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December 13 – 14, 2025

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INTRODUCTION

Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA), a civic platform against environmental degradation and climate change, is initiating the holding of the 3rd Climate Justice Assembly (CJA2025) in Dhaka, on December 13-14, 2025. Along with DHORA, various national and regional/global organizations serve as co-organizers of the event, and a 94-member Assembly Convening Committee (ACC) and 10 Working Groups were likewise formed to prepare for and ensure successful outcomes of the CJA2025.

This Assembly aims to once again bring together leaders and representatives of more than 30 of Bangladesh's climate-affected communities to a discussion with national and regional/global Climate Justice movement leaders and progressive policymakers to take stock of issues and move forward with the "People's Urgent Demands". The People's Urgent Demands" was the key outcomes from the previous Assemblies that started in 2023 (CJA 2023 and CJA 2024).

One of the key highlights of the Day-1 and Day 2 of the CJA 2025 will be coming out of a "People's Urgent Demands" that aligns with the call for a Just and Equitable Transition for people and communities for immediate campaign at the national, regional and global platforms and arenas. Along with 23 inspirational speakers from countries, around 1,500 participants from communities and representatives of fishers, farmers, workers, women, indigenous peoples, and youths, and national CSOs will closely work together to meet this end.

ASSEMBLY STRUCTURE & COMPOSITION

THE ASSEMBLY ORGANIZER: Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA).

NATIONAL COORGANIZERS: Brighters, Center for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD), COAST Foundation, Center for Renewable Energy Services Limited (CRESL), Mission Green Bangladesh, OAB Foundation and Waterkeepers Bangladesh.

REGIONAL / GLOBAL CO-ORGANIZERS: Asian Peoples Movement for Debt and Development (APMDD), Alternative Law Collective, Artist Network, CWT, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, Fossil Free Japan, Green Camel Bell, JACSES, LDC Watch, mines, minerals & People, Netzwerk, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice, Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development, and RiverFox Environmental.

ASSEMBLY CONVENING COMMITTEE (ACC): A 94-member Assembly Convening Committee (ACC) headed by Dr. Muzibur Rahman Howlader as Convener, Mohammad Shahjahan Siddiqui as Co-convener and Sharif Jamil as the Member Secretary has been working on organizing the assembly. Ten Working Groups 1. Program and Session Planning, 2. IT, Online Support, Logistics and Documentation, 3. Registration and Communication, 4. Media and Publicity, 5. Transportation and Accommodation, 6. Food and Entertainment, 7. Strategy and Declaration, 8. Volunteer and Security Coordination, 9. Regional and Global Coordination, 10. Finance and Accounts have been working under the ACC to organize the assembly.

SECRETARIAT: The ACC is working for the information exchange and communication, sends out invitations, and prepares for organizing the Assembly. It will comprise volunteers from the Organizers, National Co-Organizers, and Regional/Global Co-organizers. Secretariat of Waterkeepers Bangladesh (House 159, Road 06, Block Ka, PISCI Culture Housing Society, Mohammadpur Dhaka-1207) is voluntarily serve as the Assembly Secretariat temporarily.

AGENDA & PROGRAM (Tentative)

(Day 1) December 13, 2025; Saturday

Auditorium

| Time | Program Flow & Agenda |
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| 7:00 - 8:30 AM | Arrival & Registration |
| 8:30 - 9:30 AM | Climate Rally (Starting from SNAU Campus the rally will be back to the venue after circling the main road around the Planning Ministry) |
| 9:30 – 10:00 AM | Inauguration of the Assembly |
| | National Anthem |
| | Flying Pigeons and Declaration of the Inauguration: Sharmeen Murshid, Adviser for the Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Women and Children, Interim Government of Bangladesh |
| 10:00 -11:00 AM | OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY |
| 10:00 -10:05 AM | Welcome Speech: Sanjeeb Drong, General Secretary, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum (BIPF) and Member, DHORA |
| 10.05-10.20 AM | Keynote Address: Lidy Nacpil, Coordinator, Asian Peoples’ Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD) and Convener, Asian Energy Network (AEN) |
| 10.20 -10.25 AM | Reflection on the Keynote: Asad Rehman, Chief Executive, Friends of the Earth (FoE), UK |
| 10.25 -10.35 AM | Solidarity Speech: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashish Damle, Country Director, Oxfam in BangladeshCynan Houghton, Deputy Regional Program Director, Tara Climate Foundation |
| 10.35-10.45 AM | Speech of the Inaugurator: Sharmeen Murshid, Adviser for the Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Women and Children, Interim Government of Bangladesh |
| 10.45-10.55 AM | Speech of the Chief Guest: Farida Akhter, Adviser for the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Interim Government of Bangladesh |
| 10.55-11.00 AM | Speech of the Chair of the Session: Muzibur Rahman Howlader, Convener, Assembly Convening Committee (ACC), CJA 2025 and Former Chairman, National River Conservation Commission (NRCC) |
| Moderator: Sharif Jamil, Member Secretary, ACC, CJA 2025 and Member Secretary, DHORA | |
| 11:00 -11:30 AM | BREAK |

