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International Climate Camp 2025, a one-of-a-kind immersive experience designed to engage youth, environmental leaders, and climate advocates from across South Asia in real-world sustainability actions.

About the International Climate Camp 2025
The International Climate Camp is an intensive, hands-on experience where young minds, climate professionals, and researchers come together to discuss, learn, and implement climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. This program will be hosted in Kathmandu, Nagargot at Nepal, on 4-8 July 2025, bringing together 80+ participants, including experts, youth leaders, and community members.

The camp included:

- ·Workshops & Training Sessions by climate experts and researchers.
- Community-Based Climate Action through engagement with local stakeholders.
- ·Cultural Exchange & Networking with global changemakers.
- Field Visits & Guided Trekking in Nepal's environmentally significant areas.
- ·Sustainable Development & Policy Dialogues to formulate actionable solutions.

Messages From Organizers



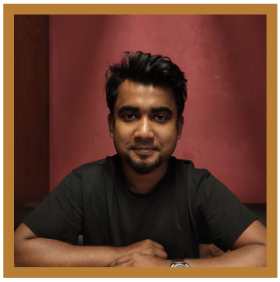
The International Climate Camp 2025 was a remarkable initiative that allowed young minds to engage deeply with the science, policy, and community-level actions required to address the climate crisis. We were honored to partner in this effort, contributing research-backed insights and building capacity among youth leaders.

One of the most powerful aspects of the camp was how nature itself became the classroom. From trekking through Nagarkot's lush landscapes to engaging in tree plantation drives and interacting with local communities, participants experienced the realities of climate adaptation firsthand.

We extend our gratitude to Mission Green Bangladesh, North South University, Tribhuvan University, and our many partners for their strong collaboration. Together, we created an environment where innovation and learning thrived.

To the youth participants, we commend your energy and curiosity. Your commitment to sustainability, equity, and justice will shape the future of climate action. We hope you will continue to apply the skills and strategies you learned during this camp in your communities and beyond.

Professor Ahmed Kamruzzaman Majumdar
Chairman
Center for Atmospheric Pollution Studies (CAPS)



The International Climate Camp 2025 was an inspiring journey where young leaders from South Asia came together to learn, collaborate, and act for a greener future. We are proud to have co-organized this unique program in Nepal, which empowered youth to experience firsthand the realities of climate change and sustainable solutions.

At Mission Green Bangladesh,we believe that youth-led action is the key to building climate-resilient communities. This camp provided a platform for meaningful cultural exchange, immersive learning in nature, and the opportunity to create practical solutions that can be implemented in their home countries

We are grateful to our incredible partners—CAPS, North South University, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu University, Nepal Tourism Board, Bangladesh Tourism Board, and the Global Youth Platform—for their unwavering support and collaboration. Their expertise, resources, and vision made this event possible.To all participants: your enthusiasm, dedication, and creativity inspired us throughout the camp. We hope the friendships and lessons built here will fuel your ongoing work as climate leaders

Ahsan Rony
Executive Director
Mussion Green Bangladesh

About the Organisers

Center for Atmospheric Pollution Studies (CAPS) is a leading research and advocacy institution in Bangladesh dedicated to addressing air pollution, climate change, and environmental sustainability. Established with a vision to promote evidence-based solutions, CAPS works at the intersection of science, policy, community engagement. Through pioneering research, awareness campaigns, and policy dialogues, it highlights the urgent need for clean air and sustainable development in South Asia. CAPS actively collaborates with universities, government agencies, international organizations, playing a pivotal role in shaping environmental policy. Its initiatives empower youth, researchers, policymakers to act collectively for a greener future.

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Mission Green Bangladesh (MGB) is a pioneering environmental organization committed to promoting sustainability, climate action, and community-led conservation in Bangladesh. Founded with the vision of creating a greener and more resilient nation, MGB focuses on tree planting, climate awareness, youth engagement, and sustainable development projects. Through partnerships with local communities, NGOs, and international organizations, MGB implements programs that combine education, advocacy, and hands-on environmental action. Its initiatives empower young leaders to address climate change at the grassroots level while fostering innovation, collaboration and continues to inspire a generation dedicated to protecting the environment.

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Land Our Future – Nepal (LOF Nepal) is a dynamic organization dedicated to climate action, environmental sustainability, and community resilience in Nepal. Focused on empowering local communities, LOF Nepal works to implement climate adaptation and mitigation initiatives, ranging from sustainable agriculture and renewable energy to disaster risk reduction and ecosystem restoration. By fostering youth leadership, research-based advocacy, and cross-border collaboration, the organization bridges science, policy, and grassroots action. Through partnerships with international NGOs, government agencies, and educational institutions, LOF Nepal plays a pivotal role in shaping environmentally conscious communities.

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About the Partners

Bangladesh Tourism Board (BTB) is the national authority responsible for promoting and developing tourism in Bangladesh. Tasked with showcasing the country's rich cultural heritage, natural landscapes, and vibrant communities, BTB works to enhance Bangladesh's appeal as a sustainable travel destination.

The board implements marketing campaigns, infrastructure development, and capacity-building programs to support local businesses and tourism stakeholders. By fostering partnerships with public and private sectors, as well as international organizations, BTB encourages responsible tourism that benefits both visitors and local communities. Its initiatives aim to boost economic growth while preserving the environment.

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Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) is the official national body responsible for promoting, developing, and regulating tourism in Nepal. Tasked with showcasing the country's unique cultural heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and adventure opportunities, NTB works to position Nepal as a premier sustainable travel destination.

