

Meghna Knowledge Forum II (MKF II)

Building community and ecosystem resilience to climate change



Agenda

Date: 23 - 25 July 2025

Venue: Conference Center, Asian Institute of Technology
(Bangkok, Thailand)

MKF II aims to create a learning exchange platform for governments, academics, civil society actors, private sector and youth on climate resilience, strengthening community livelihoods, and addressing poverty reduction in the Barak-Meghna River basin. Please visit the MKF II webpage for latest information on the forum, click [here](#).

DAY 1, 23 JULY 2025		
Time	Activities	Venue
08:30-09:30	Registration • Mr. Noppawee Chamnapai, Administration Associate, SSG, IUCN Bangkok • Mr. Vishnu Sharma, Senior Administrative Associate, IUCN India *Note above two people are also logistics focal point and will be responsible for disbursement of DSA where applicable.	Registration desk
09:30-11:30	MKF II Inaugural Housekeeping and Security Briefing (5 minutes) • Mr Ayush Baskota, Project Management Officer (Research), School of Engineering and Technology, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand Welcome Address (45 minutes) • Dr Dindo Campilan, Regional Director, IUCN Asia & Hub Director for Oceania • Dr Pai- Chi Li, President, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand • Dr Indrajit Pal, Associate Professor and Chair, Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand • Dr Medha Bisht, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, India • Mr John Samuel, Regional Director, Oxfam Asia Introduction to Barak-Meghna Landscape and MKF II Agenda (10 minutes) • Mr Vishwa Ranjan Sinha, Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, South Asia, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand Guests of Honour (40 minutes) • Dr Anil Gupta, Head of Climate Center on DRR, IIT Roorkee, India • H.E Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, Ambassador of Bangladesh, Kingdom of Thailand • H.E Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) (Video messages) • Ms Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Ministry of Water Resources, Bangladesh (Live message) Vote of Thanks (5 minutes) • Mr Raquibul Amin, Head, Programme Management, Science and Strategy Group, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand Group Photo (5 minutes) Moderator • Dr Niladri Gupta, Regional Coordinator, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand	RBB Auditorium

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11:30-12:30	Launch of MKF Exhibition (Photo stories, Posters and Knowledge Booth) Opening of MKF II Exhibition & Networking Area for MKF II Participants The exhibition and networking will be open for all three days, and will exhibit knowledge booth, photo stories and posters on MKF II themes. Introduction to the Exhibition Area (5 minutes) Ms Ariela Mcdonald, Communications Officer, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand Moderators Ms Esrat Jahan Ema, Programme Associate, Communication, Conservation Education, Bangladesh Programme Coordination, IUCN Bangladesh Ms Natalia Gabriela Minksztym, Young Professional, Communications and Events - Water and Wetlands, IUCN HQ	Exhibition area
12:30-14:00	Networking Lunch	
14:00-15:15	Youth Forum I Meet the Youth for Meghna: Voices and Actions from the Basin This session introduces the Youth for Meghna (Y4M) network—its members, motivations, and the actions they are leading across the Barak-Meghna basin. Through storytelling, presentations, and dialogue, young leaders from India and Bangladesh will share how they are engaging with freshwater biodiversity, climate resilience, and inclusive water governance. The session will highlight youth-led initiatives, their role in shaping the Meghna Water Futures Programme, and their vision for the future of the basin. Chair Mr Ranjan Panda, Convenor, Water 4 Youth Campaign (India) Co-Chair Mr Sharif Jamil, Coordinator, Waterkeepers Bangladesh Setting the Scene (15 minutes) Remarks from Chair Introductory presentation – Meghna Water Futures Programme and Youth for Meghna (Y4M) Network Ms Ashu Balhara, Senior Executive - Water, ASSOCHAM (Y4M) Dr Shammi Haque, Assistant Professor, Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM), Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) (Y4M) Discussants (40 minutes) Mr Sheikh Rokonzaman, Secretary General, Riverine People, Bangladesh Ms Karisma Ahmed, Chief Communication Architect, Balipara Foundation, India Mr Amancio Melad, Young Water Professional, International Water Association, Philippines Ms Yasha Mannan, Programme officer, Oxfam Bangladesh (Y4M) Ms Brinda Kashyap, UNESCO MAB Young Scientist Fellow, GIS Specialist (Y4M) Q&A (15 minutes) Moderator Mr Syed Muntasir Ridwan, Coordinator, Bangladesh Youth Environmental Initiative, Bangladesh	RBB Auditorium
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-17:00	Youth Forum II Intergenerational Dialogue and Networking for River Futures This interactive session aims to provide spaces for intergenerational exchange between youth, experts, and practitioners working in the Barak-Meghna basin. Through role play, dialogue, and collaborative activities, participants will explore shared challenges and opportunities for inclusive water governance. The session aims to strengthen regional youth networks, foster mentorship, and build bridges across generations to co-create resilient and equitable river futures. Directed by Mr Omkar Vasant Balel, Program Lead, Centre for Aquatic Livelihood Jaljeevika, Ratnagiri, India (Y4M) Mr. Hashinur Rahman Pavel, Research Officer, Centre for Environment & Climate Change Research (CECCR) Project, Bangladesh (Y4M) Joel Blah Kyndiah, Undergraduate Student, National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), India (Y4M) Ms Srishti Badola, PhD Scholar, Charles Darwin University, Australia (Y4M) Ms. Esrat Jahan Ema, Programme Associate, Communication, Conservation Education, Bangladesh Programme Coordination, IUCN Bangladesh Mr. Amir Hamza, Founder, MakeAteam, Bangladesh (Online)	RBB Auditorium
18:30-20:00	Reception and Networking Dinner	Novotel Rangsit

