



**Market Development Forum
2nd General Discussion Event – 2009
'Climate Change in Bangladesh, Issues in Agriculture,
Mitigation and the role of Private Sector'**

Day and Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Time: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Organized by: IDE – Bangladesh & Winrock International

Venue: Katalyst Conference Room

Climate change is a real concern globally and especially for Bangladesh. Bangladesh is expected to see significant climate induced impacts. Most of those impacts will be on agriculture. Though today's agriculture is a complex and highly evolved sector, it is still directly dependent on climate, since temperature, sunlight and sunshine hours, and water including rainfall are the main drivers of crop growth.

Some aspects of climate change such as multiple growing seasons and warmer temperatures may bring benefits to some crops but major crops will be affected adversely. There are expected to be a range of adverse impacts due to erratic behavior of rainfall, reduced water availability and possibly more frequent extreme weather. These impacts may put agricultural activities at significant risk.

The objective of the discussion event is to understand the adverse/positive effect of climate change in Bangladesh for agriculture through sharing experiences and learning by the members of MDF. The potential role of the private and public sectors are in reducing these impacts.

The main speaker will be Mr. M. Alam from BCAS. BCAS has been the leading science based environmental organization pursuing a climate agenda both nationally and internationally.

Program of the day

3.00 – 3.10 pm	Introductions and Objective of the day	Mr. W. J. Collis & Dr. P.K. Barua
3.10 – 3.50 pm	Presentation from BCAS	Mr. Mazharul Alam
3.30 – 4.50 pm	Discussions	All
4.50 – 5.00 pm	Closing Remarks	Mr. W. J. Collis & Dr. P.K. Barua

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Intended Outcome: Further activities through MDF on this topic may also be carried on based on the decisions taken by the members in the discussion event.

Participants: Representatives of BCAS and MDF members.

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