

# CCDB Climate Center: Towards Resilience For A Climate-Sensitive Future

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In the heart of Bangladesh's vigorous landscape, the CCDB Climate Center stands as an inspiration of innovation and hope, leading the charge in the fight against climate change. Established by the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB), this innovative facility is the first in the nation, dedicated to fostering climate resilience and promoting sustainable and low-carbon development.

## *Transforming Vision into Reality*

Since its inception in 1973, CCDB has aspired to create a society where people live in peace, dignity, and harmony with all God's creations. The Climate Change Program,

launched in 2009, builds on this vision by addressing the urgent need for climate-sensitive and resilient communities. CCDB Climate Center, as a flagship initiative of CCDB, serves as a regional knowledge hub designed to mainstream transformative community-led adaptation and reduce climate risks through innovation, capacity development, and knowledge dissemination. The Center also fosters collaborations for action research, joint project development, fund mobilization, exposure visits, interactive learning, and development and demonstration of innovative climatic solutions.

## *Unique Features*

- First-ever climate knowledge Center in Bangladesh is located on a serene 57-acre piece of land.
- Mimics the environment, lives, and livelihoods of five climate hotspot zones - coastal, drought, hill, wetland, and floodplain.
- Showcasing 100+ contextual adaptation and mitigation solutions for climate-resilient homesteads and sustainable practices across multiple sectors.
- Bangladesh's first and only Net Positive (Energy) Center, a LEED-standard green building powered entirely by renewable energy, emphasizing energy efficiency, water, and waste management, avoiding single-use plastics, and reducing environmental footprints.
- Interactive learning spaces for communities, experts, practitioners, students, and families.

## *Facilities*

- Exposure Visits: Field visits offering the latest insights into climate adaptation and mitigation coupled with interactive learning tools and activities for students and children.
- Interactive Learning: Engaging educational experiences through storytelling,



visuals, models, games, fun, exhibitions, and theatre, with dedicated resources for both children and youth.

- **Capacity Development:** Offering a wide range of courses, training, overseas education, scholarship programs, and e-learning opportunities tailored to various needs.
- **Student Opportunities:** Research, internships, volunteering, and distance learning programs available to students globally.
- **Event Hosting:** Facilities available for national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, competitions, and exhibitions.
- **Accommodation:** On-site accommodation with a choice of standard and premium options.
- **Organic Food:** Facilities focused on organic food production and service.
- **High Standards:** A steadfast commitment to safety, security, service, and protocol excellence.



### **Bridging Education and Entertainment**

CCDB Climate Center masterfully blends education with entertainment, which is called edutainment, making climate learning both engaging and enjoyable. Through interactive tools like visual solutions, exhibitions, and models, the Center simplifies complex climate concepts into accessible, memorable experiences, inspiring ac-

tion while making learning fun.

As Bangladesh continues to struggle with the challenges of climate change, CCDB Climate Center stands ready to lead the way, offering hope, knowledge, capacity, and practical solutions for a more sustainable climate-sensitive, and resilient future.

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