DAY 2, 24 JULY 2025

Time	Activities	Venue
09:00-09:30	Review of Day 1 Joint recap and key messages from Inaugural and Youth Forum through Live Session Posters Moderators • Ms Archana Chatterjee, Programme Manager, IUCN India • Mr Tareq Aziz, Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Bangladesh	RBB Auditorium
09:30-11:00	Thematic Plenary I - Strengthening Community Livelihoods Resilience Case study presentations and panel discussions The session will discuss water related climate risks in the Meghna basin and challenges in addressing these with a particular focus on role of ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation. How communities are adapting to the change and what support they need. The session will also explore the status of data and science on the climate change risks and vulnerabilities in the Barak-Meghna basin and what are the challenges in translating exiting knowledge into action, and what are the knowledge gaps we need to fill. Chair • Dr Devesh Walia, Professor and Head of Department, Geology Department, North-Eastern Hill University, India Co-chair • Dr M. Mokhesur Rahman, Executive Director, Center for Natural Resource Studies, Bangladesh Setting the Scene (30 minutes) Opening Remarks from Chair Key messages - Meghna Climate Change Analysis Report • Dr Niladri Gupta, Regional Coordinator, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Regional Office Traditional Habitat Conservation Practices in the Hoars of Meghna Basin • Mr Tapas Ranjan Chakraborty, Senior Programme Manager, Green Development and Climate Change Adaptation Modeling, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) Discussants (40 minutes) • Mr Rahul Bist, Co-founder and Director, Prime M2i Consulting, India • Dr Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed, Deputy Managing Director, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Bangladesh • Dr Avishek Datta, Department of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand • Dr Arvind Kumar, Founder and Director, India Water Foundation, India • Mr Tshewang Dorji, Director, Environment and Climate Change, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Participants Q&A (15 minutes) Closing Remarks from Co-Chair (5 minutes) Moderator • Mr Sarowar Alam, Programme Manager, Species and Habitats, IUCN Bangladesh	RBB Auditorium
11:00-11:30	Coffee and Networking Break	
11:30-12:50	Parallel Side Event 1 Role of Private Sector and Markets in Building Community Resilience to Climate Change Session Lead: ASSOCHAM Discuss strategies applied by private sector to mitigate climate risks particularly those linked with water security and ecosystem degradation. What tools private sector is applying to measure and mitigate these risks? What is the motivation for private sector to work with community led organisations and CSOs to both reduce their footprint on ecosystem and address community resilience issues (ESG, FPIC, CSR). Chair • Ms Bipasha Hossain, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh	RBB Auditorium
	Parallel Side Event 2 Building Resilience in the Barak-Meghna Basin Through Trade and Tourism Session Lead: CUTS International Share learnings and experiences of CUTS International and partners on themes of cross-border trade, agri-value chain and tourism. Based on the presentation of baseline, the session will identify priority policy actions that would enhance the participation and economic benefits to the communities' trade and tourism across border. Setting the Scene (15 minutes) • Mr Sumanta Biswas, Assistant Director, & Ms Shivangi Saha, Research Associate, CUTS International	B108