The board implements strategic marketing campaigns, supports tourism infrastructure development, and provides capacity-building programs for local stakeholders. By fostering collaborations with government agencies, private sector partners, and international organizations, NTB ensures that tourism contributes to economic growth while preserving Nepal's environment and cultural legacy. Its initiatives emphasize responsible tourism.

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City Bank Ltd. is one of Bangladesh's leading private commercial banks, widely recognized for its commitment to sustainable finance and responsible banking. The bank has consistently integrated environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles into its operations, providing innovative green financing solutions

and supporting climate-friendly initiatives across the country. City Bank actively promotes corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs, sustainable investment opportunities, and community development projects, aligning financial growth with environmental stewardship. By collaborating with government bodies, international organizations, and private partners, the bank ensures long-term economic impact.

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About the Partners

Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER) is a premier research and advocacy organization based at BRAC University, Bangladesh, dedicated to addressing climate change, environmental sustainability, and disaster risk reduction. C3ER conducts cutting-edge research, provides policy recommendations, and implements capacity-building programs to empower communities, youth, and professionals. The center actively engages with government agencies, NGOs, and international partners to foster climate-resilient development and promote evidence-based solutions. Through workshops, training, and awareness campaigns, C3ER bridges the gap between science, policy, and grassroots action, driving transformative change.

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International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is a regional intergovernmental learning and knowledge-sharing center serving the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region. Headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal, ICIMOD works to promote sustainable mountain development, climate resilience, and transboundary cooperation. The organization conducts research, provides policy advice, and facilitates capacity-building programs on topics such as climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, water resource management, and disaster risk reduction. By collaborating with governments, NGOs, communities, and international partners, ICIMOD empowers mountain communities and promotes sustainable Himalayan.

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Tribhuvan University (TU), established in 1959, is the oldest and largest public university in Nepal, playing a pivotal role in higher education, research, and community development across the country. With multiple campuses and affiliated colleges, TU offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs across sciences, humanities, management, and technology. The university emphasizes research, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives that address national and regional development challenges, including climate change, sustainable development, and environmental conservation. Through collaborations with government agencies, international institutions, and local communities.

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Stamford University Bangladesh is a leading private university committed to providing high-quality education, research, and innovation in Bangladesh. Established with a vision to foster academic excellence, SUB offers undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate programs across diverse fields including science, engineering, business, law, and social sciences. The university emphasizes research, community engagement, and sustainable development initiatives, preparing students to become responsible global citizens and leaders. Through partnerships with local and international institutions, Stamford University promotes knowledge exchange, capacity building, and practical solutions to contemporary challenges, including climate change.

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O.CREEDS (Onushandhani Creeds Limited) is a pioneering hub in Bangladesh for emerging science and design practitioners, focused on open-source modeling and sustainable development research. Established to address climate challenges and environmental sustainability, O.CREEDS conducts innovative research, implements climate resilience projects, and supports capacity-building programs for professionals and youth. The organization actively collaborates with government agencies, NGOs, academic institutions, and international partners to create scalable, evidence-based solutions. Through training, workshops, and technology-driven initiatives, O.CREEDS empowers communities and strengthens Bangladesh's capacity for sustainable development.

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ActionAid Bangladesh is a leading non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting social justice, human rights, and sustainable development across Bangladesh. As part of the global ActionAid network, the organization works to empower marginalized communities, especially women and children, through education, livelihood support, climate adaptation, and disaster resilience initiatives. ActionAid Bangladesh engages in advocacy, policy dialogue, and capacity-building programs to address systemic inequality, poverty, and the impacts of climate change. By collaborating with government agencies, civil society, and international partners, it strives to create inclusive, resilient communities and foster long-term social transformation.

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About the Partners

Kathmandu University (KU), established in 1991, is one of Nepal's leading academic institutions, renowned for its focus on quality education, research, and innovation. KU offers undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate programs across diverse fields including science, engineering, management, medicine, and arts.

The university emphasizes research-driven learning, sustainable development, and community engagement, fostering students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Through collaborations with national and international institutions, KU promotes knowledge exchange, capacity building, and innovative solutions to contemporary challenges such as climate change, technology development, and social transformation.

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North South University (NSU), established in 1992, is Bangladesh's first private university and a pioneer in higher education, research, and innovation. NSU offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate programs across disciplines such as business, engineering, computer science, social sciences, and health sciences. The university emphasizes academic excellence, research, and community engagement, fostering critical thinking and leadership skills among students. Through partnerships with national and international institutions, NSU promotes knowledge exchange, sustainable development initiatives, and capacity-building programs, contributing to the socio-economic and environmental progress of Bangladesh.

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Sustainable Research and Consultancy Ltd. (SRCL) is a multidisciplinary consulting firm based in Bangladesh, specializing in sustainable development, environmental engineering, and infrastructure planning. SRCL integrates multiple business enterprises under one umbrella, offering services in construction consultancy, feasibility studies, environmental impact assessment, and GIS solutions. The organization emphasizes sustainable practices, ensuring that projects are environmentally responsible, socially inclusive, and economically viable. By collaborating with government agencies, private sector partners, and international organizations, SRCL contributes to resilient development and climate-conscious solutions across Bangladesh.

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About the Partners

Global Youth Platform is an international youth organization dedicated to building a global community of future leaders. The platform connects young people across borders to collaborate on issues related to climate action, innovation, and peacebuilding. By fostering dialogue, knowledge exchange, and skill development, Global Youth Platform empowers youth to create positive social and environmental impact. Through workshops, campaigns, and networking opportunities, the organization nurtures leadership, civic engagement, and cross-cultural collaboration, preparing the next generation to address global challenges with creativity and responsibility. The platform also serves as a hub for sharing resources, best practices.