11:30 - 1:00 PM: PLENARY-1: Climate Catastrophe and Transition Reality in the Development

Perspectives (জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন ও উন্নয়ন ভাবনায় রূপান্তরের বাস্তবতা)

Chief Guest:

Abu Tahir Muhammad Zaber, The Secretary, The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Chair and Moderator:

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Executive Director, COAST Foundation

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| 11.30-11.40 AM | <p><u>Impacts on Livelihoods in the Coast of the Bay of Bengal in Bangladesh:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Aquatic Recourses and Fishers:</i> Mushfiq Arif, Member Secretary, DHORA Barguna• <i>Salt Beds & Salt Farmers:</i> Faridul Islam Shahin, Co-convener, DHORA Cox's Bazar• <i>Agricultural Fields and Farmers:</i> Mejbahuddin Mannu, Coordinator, DHORA Kalapara |
| 11.40 -11.50 AM | <p><u>Impacts on Environment and Biodiversity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Sundarbans World Heritage Site:</i> Md. Noor Alam Sk, Coordinator, Sundarban Rokhhay Amra and Pashur River Waterkeeper• <i>Haor Area:</i> Tofazzal Sohel, Coordinator, Haor Rokhhay Amra and Khowai River Waterkeeper• <i>Marine Environment & Biodiversity:</i> Fazlul Kader Chowdhury, Convener, DHORA Cox's Bazar• <i>Unplanned Industrialization and Environmental Degradation:</i> Abdul Karim Kim, Member Secretary, DHORA Sylhet |
| 11.50-12.00 PM | <p><u>Impacts on Endangered Ecosystems:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Barind Tract:</i> Afjal Hossain, Coordinator, Borendra Rokhhay Amra• <i>Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary:</i> Sanjida Rahman, Coordinator, Chunati Rokhhay Amra• <i>Khasi Indigenous Environment:</i> Helena Hiramon Talang, Member, KUBORAJ Inter-Punji Development Association• <i>Chalan Beel:</i> Jahangir Alam, Chalan Beel Rokhhay Amra |
| 12.00-12.15 PM | <p>Designated Discussant:</p> <p>COP30: Political Backsliding from Climate Justice Perspective? <i>Md Shamsuddoha</i>, Chief Executive, Center for Policy Research and Development (CPRD)</p> <p>Role of Youths in Climate Justice Movement Saidur Rahman Siam Founder and Director, Brighters</p> |

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| 12.15-12.40 PM | <p>Special Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shrimali Ashok Bipinbhai</i>, Secretary General, mines, minerals and People (mmP), India • <i>Muhammad AbdurRafe</i>, Program Manager, Alternative Law Collective, Pakistan and Member, Alliance for Climate Justice and Clean Energy, Pakistan • <i>Ian Rivera</i>, National Coordinator, Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PM CJ), The Philippines • <i>Harjeet Singh</i>, Strategic Advisor, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, India • <i>Makiko Arima</i>, Japan Finance Campaigner, Oil Change International and Fossil-Free Japan (FFJ), Japan |
| 12.40-12.50 PM | Open Discussion |
| 12.50-01.00 PM | <p>Chief Guest: <i>Abu Tahir Muhammad Zaber</i>, The Secretary, The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Chair and Moderator: <i>Rezaul Karim Chowdhury</i>, Executive Director at COAST Foundation</p> |
| | <p>Organizer: Ahsan Rony, Executive Director, Mission Green Bangladesh</p> |
| 1:00 - 2:00 PM | LUNCH BREAK |
| <p>2:00 - 3:15 PM: PLENARY-2: Socio-economic Aspects of Climate Change and Energy Transition (জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন ও জ্বালানি রূপান্তরের আর্থ-সামাজিক বাস্তবতা)</p> <p>Chief Guest: Jalal Ahmed, Chairman, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC)</p> <p>Chair and Moderator: Shaheen Anam, Executive Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation</p> | |
| 2.00-2.20 PM | <p>Designated Discussant: Role of Climate Finance in Social and Economic Transition Shuborna Barua, Professor of Finance, Department of International Business, University of Dhaka</p> <p>Prospects of RE Expansion on Lives and Livelihoods Md. Shahriar Ahmed Chowdhury, Chairman, Center for Renewable Energy Services Ltd. (CRESL) and Founding Director, Centre for Energy Research, United International University</p> |
| 2.20-2.50 PM | <p>Special Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana Mae Dolleton, Manager, Debt Justice Program, The Philippines • Munira Chowdhury, Director, Asia Energy Transition, Market Forces, Australia • Wanun Permpibul, Executive Director, Climate Watch, Thailand • Zhao Zhong, Founder and Director, Green Camel Bell, China • Mohammad Badar Alam, Chief Executive Officer, Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED), Islamabad, Pakistan |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dieter Reinhardt, Senior Researcher, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, <i>Universität Heidelberg</i>, Germany |
| 2.50-3.00 PM | Open Discussion |
| 3.00-3.15 PM | <p>Chief Guest: Jalal Ahmed, Chairman, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC)</p> <p>Chair and Moderator: Shaheen Anam, Executive Director, Manusher Jonno Foundation</p> |
| | Organizer: Monir Hossain Chowdhury, Executive Director, ERDA |
| <p>3.15 – 4.30 PM: PLENARY-3: Inclusion and Governance in the Transition Realities (রূপান্তর বাস্তবতায় প্রক্রিয়ায় অন্তর্ভুক্তি ও সুশাসন)</p> <p>Chief Guest Professor Anu Muhammad, Former Professor, Jahangirnagar University</p> <p>Chair and Moderator M S Siddiqui, Co-Convenor of Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA)</p> | |
| 3.15 – 3.35 PM | <p>Designated Discussant</p> <p>Transparency and Accountability of Development Plans and Projects Sharif Jamil Member Secretary, DHORA and Coordinator, Waterkeepers Bangladesh</p> <p>How Clean is Clean Energy? A Review of the IEPMP Shakila Aziz, Managing Director, Center for Renewable Energy Services Ltd. (CRESL) and Associate Professor, School of Business and Economics, United International University</p> |
| 3.35 – 4.05 PM | <p>Special Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Marie Lisenby, CEO, Riverfox Environmental, USA Yuki Tanabe, Program Director, JACSES, Japan Hao Xin, President, Zhejiang Provincial Federation for Science Popularization, China Amalen Sathananthar, Founder, Artist Network-Malaysia, Malaysia Arjun Karki, Global Coordinator, LDC Watch, Nepal Rishika Pardikar, Journalist, India |
| 4.05 – 4.15 PM | Open discussion |
| 4.15-4.30 PM | <p>Chief Guest Anu Muhammad, Former Professor, Jahangirnagar University</p> <p>Chair and Moderator M S Siddiqui, Co-Convenor of Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA)</p> |

