



Joint Declaration of Intent

between

the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

and

the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

on

Cooperation in the Field of Adaptation and Mitigation of Climate Change

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany declare their wish to further promote friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and Germany.

Both sides wish to enhance the bilateral dialogue on development cooperation between Bangladesh and Germany in the field of adaptation and mitigation of climate change.

Taking note of Bangladesh's high vulnerability to the consequences of climate change both sides share the opinion that development cooperation needs to take well into account the effects of climate change in order to ensure that development policies and efforts are sustainable.

Considering that addressing climate change is one of the most important international challenges that only all industrialized and developing States together can tackle, both sides reiterate that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions.

Both sides recognize that mitigation and adaptation could be mutually reinforcing. They also recognize the need for external support for Bangladesh, a climate vulnerable and least developed country, in its national endeavours towards adaptation and developing a low-carbon development strategy or plan in the context of sustainable development.

Valuing the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2009 and subsequent action Bangladesh has undertaken to strengthen adaptation to and mitigation of climate change and also valuing Germany's support in this regard, in particular its special effort as an industrialized country to support adaptation measures and low-carbon development in Bangladesh, both sides have reached the following understanding:

1. Both sides consider adaptation to climate change a critical challenge for the development of Bangladesh.

A. In their ongoing cooperation they have gathered experience in piloting and mainstreaming adaptation to climate change in fields such as local governance of rural and urban infrastructure improvement, ecosystems rehabilitation of forests, wetlands and mangroves including their biodiversity and natural resources as well as disaster prevention and reduction.

Both sides declare their intent to continue mainstreaming adaptation to climate change in the design and implementation of their future cooperation.

B. Germany has made available new and additional funding for adaptation to climate change in Bangladesh through instruments such as Fast Start funding, including funding for the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience, or through the German Federal special fund "Energy and Climate" for the programme "Climate Change Adaptation through Flood Protection" and the "Disaster-Preventive Coastal Area Rehabilitation Project". In case of availability of new and additional funding Germany will strive to make further specific contributions to adaptation to climate change in Bangladesh.

2. Building on their ongoing cooperation regarding the sustainable use of natural resources and here in particular the promotion of renewable energies and energy efficiency, both sides declare their wish to continue cooperation on fostering development while conserving natural resources. In this regard, both sides recognize the potential of promoting "green economy" and the development of low carbon economies and are aware that the sustainable use of natural resources requires close cooperation with the local population.

3. Both sides intend to further discuss the implementation of this joint declaration at their regular government consultations and negotiations.

4. The two sides intend to settle any differences regarding the interpretation and application of this Joint Declaration of Intent through friendly consultation only.

5. This Joint Declaration of Intent may at any time be amended in writing by mutual consent. This Joint Declaration of Intent and the cooperation hereunder may be terminated unilaterally by written communication to the other side.

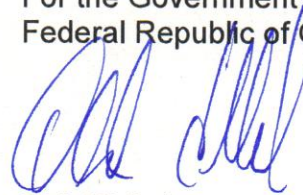
This Joint Declaration of Intent is signed in duplicate in the English language in Berlin on October 25, 2011.

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