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Just Energy Transition Network Bangladesh (JetNet-BD) is a youth-driven organization focused on accelerating the transition to sustainable and renewable energy in Bangladesh. The network empowers young leaders, professionals, and innovators to engage in climate action, clean energy projects, and policy advocacy. By providing capacity-building programs, workshops, and networking opportunities, JetNet-BD nurtures skills and knowledge for implementing sustainable energy solutions. Collaborating with government bodies, NGOs, academia, and international partners, the organization fosters a community of informed and proactive youth dedicated to achieving a low-carbon, climate-resilient future for Bangladesh.

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Biman Bangladesh Airlines is the national flag carrier of Bangladesh, providing passenger and cargo air services both domestically and internationally. Established in 1972, Biman plays a key role in connecting Bangladesh to global destinations while promoting tourism, trade, and cultural exchange. The airline is committed to safety, reliability, and modern aviation standards, continuously upgrading its fleet and services to meet international benchmarks. Biman also engages in sustainable aviation initiatives and supports events and programs that enhance Bangladesh's global presence and connectivity. Biman Bangladesh Airlines also actively supports national and international initiatives, including cultural, environmental, and educational programs.

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The International Climate Camp is more than an event—it is a movement. In July 2025, 80+ youth leaders, climate professionals, and community advocates from across South Asia came together in the heart of Nepal to experience learning like never before.
For five days, participants stepped out of traditional classrooms and into nature's own. They explored mountains, villages, and cultural hubs, gaining hands-on experience in climate adaptation, sustainable practices, and community-led solutions.

4-8 July,2025 **Kathmandu, Nepal**

Goals & Focus Area

- **Education** – Build knowledge about climate change and its solutions through expert-led workshops and field visits.
- **Action –** Engage in tree plantations, sustainable farming, and hands-on community projects.
- **Youth Leadership –** Empower young people to design and implement climate strategies in their own communities**.**
- **Culture & Connection –** Foster intercultural friendships and collaborations across borders.



The International Climate Camp 2025- brought together participants from all over Asia in Nepal

Learning Sustainability from Nepal's Roots

Nepal was chosen as the host for the International Climate Camp 2025 for its unique geographical, cultural, and environmental significance. Nestled between the Himalayas and rich biodiversity hotspots, Nepal faces some of the world's most pressing climate challenges—making it the perfect living classroom for participants.

Kathmandu and Nagarkot, with their vibrant communities and breathtaking landscapes, allowed participants to witness the effects of climate change up close and learn about resilience from local traditions. Nepal's cultural richness also provided the ideal setting for cross-border learning and solidarity.



Geographical location of Nepal

- **Biodiversity Hotspot:** Nepal is home to diverse ecosystems—from towering Himalayan peaks to lush valleys—making it the perfect place to study nature's resilience.
- **Vulnerable yet Resilient:** As one of the countries most affected by climate change, Nepal demonstrates powerful examples of community-led adaptation and disaster preparedness.
- **Experiential Learning:** Trekking, community work, and field visits allowed participants to experience climate impacts and solutions firsthand.
- **Cross-Border Collaboration:** Positioned at the heart of South Asia, Nepal serves as an accessible and inspiring meeting point for youth leaders from the region.
- **Inspiring Theme:** The setting brought the camp's 2025 theme—**"Learning from Nature, Leading the Future"**—to life, turning every landscape and community into a classroom for change.

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Unfolding the Climate Experience

The International Climate Camp 2025 unfolded as a vibrant journey of learning, connection, and cultural immersion. Here's a glimpse into each unforgettable day:



Arrival and Opening Ceremony







The picturesque city of Kathmandu welcomed over 120 climate leaders, youth activists, academics, and policymakers as the International Climate Camp 2025 officially commenced with a grand welcome and opening dinner at the Suriya Heritage Hotel, Thamel.

The inaugural session opened with a warm welcome by the Ahsan Rony, Executive Director and Founder of Mission Green Bangladesh, who emphasized the importance of grassroots mobilization and regional collaboration:

> *"The climate crisis knows no borders. Through this camp, we aim to transform concern into capacity, ideas into action, and youth into catalysts of change for a greener South Asia."*
>
> -Ahsan Rony, Executive Director, Mission Green Bangladesh

The opening ceremony was further enriched by insights from national and international dignitaries:
Dr. Ainun Nishat, renowned climate and water expert and former Vice Chancellor of BRAC University:

> "*Climate resilience begins at the community level, but it must be championed by informed leaders. Camps like these are where such leaders are born.”*



AKM Sohel, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Bangladesh Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh said,

> *“Climate change is not just an environmental issue, it is an economic challenge that demands innovative financing and global solidarity.”*

The evening featured a detailed overview of the camp by Prof. Dr. Kamruzzaman Majumder, Dean, Faculty of Science at Stamford University Bangladesh and one of South Asia’s leading atmospheric scientists.
“This camp is not just about learning. It is about designing future solutions rooted in science, sustainability, and solidarity,” noted Dr. Majumder.