	Setting the scene (15 minutes) Welcome by Chair Presentation on Session Objectives, Structure & Overview of ASSOCHAM • Ms Ashu Balhara, Senior Executive, ASSOCHAM (Y4M) Discussants (50 minutes) • Ms Shamima Akhter, Director - Corporate Affairs, Partnerships and Communications at Unilever Bangladesh Ltd, Bangladesh (online) • Ms Sumaiya Tabassum Ahmed, Head of Sustainability, PRAN-RFL Group, Bangladesh (online) • Syeda Afzalun Nessa, Head of Sustainability, Global Sustainability, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Bangladesh (online) • Ms Paranee Adulyapichet, Head of Public Affairs and Sustainability ASEAN Bayer, Thailand • Mr Swapnil Potdar, Founder & Director, Ira Sustainable Water Solutions, India • Mr Madhukar Swayambhu, Research Head, Vaidic Srijan LLP, India Participants Q&A and Interaction with Panellists (10 minutes) Closing and Key Messages (5 minutes) Moderator • Ms Ashu Balhara, Senior Executive - Water, ASSOCHAM, India (Y4M)	RBB Auditorium	Discussants (45 minutes) • Ms Mitali Nikore, Founder, Nikore Associates, India • Mr Syed Munawar Hussain, Former Director, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Bangladesh • Ms Dolly Khonglah, Secretary, Meghalaya International Exports Chamber of Commerce Dawki WEST Jaintia Hills, India • Ms Sanalembi Debi, Agriculture expert, Tareng Commune Agrobiodiversity Farm, India • Ms Shahjia Shahrin Anika, River Foundation, Bangladesh Participants Q&A and Interaction with Panellists (15 minutes) Closing and Key Messages (5 minutes) Moderator • Dr Veena Vidyadharan, Feminist Influencing Lead, TROSA PMU, Oxfam	B108
12:50-14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00-15:30	Thematic Plenary II - Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection for Addressing Societal Challenges The session will aim to discuss the status of biodiversity and role of policies and institutions in promoting Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in the Barak-Meghna basin for addressing societal challenges. Chair • Md. Rakibul Hasan Mukul, Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Bangladesh Co-Chair • Dr Parthankar Choudhury, Dean and Former Head, Assam University, India Setting the scene (15 minutes) Remarks from Chair Introduction to NbS and how IUCN and partners are promoting its mainstreaming • Mr Mohammad Khalid Sayeed Pasha, Regional Coordinator, Protected, Conserved, and Heritage Areas, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Bangkok • Mr Vishwa Ranjan Sinha, Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, South Asia, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand Status of freshwater biodiversity and ecosystems in Barak-Meghna basin (20 minutes) • Dr Syed Ainul Hussain, Project Manager and Former Scientist-G, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), India • Mr Arif M. Faisal, Programme Specialist, Environment Sustainability and Energy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh Discussants (30 minutes) • Dr Mohammad Saif Uddin, Superintending Engineer, Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Bangladesh • Ms Farhana Mustari, Deputy Director (Natural Resources Management), Department of Environment (DoE), Bangladesh • Mr Shawahiq Siddique, Environmental Lawyer and Water Law Expert, India • Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, UNECE Secretariat, Switzerland Participants Q&A (15 minutes) Final remarks from Co-Chair (5 minutes) Moderator • Dr Yash Veer Bhatnagar, Country Representative, IUCN India		RBB Auditorium	

