

HUC Members' Day in Bangladesh

Chittagong University

2-3 June 2024

Proposed agenda

Saturday 1 June 2024

Time	Programme
	Arrival in Chittagong

Sunday 2 June 2024

Chairperson: **Prof. Dr. Md Rezaur Rahman**, BUET, HUC Steering Committee Member representing Bangladesh

All timings are in Bangladesh Standard Time (BST).

Time	Programme
8:45	Bus departing from hotel for venue
9:30	Registration
10:00–10:15	Inauguration & Charter Signing Ceremony Moderator: Prof. Dr. Aktar Hossain , Director, Institute of Forestry, University of Chittagong <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome Remarks, Prof. Dr. Md. Abu Taher, Honorable Vice Chancellor, University of ChittagongOpening Remarks and Welcoming New Member, Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaur Rahman, BUET, Honorable Member, HUC Steering CommitteeCharter Signing Ceremony – Prof. Dr. Raquib Ahmed, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Far Eastern International University signs the HUC Charter <i>Group photo</i>
10:15–11:00	Plenary Session 1. High-Level Panel – University Leadership in Research and Capacity Building for Sustainable Development Host: Dr. Chi Huyen (Shachi) Truong , HUC Secretariat Lead Rapporteurs: Kishwar Jahan Chowdhury and Israt Jahan Shonom , University of Chittagong
	An Overview about the Himalayan University Consortium and HUC in Bangladesh – Dr. Shachi Truong , HUC Secretariat Lead, and Associate Prof Dr. Sara Nowreen , IWFM-BUET

	<p>A high level panel of Vice Chancellors, Pro-Vice Chancellors, and Deans deliberating on the leading roles and responsibilities of higher education institutions in research and capacity building for sustainable development.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Raquib Ahmed, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Fareast International University • Prof. Dr. Md. Nurul Islam, Honorable Vice Chancellor (In Charge), Bandarban University • Prof. Dr. Benu Kumar Dey, Honorable Pro Vice Chancellor Academic, University of Chittagong • Prof. Dr. Mohammed Nasim Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Chittagong <p>There will be two rounds of questions. For each question, each distinguished panelist will give 3 3-minute answer.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>
11:30–12:30	<p>Plenary Session 2. Scientific Cooperation and Educational Collaboration amongst Higher Education Institutions in the Hindu Kush Himalayan Region</p> <p>Host: Ms. Mona Sharma, Communication Officer, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Kishwar Jahan Chowdhury and Israt Jahan Shonom, University of Chittagong</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Phanchung, Bhutan Himalayan Research Initiatives, the First ICIMOD Mountain Chair (2017-2019). • Dr. Chubbamenla Jamir, Climate Studies and Knowledge Solutions Centre, Department of Science and Technology, Government of Nagaland India • Associate Prof. Dr. Sara Nowreen, Institute of Water and Flood Management, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology • Prof. Dr. Aktar Hossain, Director, Institute of Forestry, University of Chittagong <p>There will be three rounds of questions. For each question, each panelist will give 3-4 minute answer.</p>
12:30–14:00	Lunch break
14:00–15:30	<p>Knowledge Café: What HEIs in Bangladesh can offer to the HKH region?</p> <p>Participants will form three groups to rotate across three roundtables. Each group will spend 20 minutes at a table before moving to the next. Three roundtable hosts will provide a short summary of key learnings.</p> <p>Roundtable 1. Identifying thematic areas for collaboration. Host: Dr. Atiqur Rahman</p> <p>Roundtable 2. Identifying modalities for collaboration. Host: Dr. Chubbamenla Jamir</p> <p>Roundtable 3. Identifying resources for collaboration. Host: Dr. Sara Nowreen</p> <p><i>Tea/coffee will be served during the Knowledge Café</i></p>

15:30-16:30	<p>Plenary Session 3. Experience Sharing by HUC Fellows and Affiliates</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Phanchung, Bhutan Himalayan Research Initiatives Rapporteurs: Kishwar Jahan Chowdhury and Israt Jahan Shonom, University of Chittagong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Atiqur Rahman, University of Chittagong • Professor Dr Amir Mohammad Nasrullah, University of Chittagong • Associate Professor Dr. Sara Nowreen, IWFM BUET • Ms. Nusrat Jahan Nimila, University of Dhaka
16:30-17:00	<p>Summary - Prof. Dr. Aktar Hossain, Director, Institute of Forestry, University of Chittagong</p> <p>Votes of thanks – Mona Sharma, Communication Officer, ICIMOD</p> <p>Closing Remarks – Prof. Dr. Md. Rezaur Rahman, Honorable Member, HUC Steering Committee</p> <p>Depart for Reception Dinner Venue</p>
18:00-20:00	<p>Reception Dinner</p> <p>Return to hotel</p>

Monday 3 June 2024

Time	Programme
08:30 sharp	Bus departing for venue
09:00-10:00	<p>A campus tour of the University of Chittagong</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Tasnima Dilshad</p>
10:00-10:30	Tea break
10:30-12:00noon	<p>Plenary Session 4. Knowledge Sharing by Participants</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Shachi Truong</p> <p>Participants from the University of Chittagong and other universities present on their research and discuss the potential to join HUC existing and form HUC's new Thematic and Cross-Cutting Working Groups.</p>
12:00-13:30	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>End of the Meetings</p>