Manish Suman, MLA from Madhesh Province, Nepal said,

> *"The Himalayas are melting, rivers are drying, and agriculture is suffering. We need more than awareness —we need adaptive solutions driven by our youth.”*

Sudarshan Neupane, Country Director of WaterAid Nepal said,

> *"It is time to reimagine development through the lens of sustainability. This camp gives us the opportunity to co-create a climate-conscious South Asia,"*

.Other notable guests included:

- Shailendra Jha, City Planning Commission, Kathmandu
- Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman, Vice Chancellor, Stamford University Bangladesh
- Naresh Sharma, Under Secretary, Nepal Ministry of Environment
- Dr. Ram Lama, Coordinator, Academia Industry Cooperation, KU
- Dr. Raghu Bir Bista, Campus Chief, Patan Multiple Campus, TU
- Jubaer Chowdhury, Managing Director, Sustainability and Research Center Limited (SRCL)
- Roufa Khanam, Assistant Director, C3ER, BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Shahadat Hossain, Managing Director, OCREEDS
- Nazia Yeasmin, Programme Officer, ActionAid Bangladesh, Coordinator, Just Energy Transition Network Bangladesh (JETnet-BD)
- Kaniz Fatema Tuz Zahura, Specialist (Climate Adaptive Aquaculture), Climate Change Programme, BRAC






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South Asian Climate Dialogue Strengthens at Tribhuvan University: A Key Milestone of International Climate Camp 2025







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In a significant moment for regional climate discourse, the Symposium on Climate Change in South Asia was held at Patan High School, Patan Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University, as part of the ongoing International Climate Camp 2025. This half-day academic summit brought together over 170 participants including climate scientists, government officials, university scholars, and youth leaders from across South Asia to deliberate on actionable regional strategies for climate resilience.

The program opened with a warm welcome and inaugural session moderated by **Dr. Amrit Pd. Sharma** of Patan Multiple Campus. The Chair of the session, Assoc. Prof. **Dr. Raghu Bir Bista**, Campus Chief, emphasized the urgent role of academic institutions in shaping the next generation of climate leadership. In his welcome remarks, **Raju Chauhan**, Head of the Department of Environmental Science, underscored the significance of knowledge-sharing platforms for empowering local communities and institutions.

The session featured distinguished guests whose remarks bridged academic insights with high-level policy:

> *This symposium marks a powerful convergence of local and regional voices. Climate science must be rooted in local realities while inspiring global cooperation,"*- **Dr. Raghu Bir Bista**, Campus Chief, Patan Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University

Notable contributions came from Prof. **Dr. Shankar Khanal**, Dean, Institute of Science and Technology, Tribhuvan University, and **AKM Sohel**, Additional Secretary and Wing Chief, United Nations, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh, who highlighted the fiscal and diplomatic dimensions of climate action.

Adding a crucial local perspective, **Mr. Chiribabu Maharjan**, Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City, said,

> *"Climate camps like these not only inspire academic discussion but drive grassroots awareness and mobilization. Local governments must be part of the climate solution."*



Exploring Research, Governance, and Regional Solutions

Two technical sessions served as the heart of the symposium.
Technical Session I, chaired by **Prof. Dr. Madan Koirala,** featured research presentations including:

- Climate Change Research in Nepal by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Narayan Prasad Gaire, Tribhuvan University
- Government Initiative on Climate Change Management in Nepal by Suman Subedi, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal
- Climate-Economy Nexus presentation (TBD)

Climate Change in South Asia by **Prof. Dr. Kamruzzaman Majumder,** highlighting Bangladesh's adaptation policies

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A that sparked cross-border dialogue on shared challenges and opportunities.
Technical Session II featured a compelling panel discussion on "**Peaks to Valleys: Regional Collaboration for a Climate-Secure Future**," moderated by Mr. **Md. Sariful Islam**, Director of Advocacy, Media and Communications, Oxfam Bangladesh. The lead presentation was delivered by **Pradyumna J.B. Rana** of ICIMOD, offering a global-regional lens on South Asia's climate trajectory.
The distinguished panel included:

- **AKM Sohel, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh**
- **Dr. Sudeep Thakuri, Tribhuvan University**
- **Deepak K.C., UNDP Nepal**
- **Mr. Kabindra Pudasaini, WaterAid Nepal**
- **Roufa Khanam, C3ER, BRAC University**

This dialogue emphasized cross-sectoral cooperation, localized finance mechanisms, and youth engagement as key drivers of climate security in the region.



A Diplomatic Close and Academic Solidarity

The event concluded with powerful remarks from His Excellency **Md. Shafiqur Rahman**, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal, who praised the collaborative efforts and stressed the need for continuous regional youth engagement and said

> *"This symposium reflects how our two nations—Bangladesh and Nepal—can lead the South Asian region in climate diplomacy and local action."*

Closing the session, Associate Prof. **Dr. Raghu Bir Bista** reiterated the commitment of Tribhuvan University to host more such platforms for innovation, research, and cross-border solidarity.
Participants later enjoyed a networking session, campus tour, and lunch, forging new academic linkages and community partnerships.
This symposium stood not just as an academic milestone within the International Climate Camp 2025, but as a regional call to action, affirming the need for united climate leadership—from the peaks of Nepal to the coasts of Bangladesh and beyond.






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Kathmandu University Hosts Strategic Dialogue on Climate Resilience and Green Innovation







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In a landmark convergence of regional knowledge, innovation, and collaboration, Kathmandu University hosted a pivotal session of the International Climate Camp 2025 at the CV Raman Auditorium Hall. The event convened leading scientists, policymakers, climate practitioners, and youth representatives from across South Asia, providing a vibrant platform for exploring forward-thinking climate strategies. Anchored around the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus, green hydrogen, and the path toward net-zero emissions, the program marked a significant milestone in fostering cross-border climate cooperation.

A Commitment to Shared Climate Futures

The event commenced with the national anthem and a formal welcome, masterfully led by **Er. Strena Shrestha** of Kathmandu University. Asst. Prof. **Dr. Dinesh Kafle**, Acting Associate Director of the Global Engagement Division, opened the floor with remarks emphasizing the importance of international collaboration in driving climate solutions.

