
	<p align="center">4th International Conference on Bangladesh Environment (ICBEN-4) December 26-27, 2020 (in virtual mode)</p>	
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Announcement and Call for Papers

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) and Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN) are pleased to announce the 4th *International Conference on Bangladesh Environment (ICBEN)*, to be held on December 26-27, 2020. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be held virtually.

For more than two decades, BAPA and BEN, together with other pro-environment forces of the country, have been waging a relentless campaign for the protection of Bangladesh's and global environment. Many successes have been achieved. However, reversing the overall trend of environmental deterioration remains a challenge. As a part of this on-going struggle, BAPA and BEN hold annual conferences on specific environmental issues. Every few years, they also hold comprehensive international conferences, popularly abbreviated as ICBEN, covering all major issues of Bangladesh environment as well as important issues of global environment. Previous ICBENs were held in 2000, 2002, and 2010. ICBEN-4, to be held this year, will also mark the 20th anniversary of founding of BAPA. ICBEN-4 therefore will also take stock of the progress achieved thus far, and chart out the future course of action.

Scope and Topics of ICBEN-4

The scope of ICBEN-4 covers all important environmental issues of Bangladesh. For convenience, these have been classified into following six groups:

<i>Climate change and disaster management</i>	<i>Forests, biodiversity, and indigenous peoples</i>
<i>Rivers, floodplains, and wetlands</i>	<i>Urbanization, Agriculture, and rural planning</i>
<i>Energy and environment</i>	<i>Gender dimension of environmental issues</i>
<i>Coastal and marine environment</i>	<i>Grassroots movements: youth, labor, women and others</i>
<i>Pollution control and waste management</i>	<i>Economic, legal, and management issues</i>
<i>Health and food safety</i>	<i>Government, political parties, and civil society</i>

Call for Papers

Papers are invited on the above topics for presentation at ICBEN-4. The timeline for papers is as follows:

Submission of the Abstract: November 30, 2020

A substantive 300-500 words abstract stating the title of the paper, name of the author(s) with institutional affiliation(s), and e-mail addresses is required.

Abstract Acceptance: *November 5, 2020*

Full Paper submission: *December 15, 2020*

In view of the late announcement, some flexibility will be allowed regarding the deadlines above. All abstracts and papers should be sent electronically in Word format to the following persons:

A) Papers written by authors residing in Bangladesh:

Prof. Shahidul Islam, Department of Geography & Environment, Dhaka University, Ramna, Dhaka. Email: shahidul_bd@yahoo.com

B) Papers written by authors residing outside of Bangladesh:

Dr. Ahmed Badruzzaman, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA. Email: ahmed.badruzzaman@berkeley.edu

A selection of papers presented at ICBEN-4 will be published in the conference proceedings after necessary editorial process. A special volume of the selected papers is also planned for a peer-reviewed journal.

Dual Format

Following the tradition of BAPA-BEN conferences, ICBEN-4 will have a dual format, with “Expert Sessions” for presentation of papers by scientists and scholars and “General Sessions” for presentation by leaders, activists, and representatives of different sections of the society, including direct victims of environmental degradation. To have appropriate representation in the General Sessions, conference organizers will reach out to various environmental organizations; conservation movements; political parties; professional organizations; trade unions; grassroots/civic organizations; organizations for women, youth, students; cultural and sports organizations; and other relevant organizations and individuals.

Organizers of the Conference

Also following the tradition of past ICBENs, BAPA and BEN will invite universities; research institutions; environmental organizations; conservation movements; and other pro-environment organizations to join ICBEN-2020 as co- and associate organizers.

Conference Office

BAPA office at 9/12 Lalmatia, Block D, Dhaka 1217, will serve as the office of ICBEN-2020. The office may be contacted by phone at 02-58152041 and by e-mail at bapa2000@gmail.com.

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