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**Task Force on Climate Displaced must delivered an appropriate frame work under WIM**

**CSOs and Human Rights Activist urged for Stronger Global Action to Ensure Rights & Dignity for Climate Displaced People**

Today November 08 2017, in CoP 23 Global Climate Negotiation in Bonn, CSOs (Civil Society Organizations), Development agencies, Rights Activist have meet a dialogue in CoP 23 side event programs and demand stronger action to ensure rights and dignity for climate induced displaced people and cross border migration. They also expect that the newly formed “Task Force for Displacement” will play their role to design appropriate framework to address the climate displacement issue.

The seminar has jointly organize by COAST Trust Bangladesh, OXFAM International and NRC (Norwegian Refugee Council) and held following the title “Uprooted by Climate change: Responding to the growing risk of displacement” at the meeting room 07 in Bon global climate conference, where CSOs, International & national level development agencies and rights activist form different countries have participated. The dialogue is moderated by Mr. Atle Solberg of PDD (Platform of Disaster Displacement) and OXFAM international has presented a briefing paper on climate displacement issues. Among others Mrs. Nina Birkeland (Advisor, NRC), Aminul Hoque from EquityBD and Jahangir Hossen Masum from CDP, Bangladesh spoke in the dialogue.

Presenting the briefing paper on Displacement, Mr. Simon said that, during the period of 2008-16 more than 24 million people displaced from lower income countries and 0.8 million from developed countries. This is happened due to changing the climate that increased devastative sudden onset event like hurricane in USA as well as slow onset events like sea level rise, drought in mostly south Asia and African countries. He made the example showing case of Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Kiribati and recommended for stronger action towards ending global climate pollution, supporting resilient communities, ensuring rights for people on the move, and developing long-term strategies to ensure those who are forced to move in future are able to do so safely and with dignity.

Mr. Aminul Hoque said that Bangladesh has been experiencing average 1.2 million internal displacement yearly and last six month in 2017, at least 0.8 million people have been displaced internally where around 10-15% of this displaced are unable to back their home due to damage the habitat permanently. Apart, increasing climatic impact fall our government in financial deficit in long term and undermine the capacity to enhance the necessary development program. So properly addressing the issue global cooperation needed with both humanitarian and financial support ensure.

Mrs Nina Birkeland (NRC) said that the newly formed Task Force on disaster displacement has mandate to develop an approach that minimize and address the displacement. Regarding the issue, Task Force will assess the knowledge on slow onset events, provide an overview on data source and develop a common methodology that will work properly.

Moderating the dialogue, Mr. Atle Solberg said that PDD has been working with government to ensure and protect the rights of climate displacement internally and cross border migration. Apart in 2018, negotiation will take place on finalizing the Global Compact on Refugee where we have to influence and peruse to the global discourse to address the climate displacement issue.

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