15:30-15:45	Coffee Break			
15:45-17:15	Parallel Side Event 3 Shaping River-Basin Futures Together: Tools, Data & Dialogue for Scenario-Driven Planning Session Lead: Stockholm Environment Institute (Bangkok) supported by CEGIS and Asian Confluence This session will present and discuss practical tools and data—both developed and in progress—for the Barak-Meghna River Basin. It aims to foster dialogue around co-developing basin-wide solutions. Through concise presentations, an engaging panel discussion, and interactive dialogue, participants will explore how shared tools, integrated data systems, and collaborative planning can strengthen community and institutional capacity for transboundary water governance. Setting the Scene (15 minutes) Wetland Monitoring Tool for Meghna Basin • Dr Satish Prasad, Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Thailand Spotlight Talk (20 minutes) Geospatial Studies in Basin Management of Bangladesh: A Case Study of the Meghna Basin • Mr Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Chief Specialist and Director, Geographic Information System Division, Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), Bangladesh • Mr Sabyasachi Dutta, Executive Director, Asia Confluence, India Discussants (40 minutes) • Dr Sudip Mitra, Professor, Head, School of Agro & Rural Technology (SART) · Founding Head, Centre for Disaster Management & Research (CDMR), IIT Guwahati, India • Ms Suchita Rawal, Civic Data Lab, India • Dr Rajib Kumar Goswami, Additional Chief Engineer, Externally Aided Projects, Water Resources Department, Government of Assam, India • Ms Shubhuti Ghimire, SSA - Water Resources Management, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal • Mr Devrishi Bharadwaj, Young Professional, School of Planning and Architecture-Bhopal, India Participants Q&A (10 minutes) Closing and key messages (5 minutes) Moderator • Dr Thanapon Piman, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute, Thailand	RBB Auditorium	Parallel Side Event 4 Barak-Meghna Research Network: Potential Role and Partnership Strategy (Roundtable) Session Leads: AIT, SAU, Y4M and IUCN Explore the potential of establishing a Barak-Meghna Research Network to foster collaborative and needs based action research and a strategy for engage and empower youth and youth led networks in the process. The session will introduce the concept and strategic vision for the network, highlight youth engagement through the Meghna Youth Fellowships, and draw lessons from regional initiatives in the Mekong. Participants will engage in a facilitated discussion to co-develop ideas for operationalizing the network, including identifying priority research themes, partnership models, and strategies for resource mobilisation. Chair • Dr Indrajit Pal, Associate Professor and Chair, Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand Co-Chair • Dr Medha Bisht, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, India Setting the scene by Chair (10 minutes) Introduction to the concept – Meghna Research Network (10 minutes) • Mr Jaidev Joshi, Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN India Learning from Partners (20 minutes) • Mr Nhan Vo Tran Trung, SUMERNET Programme Manager, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Thailand • Mr Swapnil Potdar, Founder & Director, Ira Sustainable Water Solutions, India • Mr Shamsher Ali, Member Secretary, Nadi Adhikar Manch, Bangladesh Roundtable Discussion and Q&A (35 minutes) Closing and Key Messages from Co-chair (10 minutes) Moderator • Dr Mrinal Saikia, Assistant Professor, Nowgong Collage, India & • Ms Kishwar Jahan Chowdhury, Lecturer, Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh (Y4M)	B108

