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Bangladesh Water Partnership Supported Integrated Water Resources Management Capacity Building, Advocacy, and Awareness Programs in the Year 2021

#### **Capacity Building of Water Professionals**

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Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP), in association with the Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) organized Training of Trainer (ToT) on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) principles and practices for capacity building of water professionals in Bangladesh. The course was designed to help water professionals better understand IWRM principles and practices. The six-day course from 25 to 31 October 2021 was participated by 28 water professionals from different organizations related to water resources management and development. This course was intended to coordinate and integrate the management of water resources between different organizations in a participatory manner in the context of environmental, social, and economic impacts of policy, planning, and monitoring activities. It provided an opportunity to develop the capacity of professionals involved directly or indirectly in the water sector to apply IWRM for policymaking and implementation of projects. The course content included basic IWRM concepts and principles and water resources management initiatives towards IWRM. As part of the course, the ToT participants visited Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) Drainage Improvement Project (Phase-II) on the concluding day. Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) has built 2 pump houses, 3 pumping plants, to be re-excavated 36 khals (drainage channels) and to be constructed 22 bridges and 69 culverts in the project area. The participants observed pump houses and pumping plants and reviewed project benefits and application of IWRM.



Participants visiting Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) project, implemented by BWDB

#### Youth and Gender Capacity Enhancement to Improve Sustainable Water Management, Climate Change Adaptation and Access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Safe Water Management at Durmuria Upazila in Khulna district

BWP supported enhancement of youth and gender capacities in Dumuria Upazila of Khulna district to improve sustainable water management, climate change adaptation and access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in cooperation with local partner named Environment and Population Research Centre (EPRC). The program started in November and ended in December 2021. The primary objective of the program was to build knowledge and enhance awareness of youths focusing gender responsive climate change adaptation. The program involved virtual training session, and essay competition followed by pre and post training surveys for students. Winners of the selected essays were awarded by the school committee. Almost 34 numbers of boys and 93 numbers of girls attended the program from different schools such as Kulatia Girls High school, Kulatia Secondary School, Hazi Danga Khalshi Sajiara and A K High School.





#### **IWRM Workshop for Women Professionals**



Inaugural session of the IWRM workshop for Women Professionals

A one-day workshop was organized by BWP on 4 December 2021 in Dhaka in cooperation with EPRC. The aim of the workshop was to enhance participants' knowledge and understanding of the benefits of integrating gender meaningfully through IWRM practices. About 34 participants from Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO), Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC), Chandradip Development Society (CDS), Association for Social Development of Bangladesh (ASDB), Polli Unnyan Samity (PUS), Barishal Mohila Kolyan Somiti (BMKS), Social Upliftment Voluntary Organization (SUVO), Arjon Foundation in Satkhira, Barishal Social Advancement Society (BASAS), Jagarani Mohila Foundation, Development Organization of the Rural Poor (DORP), Porag Nari Kollyan Songstha and Environment and Climate Change experts and independent consultants participated in the workshop. Ms. Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator of Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) welcomed the participants in the inaugural session. Mr. Moshiur Rahman PEng, President, BWP and Md. Siddigur Rahman, Secretary General, BWP attended the event as a Chief Guest and Guest of Honor. There were four presentations such as LGED case study on Background and Practices of IWRM in local level by Ms. Nayeema N. Naz, Project Director, JMIIP, LGED; Gender Issues and Concerns in IWRM, by Ms. Begum Samsun Nahar; Social and Institutional Conflicts: Role of Stakeholders and Practices of IWRM through People's Participation, by Engr. Nazmun Naher; and WASH & IWRM: Where we are, by Prof. Dr. Bilgis Amin Hogue, Executive President and Director of Research, EPRC. The participants received certificates of completion after the end of the training program.

## Progress and Achievement of Youth and Young Water Professionals Platform of South Asia: Bangladesh Context

Global Water Partnership (GWP) in its Youth Engagement Strategy 2015 and the GWP Strategy 2020-2025 enforces mainstreaming youth in water resources management. Moreover, GWP South Asia (GWP SAS) has conducted diverse youth projects through the Country Water Partnerships (CWPs) to mobilize youth and to build their capacities in water management.

Theobjectives of the Youth and Young Water Professionals Platform (YYPP) of South Asia are:

- 1. To formalize a cohesive and evidence-based youth initiative for educating and collaborating with young people who contribute towards better water management and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 6 across South Asia.
- 2. To mobilize and empower the existing GWP water youth country ambassadors, young water professionals, and wider youth networks in countries.
- 3. To promote and celebrate cross-cultural diversity and strengthen collaboration with other regional youth/youth delegates and other professional bodies and establish more effective public communication of youth activities at all levels.
- 4. To enhance the connection with decision making stakeholders through national governments and multinational organizations

as well as with private sector and entrepreneurial organizations.

