice without gender justice.”

“

There are mainly two critical questions related to the ICJ Advisory Opinion: what are the state obligations regarding climate change, and what consequences will arise for countries that fail to meet these obligations. Just transition is not only about energy transition; it also involves the livelihood transition of migrants, making it a much broader concept.



M Hafizul Islam Khan

Advocate
Supreme Court of Bangladesh

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The ICJ is a tool for transforming climate finance from voluntary to obligatory. It will put pressure on developed countries to fulfill their commitments and can shape negotiations on loss and damage.



Flora Vano

Country Program Manager
ActionAid Vanuatu



Highlights & Quotes



Fahida Sultana

Executive Director
SHBO

“

Ensuring youth voices are heard, protecting the most vulnerable, embedding gender justice, and holding developed countries responsible for their climate impacts.

Speaking from my own experience in humanitarian work since 2022, and as someone from flood-affected area in Noakhali, I have seen how climate migrants remain among the most vulnerable. We urgently need transparent climate finance through a digital platform that allows real-time tracking of funds to ensure support truly reaches the communities in need.



Navid Anjum Hasaan

Programme Officer
Climate Justice & Gender
Justice RIB

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We are standing at a critical moment in history, where climate change is no longer a distant global challenge—it has become a reality of our everyday lives. Once it was merely a subject of discussion among scientists and policymakers, but today its impact is visible in our villages and cities, in our fields and rivers, and even within our own homes. Unpredictable rainfall, rising temperatures, cyclones, floods, river erosion, and salinity intrusion are not just environmental issues anymore—they are affecting our economy, our health, and our very survival.



Asaduzzaman Tohin

Founder & President
OAB Foundation

Highlights & Quotes



Md Shamsuddoha

Chief Executive, CPRD

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For the Global South, energy transition cannot be limited to moving away from dirty energy. It must be a just transition that combines finance, technology, and adaptation to protect vulnerable communities. Without aligning transition with adaptation, we risk deepening inequalities and creating new dependencies.

“

A just transition starts with acknowledging its complexity and the roles of all stakeholders, placing youth engagement and accountability at the forefront. Without transparency, local knowledge, and justice-focused approaches, climate finance can become a tool of control. True transition depends on equity, cooperation, and amplifying people's voices.



Sharif Jamil

Coordinator,
Waterkeepers Bangladesh

“

From a social science perspective, the gap between rich and poor nations comes from colonization and shapes today's global order. Under the current funding system, true just transition is unattainable, as climate finance often appears misleading. It is up to youth, with their creativity and courage, to challenge this injustice and drive a truly equitable transition.



Hamidul Hoque

Faculty, UIU



Highlights & Quotes



Harjeet Singh

Global Engagement Director
Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative

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"When we talk about clean energy, we are also talking about vulnerable communities and their employment—it is a transition that will leave no one behind (LNOB). The ICJ is a justice toolkit for tracking the promises that have been made.

“

We are bearing the burden of the historical emissions of developed nations. The Global North is in climate debt. Reform in climate finance is urgently needed at this time.



Ly Nhac Linh

Project Operations Manager
ActionAid Vietnam

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The ICJ is a historic moment and a victory for youth and future generations in ensuring climate justice, which applies to every single country. It establishes a long-standing rights-based climate obligation under international law for holding developed nations accountable.



Theresa Amor

Legal Research & Capacity- Building
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Highlights & Quotes



Mr. Mitchel Lee

Chargé d'Affaires,
Singapore High Commissioner

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Though Singapore has just 5 million people compared to Bangladesh's 170 million, we face similar challenges. We are ready to share our expertise in climate resilience with Bangladesh.

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Just transition isn't just about system change, it ensures the protection of rights, values, and community needs while preserving natural diversity. A transition is truly successful only when development aligns with justice, leaving no one behind and upholding fairness, equity, and dignity.



Fariha Aumi

Chair, Brighters

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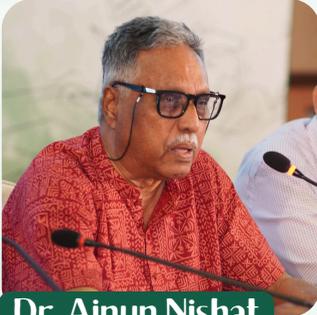
Initiatives such as the European Green Deal have been driven by youth, who have pushed governments toward ambitious targets. Ahead of COP30, we call on all countries to submit their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to safeguard the 1.5°C target.



Edwin Koekkoek

Team Leader, Green Inclusive Development,
Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh

Highlights & Quotes



Dr. Ainun Nishat

Professor Emeritus
BRAC University

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In climate discussions, loss and damage often feel like a scam. Our major problem is weak inter-ministerial coordination and lack of accountability. We must think globally and regionally, but act at the regional and local levels.

“

Climate policies must address the specific needs of women, adolescent girls, children, and the elderly. Youth as a key advocacy group can play a significant role in influencing government targets.



Dilruba Haider

Programme Specialist
UN Women

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At the city level, we are working with communities and youth through ward-based action plans in Dhaka North, improving on the earlier Detailed Area Plan. These plans prioritize projects while promoting inclusivity and gender mainstreaming.



Mohammad Azaz

Administrator
Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC)



Highlights & Quotes



Nazmul Ahsan

Lead-Youth and Just Society
ActionAid Bangladesh

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This year, we are trying to engage bigger communities and youth organizations. The Youth COP is now becoming regional, articulating the voice and demand of the youth at the national and international level.

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To achieve an effective just transition, we must bridge the gap between field workers and decision-makers, engage youth, and prioritize research on climate finance and policies.



**Mostakima Rahman
Binita**

National Executive
Board Member
Lal Sabuj Society

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Climate finance should reach youth and communities, resilience should be taught in schools, and funds must support farmers, fisherfolk, and climate migrants for meaningful outcomes at COP30.



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Conclusion

Bangladesh Youth COP 2025 is one of courage, clarity, and collective resolve. Whether it is from the hill tracts of Bandarban to the coastal belt of Barguna, whether it is from the drought-stricken lands of Lalmonirhat to the flood-prone wetlands of Sunamganj, young people are not just raising their voices but defining a vision for a just and resilient future. Their demands are not abstract, but stem from lived experiences of heatwaves, flash floods, displacement, and social exclusion. This approach has led to regional consultations, youth partnerships, and the Climate Policy Negotiation Fellowship to build a bridge between grassroots struggles and global negotiations, resulting in a Youth Demand Charter that insists on climate-resilient infrastructure, safe drinking water, inclusive disaster response, gender-responsive services, and genuine youth participation in decision-making. Underpinning this work is the idea of a just transition that protects dignity, livelihoods, and equity.





Photo Gallery



THE VOICE



The title 'THE VOICE' is rendered in a bold, green, distressed font. The letter 'O' is replaced by a stylized globe with green continents and blue oceans. Above the globe, a red hand holds a green square sign with the number '13', the text 'CLIMATE ACTION', and a small globe icon. The background of the letters is a grid pattern.