DAY 3, 25 JULY 2025

Time	Activities		Venue
09:00-09:30	Review of Day 2 Joint recap and key messages from day 2 through Live Session Posters Moderators • Ms. Bipasha Hossain, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh • Dr Yash Veer Bhatnagar, Country Representative, IUCN India		RBB Auditorium
09:30-11:00	Thematic Plenary III - Youth and Gender Inclusion in the Conservation of the Meghna Basin Discuss youth and women perspectives on water and river management and identify priority areas for youth and gender inclusion in the management of the Barak-Meghna basin; and sustainability of the MKF as a multistakeholder engagement strategy developing and youth led institutions. Chair • Ms Donna McSkimming, Regional Program Manager for Asia, Oxfam International Co-chair • Mr Sakib Mahmud, Assistant Chief (Environment and Ecology), National River Conservation Commission (NRCC), Bangladesh Setting the Scene (30 minutes) Remarks from Chair Engaging People, Forests and Wetlands • Dr Purnima Dev Burman, Founder, Hargilla Army, India Economic Valuation of the Ecosystem Services from the Simsang River Basin • Dr Saudamini Das, Professor, Indian Economic Services (IES) Section, Institute of Economic Growth, India Discussants (40 minutes) • Ms Helena Talang, Project Coordinator, Kapaeeng Foundation, Bangladesh • Mr Md. Abu Saleh, Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology, Bangladesh • Mr Md. Sohel Rana, Associate Water Resources Officer, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Bangladesh Resident Mission • Mr Rangku Sangma, Joint Secretary and Chief Forest Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura, West Garo Hills, India Plenary Discussions and Q&A (20 minutes) Moderator • Mr Tareq Aziz, Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Bangladesh		RBB Auditorium
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-12:50	Parallel Side Event 5 Community-Led Adaptation Strategies for Resilience in the Barak-Meghna River Basin Session Leads: North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS, India) & Centre for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS, Bangladesh) and Oxfam Bangladesh The session will discuss case studies and grassroots insights from the Barak-Meghna Basin on community and gender inclusion, including learnings from indigenous, community-driven adaptation practices that have proven effective in addressing climate challenges. Chair • Dr M. Mokhlesur Rahman, Executive Director, Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS), Bangladesh	RBB Auditorium	Parallel Side Event 6 Water Conventions & Cooperative Governance of Barak-Meghna Basin (Roundtable) Session Leads: UNECE, The Green Trial, Y4M and IUCN This roundtable will explore key findings from a legal analysis of the Barak-Meghna River Basin, focusing on the integration of UN Water Convention principles into bilateral agreements. The discussion will highlight the status, opportunities, and challenges in mainstreaming these principles. Special attention will be given to the roles and benefits for youth, women, and Indigenous and rural communities. The session aims to gather perspectives to inform future advocacy and awareness efforts in the region. Chair • Dr Yash Veer Bhatnagar, Country Representative, IUCN India
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	Setting the Scene (25 minutes) Welcome by Chair Spotlight – Community stewardship for Ecosystem Restoration 1.Experiences from India • Mr Swapan Ashangbam, Community Mobiliser and Farmer, India • Mr Yubaraj Das and Mr Ankit Sahu, Student, South Asian University, India 2.Experiences from Bangladesh • Ms Shanta Soheli Moyna, Programme Coordinator, Oxfam Bangladesh • Mr Nadim Hossain Ador, Project Manager, CNRS, Bangladesh Discussants (40 minutes) Ephemeral Commons: Changing Floodplains of the Barak-Meghna basin • Mr Sanat K. Chakraborty, Environmental Researcher, India Community led eco-system restoration initiatives in Barak Basin • Ms Sanalembi Devi, President, Tareng Agricultural Service Group and Treasurer, India Financing strategies for Community-led adaptation • Mr Irfan Maqbool, Director, Risk Governance and Financing, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Thailand (Online) Fisheries Management in Meghna River Basin - Policy and Gap Analysis • Dr Afshana Parveen Shahid, Assistant Professor, Fisheries and Marine Science Department, Noakhali Science and Technology University (NSTU), Bangladesh Participants Q&A (10 minutes) Closing and Key Messages (5 mins) Moderator • Ms Madhulika Shome, Programme Manager, NEADS, India	RBB Auditorium	Setting the scene (30 minutes) Welcome by Chair The relevance and role of the two Global Water Conventions for South Asia – An Overview • Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, UNECE Secretariat, Switzerland Water Conventions & Opportunities for Meghna River • Mr Shawahiq Siddiqui, International Water Law Expert & Founder, The Green Trial, India Roundtable Discussion (40 minutes) • Dr Medha Bisht, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, India • Mr Enamul Mazid Khan Siddique, Programme Manager, Oxfam International, Asia Region • Dr Priyanka Sarkar, Consultant, Green Transition, Environment, and Climate Change, NITI Aayog, Government of India (Y4M) • Mr Suman Kanti Nath, Programme Manager, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Bangladesh Q&A (10 minutes) Closing and Key Messages (5 minutes) Moderator • Mr Michael Matthias Koch, Regional Water and Climate Experts, Thailand	B108
12:50-14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00-15:15	MKF Key Messages and Valedictory Session Synthesis of MKF II Key Messages (Part I) Key messages from MKF II (knowledge gaps identified, partnerships to fill these knowledge gaps, strategies to promote inclusive water governance and integrated management of the river basin. Highlight 3-4 key messages and 3-4 action points emerging from the session (60 minutes, 5 minutes each) Presenters • Dr Niladri Gupta, Regional Coordinator, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand (Inaugural Session) • Ms Ariela Mcdonald, Communications Officer, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand (Exhibition Area) • Dr Priyanka Sarkar, Consultant (Green Transition, Environment, and Climate Change), NITI Aayog, Government of India (Youth Forum I) (Y4M) • Ms Fahmida Sultana, BSc. Student, Geography and Environment, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh (Youth Forum II) (Y4M) • Mr Sarowar Alam, Programme Manager, Species and Habitats, IUCN Bangladesh (Thematic Plenary I) • Ms Ashu Balhara, Senior Executive - Water, ASSOCHAM, India (Side Event 1) (Y4M) • Dr Veena Vidyadharan, Feminist Influencing Lead, TROSA PMU, Oxfam (Side Event 2) • Dr Yash Veer Bhatnagar, Country Representative, IUCN India (Thematic Plenary II) • Dr Thanapon Piman, Senior Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute, Thailand (Side event 3) • Dr Mrinal Saikia, Assistant Professor, Nowgong Collage, India (Side Event 3) • Mr Tareq Aziz, Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Bangladesh (Thematic Plenary III) • Ms Madhulika Shome, Programme Manager, NEADS, India (Side Event 5) • Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, UNECE Secretariat, Switzerland (Side Event 6)	RBB Auditorium		