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| | Organizer: Asaduzzaman Tohin, Founder & President, OAB Foundation |
| | Introducing the Co-organizers, Working Groups & Photo Session Tea and Departure |

(Day 2) December 14, 2025; Sunday

Seminar Room

| Time | Program Flow & Agenda |
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| 10.00-10.30 AM | <p>Presentation of the Synthesis of Peoples' Issues & Demands</p> <p>OPEN FORUM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malou Tabios Nuera, Senior Program Officer (Energy Transformation), APMDD Arafat Zubair, Member, Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA) |
| 10.30-11.30 AM | <p>3 Breakout Groups to discuss the following 3 thematic areas: (60 Minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Catastrophe and Transition Reality in the Development Perspectives (জলবায়ু পরিবর্তন ও উন্নয়ন ভাবনায় রূপান্তরের বাস্তবতা) Socio-economic Aspect of Climate Change (জলবায়ু পরিবর্তনের আর্থ-সামাজিক বাস্তবতা) Inclusion and Governance in the Transition Realities (রূপান্তর বাস্তবতায় প্রক্রিয়ায় অন্তর্ভুক্তি ও সুশাসন) <p>Group Facilitators:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Foysal Ahmed, Editor, River Bangla Mir Mohammad Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Aquaculture, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University Ziaur Rahman, Coordinator, Jamuna Rokhhay Amra <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Peoples' Urgent Demands</i> <i>Identifying Strategies, Actions and Arenas of Engagements (national, regional, global)</i> |
| 11.30-12.00 PM | BREAK |
| 12.00-1:30 PM | <p>Presentation of the group works: 45 Minutes (3 facilitators)</p> <p>Comments on the Presentations: 45 Minutes (open)</p> |
| 1.30-2:30 PM | LUNCH BREAK |
| 2.30-4.00 PM | <p>Preparation on the draft declaration of CJA 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shibayan Raha, Partnership Coordinator, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, India Assad Hussain, Manager (Communications), Policy Research Institute for Equitable Development (PRIED), Islamabad, Pakistan Md. Ikbal Faruk, Head of Research and Implementation, Waterkeepers Bangladesh |

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| 4.00-5.00 PM | <p><u>Climate Justice Declaration 2025 and Meet the Press: (Auditorium)</u></p> <p>Presentation of the DRAFT ASSEMBLY DECLARATION and Moderation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharif Jamil, Member Secretary ACC, CJA 2025 and Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA) • Malou Tabios Nuera, Senior Program Officer (Energy Transformation), APMDD • Arafat Zubair, Member, Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA) <p>Reflections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Md. Shamsuddoha, Chief Executive, Center for Policy Research and Development (CPRD) • Mohammad Jahirul Haque, VC Metropolitan University • M S Siddiqui, Co-Convenor of Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra (DHORA) • Harjeet Singh, Strategic Advisor, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative • Lidy Nacpil, Coordinator, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD) and Convener, Asian Energy Network (AEN) <p>Chair of the Session: Muzibur Rahman Howlader, Convener, Assembly Convening Committee (ACC), CJA 2025</p> <p>Closing of the Assembly</p> |
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Assembly Convening Committee (ACC)

Convener: Muzibur Rahman Howlader

Co-Convener: M S Siddiqui

Member Secretary: Sharif Jamil

Members:

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