

'Climate change talks lack transparency'

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The speakers at a seminar on COP 23 jointly organized by Coast Trust, EquityBD and 10 other CSOs at National Press Club yesterday said that Bangladesh government's country position negotiation strategy document to be presented at the upcoming climate change conference negotiation was not transparent.

Chief of BCAS, Dr Atiq Rahman, Director General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rasheduzzaman, President of Forum of Environmental Journalists Bangladesh (FEJB) Quamrul Islam Chowdhury and chief of Coast Trust Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, spoke at the seminar. Chief of EquityBD, Syed Aminul Haque read out the keynote paper. The allegation labeled against the

Ministry of Environment and Forest, the lead agency to negotiate at the conference in Bonn its unwillingness to share with the civil society, media and other stakeholders the country position paper.

The speakers said the Bangladesh position in climate change negotiation strategy is frustrating, hopeless and marked by utter failure to speak up at

the change negotiation stage. Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, who chaired a seminar and is also the official negotiator of climate change said climate refugees caused from displacement from sea-level rise, specially in the low-lying and island nations, will be a major issue in the negotiation.

He said it is unfortunate that Bangladesh has not
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