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The Economic Relations Division (ERD), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Institute of Water Modeling (IWM), successfully conducted a validation workshop on the Technical Updating of GCF Country Program in Bangladesh on [May 22, 2023](#). The workshop took place in the NEC II Conference Room of ERD. Representatives of 19 Ministries, 19 important Development Partners, 21 Financial Institutions, the Civil Society, two accredited agencies IDCOL and PKSF participated in the workshop.

Under the Readiness and Preparatory support of the Green Climate Fund, FAO provided technical assistance to update the GCF country program. This update includes the development of a priority list of climate-related projects that are in alignment with the National Adaptation Plan (NAP), Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan (MCP), and Bangladesh Delta Plan.

During the workshop, the Secretary of ERD expressed the need for all development partners to step forward and finance projects from the priority list. Additionally, she called upon the participating Ministries/Divisions/Departments and the private sector to collaborate in the implementation of these projects. Furthermore, she recommended that the relevant Ministries/Divisions/Departments take the necessary steps to include the projects in the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for further processing.

The Secretary also emphasized the importance of capacity building for all stakeholders and expressed ERD's commitment to shouldering the responsibility of training stakeholders in the future as the National Designated Authority (NDA).

Overall, the validation workshop served as an important platform for updating the GCF country program and promoting collaboration among stakeholders to address climate change challenges in Bangladesh.

In the workshop Mr. Motu Kumar Biswas presented the paper on behalf of IWM. Ms. Sharifa Khan, Secretary, ERD & NDA was the Chief Guest. Mr Robert Simpson, Country Representative, FAO and Mr Johurul Haque, Executive Director, IWM were the special guests, and AKM Sohel, Wing Chief UN Wing chaired the workshop.