5. To contribute to capacity building, knowledge, and innovations in higher education in addressing IWRM and the programmatic areas of GWP.

6. To operationalize the ongoing GWP youth initiatives such as GWP Toolbox, Youth for Water & Climate (YWC), and Water Academy for youth in South Asia in line with the global agenda of Development Partners, such as ADB.

Altogether 14 interns - two at regional level and 12 at country level (two each from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Bhutan and Nepal) will be mobilized as the core group with close coordination of the GWP SAS Secretariat. In this context, youth consultants of Bangladesh successfully arranged two Focus Group Discussions (FGDs). The first FGD was organized at the University of Dhaka on 14 November 2021 with the spontaneous help of the students from different departments. The second FGD supported by Lecturer Farzana Akter, was held at the State University of Bangladesh on 26 November 2021. The discussion identified lack of coordination to manage the river basins as a weakness and transboundary river management as a threat for Bangladesh.





FGD at Dhaka University (left) and State University of Bangladesh (right)





#### Action Plan to Improve IWRM Implementation of SDG Indicator 6.5.1 in Bangladesh

The SDGs comprise 17 global goals and out of these, SDG 6 is especially vital for water-based countries like Bangladesh. The SDG 6 has been phrased as "Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all". The goal has several targets to be achieved at least by 2030. Further, this proposal addresses the SDG target 6.5 and SDG indicator 6.5.1. This indicator tracks the degree of IWRM implementation by assessing the four key components e.g. enabling environment, institution and participation, management instruments and financing. Implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate' is one of the important targets of SDG 6.5, which is tracked by indicator 6.5.1 and 6.5.2. The SDG 6 IWRM Support Program (SDG 6 SP) is built around SDG target 6.5 and specifically its 6.5.1 indicator on the degree of IWRM implementation. The program is designed to advance IWRM as a means of fostering water resources management and improvements which are necessary to address clearly defined priority issues, identified across other SDG targets through strengthened water governance. The SDG 6 SP is primarily a country-based program, designed and implemented by national stakeholders, with an overarching global and regional coordination and support facility. The program comprises several interlinked initiatives to support countries to navigate the following three stages, as included in the IWRM Acceleration Package.

 Stage 1– Identify challenges: Strengthen SDGs integration, national monitoring and reporting frameworks, including the establishment of a baseline for SDG indicator 6.5.1, with a view to identifying critical areas for attention.

- Stage 2– Develop Action Plan: Assist countries in formulating appropriate IWRM responses in the form of Action Plan to water resources management challenges in the context of the SDG baselines and national water resources management priority issues more broadly.
- **Stage 3– Implement solutions:** Support countries in implementing IWRM solutions, in the form of Action Plan, aimed at achieving SDG 6 and other water-related goals.

The main objective of the activity is to develop an IWRM Action Plan for Bangladesh that is complementary to the existing framework for IWRM, under Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Program. These will help the stakeholders to achieve and address the four dimensions of SDG 6.5.1 by preparing a framework. However, to achieve the main objective, some specific objectives are set as follows.

- To identify the roadmap to achieve the way forward from the updated status of SDG 6.5.1 that has been done in 2020 in Bangladesh.
- To ensure in consultation with all the main stakeholders, a robust shared vision to achieve the expected targets of implementing IWRM as encapsulated in the IWRM Action Plan.
- To set an appropriate timeline and roadmap for implementation, clarify roles and responsibilities and identify funding sources for the selected actions of the Action Plan.

## Mapping Transboundary Water Resources Management in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna River Basins

The Ganges- Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) is the transboundary river basins that have a total area of just over 1.7 million km<sup>2</sup>, distributed between India, China, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. The South Asian Regional Water Partnership (RWP) of GWP took the initiative for further strengthening the common transboundary river basin through harnessing potential mutual benefit sharing opportunities such as navigation routes, hydroelectricity generation, flood management etc. This primarily focused on potential initiatives for enhanced common river management on a basin scale in respect of past initiatives. This enabled the

simultaneous assessment of "where we stand" in terms of current modes and practices in effect in devising the "where we want to be" in the future. In this context a stocktaking report on the Ganges and Brahmaputra Basin, were jointly produced by GWP Bangladesh, GWP India and GWP Nepal. Each analysis report contributed to clarify overall situation analysis of transboundary water governance within Ganges-Brahmaputra basin in South Asia, and to identify GWP South Asia's entry points for GBM river basin management. The report will be documented in 2022 with the cooperation of BWP's technical partner named CEGIS.

