

**Workshop on Ecosystem Services and  
Poverty Alleviation Study in South Asia (ESPASSA)**

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

**Session 1: Situation Analysis on Ecosystem Services and Poverty**

*Chair: Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC*

9:00 – 9:15 ESPASSA Project Overview, Mr. Kazi Faisal Bin Seraj, Research Associate, Environment Unit, RED, BRAC

9:15 – 09:45 Situational Analysis of Bangladesh, Dr. Moushumi Chaudhury, Senior Research Fellow, Environment Unit, RED, BRAC

09:45 – 10:00 Discussion

10:00 – 10:15 Tea Break

**Discussion on Ecosystems: Knowledge and Trends on Ecosystem Services and Drivers**

*Chair: Dr. Ainun Nishat, Country Representative, IUCN Bangladesh*

10:15 – 10:45 Coastal Forests  
*Lead Discussant: Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan, Professor, University of Dhaka (to be confirmed)*

10:45 – 11:15 Inland Water  
*Dr. Inamul Haque, Director General, Water Resource Planning Organization*

11:15 – 11:45 Agro-ecosystems  
*Lead Discussant: Dr. M. Asaduzamman, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies*

11:45 – 12:15 Hills and Uplands  
*Lead Discussant: Mr. Proshanto Tripura, Programme Coordinator, SHOUHARDO, CARE Bangladesh (to be confirmed)*

12:15 – 13:00 Wrap Up: Gaps, Skills Needed, Leverage points, Opportunities and Constraints, Challenge to Overcoming Constraints

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

**Discussion on Poverty and Ecosystem Service Linkages in Bangladesh**

*Chair: Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman, Power and Participation Research Centre*

14:00 – 14:45 Status of Ecosystem Valuation and Relevance to Poverty  
*Lead Discussant: Dr. A.K. Enamul Haque, Professor, East West University*

14:45 – 15:30 Drivers and Impact of Ecosystem Degradation on the Poor  
*Lead Discussant: Dr. Atiur Rahman, Chairperson, Unnayan Shamunnay*

15:30 – 16:00 Tea Break

16:00 – 17:00 Future Directions: Policy Responses to Ecosystem Degradation and Poverty  
*Lead Discussant: Dr. A.H.M. Mustain Billah, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division*

17:00 – 19:00 Reception and Dinner