

Call for Papers for the 9th International Water Conference 2024 'Water, Rivers, and Climate Change: Creating Space for Resilience'

As a pioneer in promoting water justice for people and indigenous rights to rivers, ActionAid Bangladesh is organising the **9th International Water Conference 2023** titled 'Water, Rivers, and Climate Change: Creating Space for Resilience', that will take place in January 2024, and builds upon the past 8 number of International Water Conferences that have been organised since 2016.

Dates: 24-25 January 2024

Modality: Hybrid; in-person in Bangladesh with online joining options

Background

The country's complex and fundamental relationship with water streams provides ActionAid Bangladesh with a uniquely comprehensive understanding of the matter, which leads to recognise the importance of focusing this year's conference's discourse on **creating spaces for resilience against the negative effects of climate change. Challenges and solutions** related to this topic are not, in fact, limited to the national or regional contexts, but extend to all over the world. It is, therefore, by scaling up the reach of these conversations that ActionAid Bangladesh wishes to **engage regionally and internationally, exploring a diverse range of topics and involving diverse voices**. ActionAid Bangladesh aims to lead this conversation by providing a platform through the International Water Conference for youth, researchers, academicians, water practitioners, and river experts to identify and spread breakthrough ideas critical to addressing water-related concerns.

Therefore, ActionAid Bangladesh is opening its **call for papers** for the 9th International Water Conference. Participants can contribute with research papers and innovative ideas, that fit within one of the broader themes, which can be found here below, along with the submission link.

Themes of the Conference

1. Understanding and assessing water-related climate risks and vulnerabilities:

- Gather data on water-related climate risks, such as extreme climate events and sea levels rise
- Understand vulnerabilities and assess risks related to negative climate change impacts, such as disrupted water supplies, damaged infrastructure and waterborne diseases

2. Building resilience in water management and river basin planning

- Research on the economic and social importance of building resilience in water management and river basin planning
- Include and confront challenges and benefits related to the protection and restoration of natural ecosystems in different contexts, ensuring equity and accessibility

3. Water cooperation and river governance

- Research on water cooperation and river governance at all levels: global, regional, transboundary, national and local
- Explore existing case studies that link among water cooperation, climate action, and progressive sustainable development
- Engage with topics such as poverty, food insecurity, healthy livelihoods and ecosystems, resilience to climate change, disaster risk reduction, renewable energy, and regional integration and peace

4. Space for resilience in water infrastructure and ecosystems: A key to climate adaptation

- Ways to create spaces for resilience in water infrastructure and ecosystems as a key to climate adaptation
- Focus on climate and water governance strategies, infrastructure development, and policymaking

5. Water: The source of resilience

- Explore the concept of resilience and its dynamic transitions, from food security, health, mobility, livelihood, music, art, and culture
- Research how resilience is integrated in the context of rural and urban perspectives, water and river governance, and the impacts of climate change on water related adaptation measures as well as sustainability

6. Urban resilience: Building a sustainable future through water and river governance

- Understand how different actors involved, such as civil society partners, states, and corporate entities are adopting resilience policies, risk reduction measures, and partnerships for durable impact on urban and rural resilience, in connection with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

7. Challenges and the way forward in accelerating sustainable action

- Find comprehensive and efficient ways to accessing clean drinking water, through new ideas, retrofitting to the existing infrastructure, low-cost technologies, and community-led innovation.
- Explore sustainable ways to irrigation, water use in industries, supporting biodiversity, protecting the role of water in cultural and religious traditions

Deadline for applications

25 November 2023

Guidelines

Abstract of the research paper

- It should be on research you have conducted that is relevant to any of the above themes
- The file should not be more than 350 Words (max)
- Mention the author's name and affiliation during the submission

Innovative Idea

- The innovative idea proposed should be related to the themes mentioned above
- The idea can be a rough drawing, photo story, mind map, model, poster or anything that represents you and your creativity
- If you submit an illustration, please make sure there is a 100-200 words brief outlining the idea behind it

To Register and Submit the Idea/Abstract

- **Link:**
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4VCTTmbe6EGGn1TPTonGgP1kGNCazlOwluzMS1tTuXswq1w/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4VCTTmbe6EGGn1TPTonGgP1kGNCazlOwluzMS1tTuXswq1w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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