> "*This gathering reflects our shared responsibility and our shared solutions. The future of climate action lies in interdisciplinary and cross-border collaboration.*" – **Dr. Dinesh Kafle**

Mr. **Md. Sariful Islam**, Director of Advocacy, Media, and Communications at Oxfam Bangladesh, then presented the conceptual framework and vision for the program, reinforcing its emphasis on youth-driven transformation and regional solidarity.

Setting the Climate Agenda: Perspectives from the Region

Distinguished guests offered visionary insights into South Asia's climate priorities. Prof. **Dr. Bed Mani Dahal**, Dean, School of Science, KU, and **AKM Sohel**, Additional Secretary and Wing Chief, United Nations Wing, ERD, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh, spoke on the need for robust regional financial and policy frameworks.

> *"South Asia needs not just ambition but architecture — of funding, of policy, and of science."* – **AKM Sohel**



A key highlight was **Dr. Ram Lama**'s presentation, titled "Nepal's Green Hydrogen Journey: A Step Toward Net Zero Emissions." The session showcased Nepal's emerging leadership in clean energy innovation and set the tone for future regional energy transitions.

> *"Nepal's green hydrogen journey is more than technology—it is a pathway to energy independence and climate resilience. With green hydrogen, Nepal takes a bold step toward achieving net-zero emissions while inspiring the region to reimagine its energy future."*

Panel I – Resilience at the Core: Water-Energy-Food Nexus

Moderated by Dr. Bijay Thapa, Environmental Climate Expert, this session examined climate disruption through a systems lens. The panel included:

- **Prof. Dr. Hari Prasad Neopane (Energy – KU)**
- **Dr. Kumar Lama (Food – Agriculture, KU)**
- **Dr. Mohan Bahadur Chand (Water – Environmental Engineering, KU)**
- **Kaniz Fatema Tuz Zahura (BRAC)**
- **Nazia Yeasmin (ActionAid Bangladesh, JETnet-BD)**

> *"System resilience is not optional—it's survival. The WEF nexus must guide both local planning and international cooperation."*
> ***– Kaniz Fatema Tuz Zahura***

Panelists emphasized the importance of grassroots interventions and the need for localized yet regionally aligned climate policies. Tokens of appreciation were presented by Prof. Dr. Bed Mani Dahal and Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman, Vice Chancellor, Stamford University Bangladesh.



Panel II – Pathways to Net-Zero: Turning Pollution into Solutions
Moderated by Ms. **Purnima Karki**, Executive Director of Voice for Youth, the second panel brought diverse voices to the stage:

- **Dr. Prakash Singh Thapa (Under Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal)**
- **Prof. Dr. Kamruzzaman Majumder (Stamford University)**
- **Shahadat Hossain (Managing Director, OCREEDS)**
- **Assoc. Prof. Kundan Lal Shrestha (Air Pollution Expert, KU)**
- **Mr. Kushal Gurung (CEO, WindPower Nepal)**

> *"Environmental sustainability is a shared legacy. The youth, industry, and government must walk this road together."*
> ***– Prof. Dr. Kamruzzaman Majumder***

Special addresses were delivered by **Dr. Ainun Nishat**, eminent water and climate expert, and **Prof. Dr. Bim Prasad Shrestha**, Director of Nepal Technology and Innovation Center (NTIC).

> *"Nepal and Bangladesh are not just neighbors; we are allies in resilience. What we start here must echo across the Himalayas and the delta."*
> – ***Prof. Dr. Bim Prasad Shrestha***

Closing Reflections and Future Commitments
Moderators **Dr. Bijay Thapa** and **Ms. Purnima Karki** summarized the sessions, stressing innovation, inclusivity, and institutional support as essential for climate action. **Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman** concluded the program by calling for sustained youth involvement and a new era of institutional diplomacy.




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The Voices Behind the Vision

One of the most inspiring and energizing moments of the International Climate Camp 2025 was the Interactive Networking Session — a space where every single participant had the microphone and the moment to share their identity, passion, and personal climate journey. It was more than just a session; it was the heartbeat of the camp.

Moderated by **Md. Sariful Islam**, Director of Advocacy, Media & Communications at Oxfam Bangladesh, the session fostered an atmosphere of empathy, empowerment, and mutual respect. With voices from across South Asia and beyond, it united a rich diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives under one roof — sparking meaningful conversations and deep connections.

The session opened on a profound note with a heartfelt commitment from **Shahanaj Rahman,** Deputy Director of the Department of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Bangladesh. Her words carried both hope and assurance

> *"The outcomes of this Climate Camp will not stay confined to Nepal. I will personally ensure our voices reach the Government of Bangladesh and are echoed at COP30. I promise to support coordination with the national team."*
>
> ***-Shahanaj Rahman,*** *Deputy Director of the Department of Environment, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Bangladesh.*

Her commitment set the tone for what became a memorable and powerful exchange. The presence of esteemed figures such as **Dr. Ainun Nishat, Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman, AKM Sohel, and Prof. Dr. Kamruzzaman Majumder a**dded gravitas to the session — yet, the true strength of the moment lay in its inclusivity.

From students and young changemakers to experienced professionals, from NGO and INGO leaders to government officials and grassroots climate activists — each voice shared a unique narrative, and each story added another layer to the shared vision of a sustainable future.

This session wasn't just about introductions; it was about intention. It catalyzed new collaborations, sparked long-term friendships, and fostered a sense of shared purpose that transcended national borders and professional roles.

