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The Adviser made these remarks while speaking at a meeting held today at the Ministry with ADB officials regarding the Bangladesh Climate Development Partnership (BCDP) and the development of its official website.

Highlighting that Bangladesh is among the most climate-vulnerable countries, she underscored the need for stronger collaboration in financing, capacity building, and technology transfer. Our development goals must go hand in hand with environmental protection and climate adaptation. Without a joint approach, the risks will outweigh the progress, she said. She also suggested incorporating Bangladesh's mitigation and adaptation activities into the BCDP Website.

Wednesday the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) hosted the "Workshop on Developing Detailed Work Plans for BCDP Working Groups" at the Intercontinental Hotel, Dhaka. During the workshop, members of the four BCDP Working Groups prepared their respective work plans.

The event was chaired by Mohammad Navid Shafiullah, Additional Secretary (Climate Change), MoEFCC. Closing remarks were

delivered by A.K.M. Sohel, Wing Chief, United Nations Wing, ERD, Ministry of Finance. Mousumi Pervin, Senior Climate Change Officer, ADB, presented the overall BCDP structure and progress, while Dharitri Kumar Sarker, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC, facilitated the working session.

A total of 25 participants attended the workshop, representing various ministries and divisions including MoEFCC, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, as well as the Asian Development Bank (ADB)