#### **Regional Programs**

# 27<sup>th</sup> Regional Council Meeting

The 27th Regional Council (RC) meeting commenced at 12.00 pm (BST) on 25 November 2021. Due to pandemic, the meeting had to be conducted online similarly to last year. The meeting was presided over by the GWP SAS Regional Chair Dr. Nilufa Islam. The Network Specialist for South Asia, Laurent-Charles, new Regional Chair Ms. Kusum Athukorala, all the RC members, including the newly introduced member from Nepal Dr. Krishna Poudal, CWP Chairs, Country Coordinators and Secretariat Staff for the 27th GWP SAS Regional Council Meeting 2021were present. **The Minutes of the 26th RC Meeting** were circulated and there were no comments from the RC. Lal Induruwage, Regional

Coordinator, GWP SAS discussed about the **Financial and Audit Reports 2020**, RC Meeting 2020 follow-ups, and regional financial progress for 2021. He concluded his presentation by giving a brief overview of the Country portfolios. Ms. Athukorala from Sri Lanka was selected as an RC chair by the Steering Committee according to rotation from January 2022 for the next three-year term. The thematic focus of the 2022 workplan included IWRM, mobilizing Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships (MSP), SDG Support program, transboundary, youth and gender empowerment, private sector engagement, governance, and capacity building. The budget for 2022 under CORE for GWP SAS was Euro 200,000.





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#### **BWP Executive Committee Meetings**



**BWP** Executive Committee Meeting

BWP Executive Committee (EC) meetings (72, 73, 74 and 75) were held respectively on 3 April, 12 July,11 September and 11 December 2021. The main agenda of the meetings included Implementation status of work plan 2021 under GWP funds, Status on data survey and stakeholder workshops on SDGs indicator 6.5.1 under GWP funding, Status on the additional funded youth program for 2021, Update on audit under "Introducing Water-Efficient Technologies (IWET) Project" for 2019, Discussion and confirmation on the financial and accounting manual with procurement policies and human resources policies manual of BWP, Action plan development to achieve targeted IWRM implementation of SDG indicator 6.5.1 in Bangladesh, Nomination of RC female member for GWP Bangladesh for the period of 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024, Appointment of a lawyer on TAX deduction Issue of BWP, and Discussion on holding the 19th AGM of BWP and Secretary General Report.

#### The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BWP for 2020 was held on 11 December 2021 at the Conference Room, LGED Executive Engineer Office, Dhaka in a hybrid format. The AGM was participated by the BWP Executive Committee and General Members and the members of partner organizations. Mr. Moshiur Rahman PEng, President, BWP chaired the meeting. The Chairperson welcomed the participants of the AGM and invited them to introduce themselves including those who joined through the zoom platform followed by the introduction of participants and recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Abdur Rashid, Treasurer, BWP. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. He gave his welcome speech and thanked the members and partners for their participation in the AGM. The Secretary General's report was delivered by Md.



19th Annual General Meeting of BWP

Siddiqur Rahman, Secretary General of BWP and the Audit Report was presented by Md. Rasel Siddique, Account Officer, BWP. All these reports were approved by the house with minor observations. The BWP President concluded AGM by delivering his concluding remarks. As there were no other issues to discuss, the 19th AGM was ended with vote of thanks by Begum Shamsun Nahar, Vice President of BWP.

#### Condolences to the Bereaved Family of the Late Prof. Umme Kulsum Novera

On behalf of BWP we express our deepest condolences on the sad demise of Prof. Umme Kulsum Novera (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un). She was RC Member of GWP-SAS, and Former Executive Committee Member of BWP. Prof. Novera was a person of stature in the IWRM and well-known for her deep knowledge, articulated views, moderate attitude, forward looking approach, excellent leadership and active contribution to the network in water regime at country and global levels. She was expressively amicable, trustful with a rare blend of wisdom and humor, and impressed everyone with a deep commitment to her work. She used her unique technical knowledge and skills to help overcome many issues in transboundary areas and achieved sustainable water management solutions. She was truly a blessing for the water sector, nationally and globally and we must continue her legacy. Her contributions and dedication to BWP is a remarkable milestone. Prof. Novera will always be remembered for her visionary ideas about water management initiatives nationally and globally. May Allah bless her soul with eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.