As we look back, the Interactive Networking Session stands out as a defining moment of Climate Camp 2025 — a celebration of collective hope, action, and leadership for climate justice.











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Local Exploration, Cultural Exchange, Trekking & Community Interaction

Trekking Through Stories, Planting Hope in the Heart of Nagarkot

Adventure met purpose as the participants of the International Climate Camp 2025 set off on a soul-stirring trekking journey through the breathtaking trails of Nagarkot, Nepal.
Starting from our beautiful mountain resort, we hiked through dense forests and winding hills, guided by nature and curiosity. But this was no ordinary trek — it was a walk into the lives of the local people, into their homes, their heritage, and their stories of resilience.
The warmth of the local community touched every heart. We were greeted with tea, cold water, and smiles that needed no translation. Together, we planted trees and created a small community garden, leaving behind a green symbol of solidarity.
We practiced meditation under open skies, sang songs echoing through the hills, and paused to soak in the majestic beauty of the Himalayas. It was a moment of deep connection — with nature, with each other, and with a community that reminded us why we do what we do.

“The Earth doesn’t need us to save it. It needs us to love it.”
And we did just that — through every step, every seed, every shared smile.
This village experience will remain one of the most soulful highlights of the Climate Camp — where action met adventure, and hearts aligned with hope.





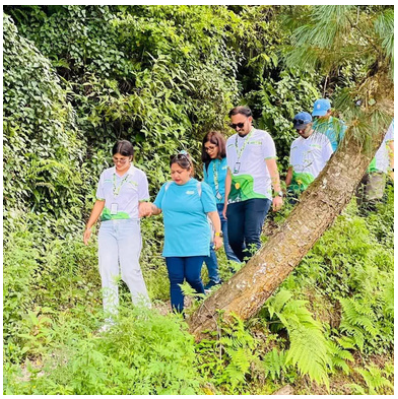










Battle of Ideas: The Presentation Day

From Brainstorming to Brilliance: A Celebration of Youth-led Climate Innovation
The highlight of the International Climate Camp 2025 was undoubtedly the Group Presentation Round, where ideas transformed into impactful action plans.
Months before stepping foot in Nepal, campers were divided into five thematic groups, each focused on a pressing climate issue:

- **Green Entrepreneurship**
- **Green Energy**
- **Pollution Studies**
- **Water and Sustainability**
- **Climate Policy and Advocacy**

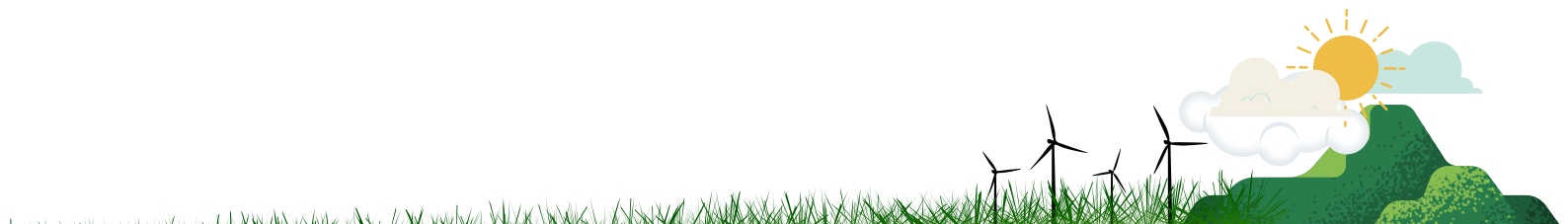
Guided by expert mentors, each team spent days researching, debating, and crafting bold, evidence-based solutions. The result? A powerful showcase of climate intelligence, leadership, and teamwork.

Before the presentation round kicked off, participants were inspired by two keynote addresses:
💬 **Md. Shahadat Hossain**, Managing Director of OCREEDS, who spoke on climate entrepreneurship and innovation
💬 **Resham Jung Singh**, Director of NEWAH Nepal, who shared real-world impact stories on water governance

Then came the main event. One by one, each team took the stage to present in front of an esteemed jury:

- **Dr. Ainun Nishat** – Renowned climate expert and negotiator
- **Dr. Moniruzzaman** – Vice Chancellor, Stamford University Bangladesh
- **AKM Sohel** – Specialist in climate governance and finance
- **Resham Jung Singh** – Advocate for community-led water solutions

The presentations reflected a blend of passion, data, and design. Teams proposed green business models, tech-driven clean energy strategies, circular economy plans, and policy blueprints tailored to South Asian realities.
This was not just a competition — it was a launchpad for future collaboration and action. The “Battle of Ideas” proved that when young minds unite with purpose, solutions don’t just emerge — they take flight.






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Closing but A New Beginning



The International Climate Camp 2025 concluded on a powerful note in the serene hills of Kathmandu, marking the end of five days of learning, collaboration, and action-driven dialogue. The camp brought together climate leaders, youth representatives, policymakers, and experts from across South Asia.

A **Celebration of Learning and Collaboration**

The event began with welcome remarks by Ahsan Rony, Executive Director and Founder of Mission Green Bangladesh, who emphasized that the camp was not just a gathering but "the beginning of a long-term alliance for sustainable action across borders."

Participants then shared their reflections, recounting how the camp provided them with unique opportunities to learn from diverse perspectives, ranging from grassroots climate workers to global experts. Many described the camp as a "life-changing experience" that combined technical knowledge with cultural immersion, trekking, and hands-on environmental activities.

Partner organizations highlighted the importance of such youth-led initiatives in shaping future climate policy and practice.