	Plenary discussions and participant's feedback (15 minutes) Moderator • Mr Vishwa Ranjan Sinha, Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, South Asia, IUCN Asia Regional Office, Thailand	
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-16:50	Valedictory Session (Part II) Special invitees from the government of Bangladesh and India, donor agencies and financial institutions will participate as panellist and provide their inputs to refine the key messages and develop action points for wider dissemination. Chair • Mr Tshewang Dorji, Director for Environment and Climate Change, BIMSTEC • Co-Chair • Ms Nazma Begum, NDC, Joint Secretary, Reform Management and Policy Research Unit, Ministry of Water Resources, Bangladesh Introductory Remarks from Chair (5 minutes) Guests Perspective to Refine Key Messages (50 minutes) • Ms Anushri Tiwari, South Asia Region Lead, Urban Biodiversity Hub • Mr Arif M. Faisal, Programme Specialist, Environment Sustainability and Energy, United Nations Development Programme, Bangladesh • Mr Rangku Sangma, Joint Secretary and Chief Forest Officer, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, India • Dr Mokbul Morshed Ahmad, Department of Development and Sustainability, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand • Ms Nadine Antenen, Regional Programme Officer - Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit, Swiss Development Corporation (SDC), Thailand • Dr Anil Gupta, Head of Climate Center on DRR, IIT Roorkee, India Participants Inputs through Plenary (15 minutes) Feedback from Co-chair (5 minutes) Vote of Thanks (5 mins) Moderator Mr Raquibul Amin, Head, Programme Management, Science Strategy Group, IUCN Asia Regional Office	RBB Auditorium
16:50-17:00	Participants feedback on the Forum QR to be displayed at the end of side events & also displayed at Screens from synthesis session onwards	RBB Auditorium

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