

The Least Developed Countries Universities Consortium on Climate Change

The Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Universities Consortium on Climate Change (LUCCC) is a South-South long-term capacity-building platform comprised of 10 universities as founding members from the LDCs. Under this network, faculty members and students share experiences and knowledge on climate change to build capacity through education, training, research and communication. LUCCC as an LDC-wide initiative was endorsed by the LDC Ministerial in Addis Ababa in October 2018.

Vision

LUCCC aims to capacitate all the 47 LDCs to adapt effectively to the adverse impacts of climate change as well as to explore win-win options for mitigation. It aspires to develop a South-South and South-South-North knowledge sharing and capacity building network, focusing on adaptation. All the universities, research and training institutes in the LDCs will be included over time in the LUCCC network.

Objectives of LUCCC

- To foster a South-South collaborative network for promoting education and skills, research capacity and developing multi-dimensional expertise in climate change;
- To enhance the capacity of LDC universities through joint research programmes and implement teaching and demand-driven training programs in various climate change issues;
- To develop capacity and work with the most vulnerable countries and communities to foster two-way collaborative learning and capacity-building – blending action & scientific research;
- To enable LDC universities & affiliated research/training institutes to serve as repositories of knowledge and generators-suppliers of capacity;
- To provide policy support to governments in handling climate change impacts, both nationally & internationally.

Consortium Partners

The Consortium secretarial service at the moment is provided by the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in Dhaka. A Governing Board & an Executive Committee will be formed soon to collectively run the LUCCC. As of July 2019, the 10 core consortium members and one network member include Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, The Gambia, Senegal, Mozambique.

Current Activities

Without Funding	With Funding
Sharing curricula and teaching tools	Scholarships for PhD and MSc students
Joint research and publications	Exchange of faculty and students among LUCCC members and beyond; development of joint projects
Developing a Master program on climate change and development that can be applied and jointly implemented for the consortium members; already a number of students attended the Master's programme at IUB, coordinated by ICCCAD.	Attending meetings and conferences including at the PCCB, UNFCCC/COP and LUCCC events organized in different partner countries

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