Several distinguished guests delivered reflections, each underlining a different dimension of the climate challenge:

- **Dr. Ainun Nishat,** eminent water and climate expert and former Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, reminded participants:

"The real test begins when you return home. Climate action must be rooted in your own communities."

- **AKM Sohel**, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Bangladesh Ministry of Finance, encouraged stronger regional collaboration, stating:

"Climate is beyond borders, and so must be our response. Platforms like this camp build the foundation for South-South cooperation."

- **Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman**, Vice Chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh, praised the youth leadership, noting:

"When academia, government, and youth movements converge, we create the innovation necessary for a just energy transition."

- **Sunil Manandhar**, former Environment Minister of Nepal, urged participants to maintain the spirit of the camp in their professional journeys, saying:

"Your energy and vision are what policymakers need to keep climate justice at the center of development."

The highlight of the evening was the special remarks by **Dr. Baburam Bhattarai,** Former Prime Minister of Nepal.
Dr. Baburam is a former Prime Minister of Nepal, a renowned politician, and one of the key architects of Nepal's federal democratic republic. He is also a respected intellectual, development thinker, and leader of the Nepalese peace process. Dr. Baburam has consistently emphasized that climate resilience and environmental sustainability are central to Nepal's development journey.

In his inspiring speech, he said:

> *"Climate change is the greatest challenge of our era, but also the greatest opportunity to rethink how we live, consume, and govern. The youth gathered here today are not leaders of tomorrow, they are the leaders of today. It is your courage and creativity that will drive us toward a carbon-neutral future. I wish I could join you from the begining but I promise you to join you again next year."*

The ceremony concluded with closing remarks by Prof. Dr. Kamruzzaman Majumder, Dean of Science, Stamford University Bangladesh, who expressed gratitude to all partners, experts, and participants. He called for keeping the network alive, stating: "The legacy of this camp will not end here; it must continue as a movement."
An award ceremony followed, recognizing outstanding participants, group presentations, and contributions during the camp. Finally, the evening ended with networking, photo sessions, and a reaffirmed commitment to take the outcomes of the camp to global platforms like COP30.

A New Beginning

As the sun set over the Himalayan horizon, the International Climate Camp 2025 concluded not as an ending, but as a new beginning. With strong cross-country friendships, actionable ideas, and renewed determination, participants left Kathmandu with one collective promise — to champion climate justice and sustainability in their respective communities and beyond.



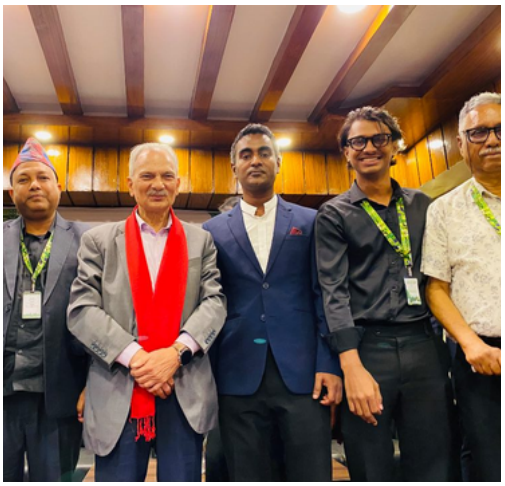



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Reception at the Embassy of Bangladesh in Nepal

The Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Nepal hosted a special reception to honor the participants, partners, and distinguished guests of the International Climate Camp 2025. The event served as both a celebration of cross-border collaboration and an affirmation of Bangladesh's strong commitment to regional climate leadership.

Held at the Embassy premises in Kathmandu, the reception brought together climate activists, academics, policymakers, and youth delegates from Bangladesh, Nepal, and other South Asian nations. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie, reflecting the spirit of shared responsibility that had been nurtured throughout the camp.

In his remarks, H.E. Md. Shafiqur Rahman, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal, praised the camp as an exemplary initiative that embodies the principles of youth leadership, innovation, and regional solidarity in addressing climate change.

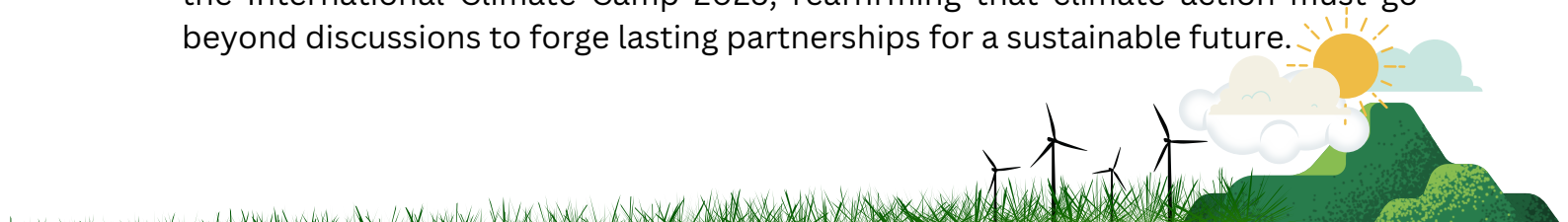
> *"Events like the International Climate Camp not only give young people a platform to express their vision but also strengthen diplomatic and community ties between nations. Bangladesh is proud to have been at the forefront of this effort,*
> *-**H.E. Md. Shafiqur Rahman**, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal*

Several distinguished guests, including climate experts, academicians, and development professionals, highlighted the importance of institutional support and youth-driven action in shaping a resilient future. Delegates from both Bangladesh and Nepal shared their personal reflections, emphasizing how the camp had given them not only technical knowledge but also meaningful friendships and networks.

