



A short Biography
of
A. Atiq Rahman

Dr A. Atiq Rahman is the Executive Director of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) and a Lead Author of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) Chapter-19 on “Assessing Key Vulnerabilities and the Risk from Climate Change”. He played a leading role in UNCED, Rio, 1992, Intergovernmental Negotiations on Climate Change (INC) session and all the Conferences of Parties and Climate Summits in Kyoto, 1997 leading to Kyoto Protocol.

He was also a lead author of the IPCC Third Assessment Report and IPCC Special Report on Technology Transfer and cross cutting paper on “Development, Equity and Sustainability”.

He was a lead author of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, which received Nobel Peace Prize and the Award has been endorsed by the IPCC to lead authors to share the magnitude of the award with them.

For his “outstanding and inspirational leadership in the field of environment” The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has honoured Dr A. Atiq Rahman with “Champion of the Earth,” the highest UN award on environment. He has been conferred the award in a ceremony hosted by UNEP in Singapore on 22 April 2008. He has been given this award for the Asia Pacific region.

Dr. Rahman is a Visiting Professor of International Diplomacy and Sustainable Development at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston, USA. He is the Chairman of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA). He is also the Chairperson of Coalition of Environmental NGOs in Bangladesh. Presently, he is engaged in exploring the global-local linkages and mega-processes such as global equity and poverty issue, climate change, bio-diversity, institutions and capacity building and global scenarios. He was the Team Leader of National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA) Synthesis Group, Government of Bangladesh.

He was born in Bangladesh in 1950. He was trained as a chemist with early education in B.Sc Hons. and M.Sc from Dhaka University. He was awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship 1974 and completed his Ph.D on solid state chemistry and low energy processes from Brunel University, London, UK in 1977. For fourteen years (1974 - 1988) he taught and researched in the Universities of Oxford and Aberdeen in UK and Haute Alsace in France. During his scientific career in Europe he was awarded (a) the “Thermal Methods Group Award” in 1984 by the Royal Society of Chemistry and (b) “Sir Eric Rideal Award” in 1985 by the Society of Chemical Industries, London (c) Royal Society, London gave the award for lecturing on Advanced Ceramics in several Universities in Japan during 1986. He designed, developed and taught a multi-disciplinary postgraduate course on “Sustainable Development Challenges and North South Dialogue” at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, USA.

This year he has also received the ‘**Environment Award 2008**’ from Department of Environment, Government of Bangladesh for his extensive research work at local national and global level; scientific and technological innovation.