



# INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT (ICCCAD)

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The International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) is one of the leading research, and capacity building organizations working on climate change and development in Bangladesh. The goal of ICCCAD is to develop a world-class institution that is closely related to evidence-based research, local experience, knowledge dissemination, and advocacy for the vulnerable communities in Bangladesh; one of the most affected by climate change. ICCCAD visions to be a research-based global Centre of Excellence on Climate Change and Development in Bangladesh. ICCCAD has also built and led a network of Southern-based partner institutes, together with educating the world about Climate Change and Development and increasing capacity in the Global South.



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# LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION



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When local communities, community-based organizations, small businesses, community members, citizen groups, local government, and local private sector entities at the lowest administrative level are consulted and included as decision-makers in the climate adaptation interventions that affect them is considered to be LLA. In the process of LLA, local communities decide what to implement, how to implement, and by whom to be implemented. In pursuing LLA, local actors' leadership, inclusivity and agency are crucial and need to be actively supported at several stages of an intervention's design and implementation. Additionally, local knowledge and capacities are incorporated in decision making, and diverse participation aids to avoid duplication, increasing efficiencies to reduce the reliance on systems that increase their vulnerability.

**LLA can help mobilise additional climate funding by enhancing finance quality and altering governance and decision-making procedures to support local actors' agencies in adaptation planning and implementation.**



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## IMPORTANCE OF LLA

Locally-led Adaptation is different from consultative, participatory, and community-based approaches to adaptation in that it is defined by local actors having agency over adaptation rather than barely participating in processes around adaptation. Hence, it is vital to uptake LLA to ensure that those most affected by climate change have agency over decisions about adaptation finance and programming that will affect them. LLA

- Address structural inequalities faced by women, youth, children, people living with disabilities, people who are displaced, Indigenous Peoples, and ethnic groups.
- Aid to mobilize more climate finance by improving the quality of finance, and adjusting governance and decision-making processes to ensure the agency of local actors in adaptation planning and implementation.
- A catalyst to integrate social equity into standard processes and decisions, and by investing in mechanisms specifically designed to support groups that experience disproportional vulnerabilities.



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# 8 PRINCIPALS OF LOCALLY-LED ADAPTATION

## PRINCIPLE 01

Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level

## PRINCIPLE 03

Providing patient and predictable funding that can be accessed more easily

## PRINCIPLE 05

Building a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty

## PRINCIPLE 07

Ensuring transparency and accountability



## PRINCIPLE 02

Addressing structural inequalities faced by women, youth, children, disabled and displaced people, Indigenous Peoples and marginalised ethnic groups

## PRINCIPLE 04

Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy

## PRINCIPLE 06

Flexible programming and learning

## PRINCIPLE 08

Collaborative action and investment

Eight principles for locally-led adaptation have been developed to ensure that local communities are empowered to lead sustainable and effective adaptation to climate change at the local level. IIED along with 70 governments, leading global institutions and local and international NGOs have already endorsed these principles and are advocating their endorsement by others.

# LLA IN BANGLADESH CONTEXT



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Since Bangladesh is known for its vulnerability and pioneering leadership in climate change adaptation, LLA can be more resourceful for uplifting and capacitating the vulnerable communities consistently. Even though, we have formulated number of policies from 2005 to 2021 such as NAPA, BCCSAP, NDC, Bangladesh Delta Plan, Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan, NAP there is a gap in providing finance to the local actors who require it most urgently, and it is frequently ignoring the essential knowledge and expertise they offer. Recent estimates suggest that less than 10 percent of climate finance from international climate funds is dedicated to local action, less than 2% of humanitarian aid goes directly to local partners, and less than 5% of official designated funding for environmental protection goes to Indigenous peoples and other local communities. In Bangladesh, LLA can be utilized for more equitable distribution of power and resources, and elevation of local innovation and knowledge, and for more effective resilience-building. LLA can also be a catalyst to establish a one-of-a-kind platform for the Community of Practitioners in Bangladesh to engage in co-production of knowledge and implementation

## FUTURE PROSPECTS OF LLA

LLA could be utilized to hone and invest in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy and build a system that respects indigenous, and traditional knowledge for a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty. LLA can also be the main vehicle to create financial mechanisms that provide patient and predictable funding which can be accessed more easily and ensure good governance, equity and justice.

# LLA PROGRAMME OF ICCCAD



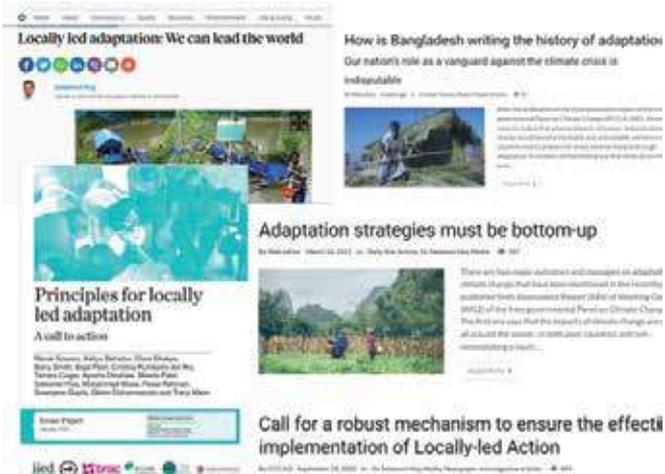
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International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) is working to mainstream LLA by conducting research and capacity-building; promoting the inclusion of the most vulnerable individuals; facilitating knowledge sharing through a partnership with national and international networks in the Annual Gobeshona Global Conference; and investing in local institutions to leave institutional legacies. The current stream of work with IIED, WRI, and other LLA consortium partners on these components- governance of an active community of practice; peer-to-peer learning; co-designing the long-term strategy of LLA to generate knowledge and evidence on LLA.

ICCCAD collectively alongside 9 other institutions is working globally to unfold the 8 principles of LLA in the context of local communities. ICCCAD has already undertaken and designed several projects, and case studies focusing on LLA. Besides, there are a number of publications authored by ICCCAD team. ICCCAD along with IIED, and WRI are in the process of developing a synthesis paper highlighting case studies from Bangladesh that aligns with the LLA core principles.

**Bangladesh can truly become a global leader on LLA, and share that knowledge with other developing countries- specially the ones most vulnerable to climate impacts.**

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