> *"The International Climate Camp 2025 has demonstrated how academia, government, and youth can come together to generate practical solutions to the climate crisis."*
> *-**Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman**, Vice Chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh*

The Embassy's warm hospitality underlined Bangladesh's active role in promoting regional climate diplomacy and youth empowerment in South Asia.

The reception at the Embassy of Bangladesh stood as a symbolic closing note to the International Climate Camp 2025, reaffirming that climate action must go beyond discussions to forge lasting partnerships for a sustainable future.




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Daughter of the Himalayas: A Few Days in Nepal

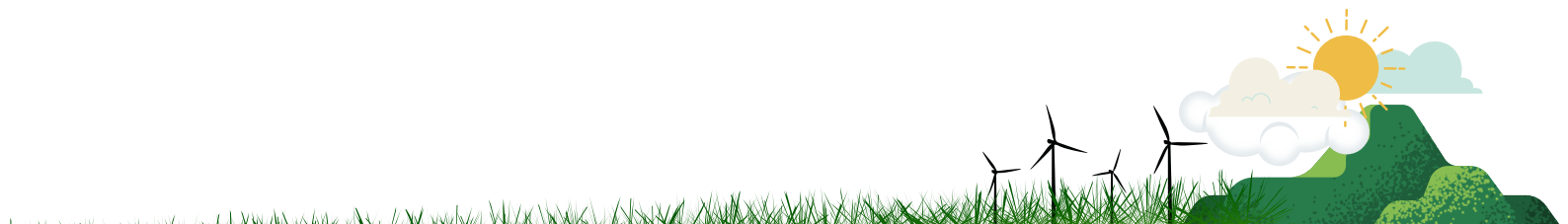
The International Climate Camp 2025 was held in a village in Nagarkot, Nepal, from 4th to 8th July. I, along with a colleague from the Climate Change Program at BRAC, participated in the event.

On 26th June 2025, the Bangladesh Tourism Board organized an inaugural event where I learned that participants from Bangladesh would include university professors, students, and officials from various government and private organizations. Accompanying us were eminent Bangladeshi climate experts such as Dr. Ainun Nishat, AKM Sohel (Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh), among others.

In the drizzling rain, we arrived at Tribhuvan Airport, Nepal, around 6 PM. The Nepalese team welcomed us with the traditional "Khada." To quickly connect with my six-year-old son, I bought some Nepalese rupees and a SIM card at the airport. I called home from the bus to the hotel, which lifted my spirits after talking to him. On our way, we passed by local shops and finally reached the hotel. In Nepal, people wake up early and businesses, except for a few bars and food stalls, close after 8 PM. Upon arrival, we joined an inaugural session attended by faculty from Tribhuvan and Kathmandu Universities. Dr. Nishat provided guidance for the four-day program. During dinner, I got acquainted with other participants.

The next morning, we left early for Tribhuvan University, where experts from ICIMOD were also present. They informed us about the impacts of climate change across various sectors in Nepal and shared ongoing mitigation initiatives. A panel discussion on "Regional Unity and Cooperation for a Climate-Secure Future" took place. Later, at Kathmandu University, we learned about Nepal's hydroelectric power development. I participated as an aquaculture expert in another panel discussion on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in a Changing Climate, emphasizing system resilience.

In today's global climate crisis, food security and sustainable water management are among the most critical challenges for human development. These elements are deeply interconnected, and pressure in one sector impacts the others. Achieving a sustainable and just future requires maintaining this balance. In climate-sensitive countries like Bangladesh, droughts, floods, salinity, and irregular rainfall reduce crop and fish production, while energy shortages strain industries and transportation, and clean water scarcity threatens public health and livelihoods. Through vibrant discussions, all participants agreed that coordinated water and food management, community-centered solutions, and science-based approaches are essential for building an inclusive climate adaptation framework, securing a safe and stable planet for future generations.



Later, a discussion on environmental pollution was conducted, ending the day's program. We captured photos at various scenic spots of Kathmandu University before heading to Nagarkot. There, we enjoyed sunrise views on the mountains and participated in afternoon sessions. We visited local villages, learned about the residents' lifestyles, and planted flowers in a community garden. Singing and meditation added to the memorable experience. Exhausted, we returned to the hotel in the evening.

The next morning during breakfast, Prof. Kamruzzaman of Stamford University surprised everyone by announcing a brief chance to see Mount Everest. Everyone rushed to witness the view and took photos. Afterward, participants were divided into five groups to present climate-related initiatives from Nepal and Bangladesh. The judging panel included Dr. Ainun Nishat (BRAC University) and AKM Sohel (ERD).

Returning from Nagarkot was bittersweet; no one wanted to leave such a beautiful environment. Many participants expressed the hope to meet again. Back in Kathmandu, the closing ceremony was attended by the former Prime Minister of Nepal, where we also enjoyed traditional Nepalese cultural performances. The next morning, we visited the stupas and temples of Nepal, often referred to as the "City of Temples," which left everyone awestruck. Monkeys roamed the area, and some participants fed them before we prepared to leave.

Before heading to the airport, we visited the Bangladesh Embassy in Nepal and were warmly hosted. After a quick lunch, we departed for the airport. As our flight took off, I looked out the window with a bittersweet feeling, bidding farewell to the Daughter of the Himalayas. Witnessing the glaciers melting due to rising temperatures, I realized that floods may become a constant companion for Nepal. Throughout the event, Mission Green Bangladesh emphasized the importance of interregional cooperation among Southern countries to tackle climate change. On the flight back, I watched news of heatwaves in Europe and severe floods in the United States, which reminded me that nature has already begun showing its alarming effects of climate change.

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