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# Consultation Workshop on Development of Action plan for SDG 6.5.1 (IWRM Implementation) Indicator in Bangladesh

The consultation workshop on "Development of Action plan for SDG 6.5.1 (IWRM Implementation) Indicator in Bangladesh" was held on 31 March 2022. The workshop was held in the conference room of Pani Bhaban (level-5), Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB). There were approximately 45 participants, including representatives from government ministries and departments, non- government organizations (NGOs), civil society, and private sector. The workshop was financially assisted by Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) and organized by CEGIS. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Fazlur Rashid, Director General, BWDB. Mr. Kabir Bin Anwar, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources was present at the workshop as a Chief Guest, and Dr. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University was present at the workshop were:

- To share the IWRM Implementation status 2020
- To share the challenges related to IWRM implementation status and the way forward from 2020
- To prioritize the challenges and issues
- To identify the list of actions taken by different stakeholders for solving the challenges
- To share and finalize the layout of SDG 6.5.1 Action Plan

#### Partnership between Bangladesh Water Partnership and Institute of Water and Flood Management (IWFM), BUET



Meeting at the IWFM conference room between BWP and IWFM, BUET

A meeting was held between BWP and IWFM, BUET (a renowned academic institution in Bangladesh) in order to enhance the partnership for capacity building, engaging fresh graduates as an intern & young profession, and transferring knowledge through experts between both organizations. A MoU has been drafted and will be signed between both the parties to formalize the institutional procedures. The meeting was held on 2 July 2022 at the IWFM conference room in presence of Mr. Moshiur Rahman PEng, President, BWP and the Director and Assisstant Professors of IWFM, BUET.

Consultation Workshop on Development of Action plan for

SDG 6.5.1 (IWRM Implementation) Indicator in Bangladesh

#### Youth and Gender Capacity Enhancement to Improve Sustainable Water Management, Climate Change Adaptation Including WASH Through Schools

BWP directed a youth and gender capacity enhancement program with the cooperation of the BWP's partner organization named Reach to Unreached (RUN), which facilitated students of high school to interact with their classmates on IWRM, understanding climate change and its impact, and knowing about students' role to protect water resources. The program was conducted from 3 July to 5 July 2022 inthe selected three schools, namely, Rahmatpur Secondary School, Rashed Khan Menon Model Secondary School and Babuganj Government Pilot High School, situated in the South West region of Bangladesh at Babuganj in Barisal district. The program included classroom training followed by essay and art competition and information exchange workshop in "Climate change adaptation and Sustainable safe water management" among the youths. The classroom training program included contents e.g., water resources and impacts of climate change, IWRM, drinking and agricultural water management and other aspects. The main objectives of the program were:



Learning and sharing event in presence of Mr. Md. Aminul Islam, UNO, Babuganj, Ms. Nasrin Jobayda Akhter, Upazila Education Officer, Babuganj, Principals from three schools, Ms. Nazmun Naher, coordinator, BWP, Sharif Nur Shames, AE, LGED and Md. Rafiqul Alam, ED, RUN





- To raise awareness and capacity building on efficient groundwater extraction and water resources management.
- Enhancing cooperation among the school and administrative authorities.
- Enhancing knowledge of students focusing on safe water management and climate change adaptation in the climate-vulnerable areas of Barisal district.

The project directly and indirectly educated about 2330 students and 57 teachers from the selected three schools.

## ToT on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)



A group photo of the training participants at CEGIS conference room

BWP and CEGIS jointly organized a training course on "Training of Trainers (ToT) on IWRM" to build capacity of water professionals for better understanding of IWRM principles and practices for its implementation. The six-day long training started on 30 July 2022 and ended on 04 August 2022, and it was held in the CEGIS Conference room. Total 22 participants attended the training program. Participants were from different organizations related to water resources management and development. The main objective of this training was to enhance knowledge on water resources management theories and practices followed by present & future challenges in the sector. Under this training a field visit to Hatirjheel Project was also conducted. The participants had certain objectives in their mind while starting the training. The evaluation output of ToT of IWRM 2022 showed that most of the participants achieved their expectations and the learning objectives.

#### **Training on IWRM for Women Professionals**

BWP organized a one-day training on "Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) for Women Professionals" in cooperation with Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) on August 13, 2022 at the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) XEN conference room, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka. A total number of 21 participants from different water-related organizations of different discipline with diverse experiences participated in the training program. The main objective of the training was to enhance knowledge about IWRM concept and to share experiences among participants to apply the integrated and participatory water resource management approaches. In the inaugural session Introductory Speech was addressed by the Coordinator of BWWN and Vice President of BWP, Ms. Begum



Training on IWRM for Women Professionals

Shamsun Nahar. Mr. Moshiur Rahman, PEng, President of BWP and Dr. Nilufa Islam, Executive Committee Member of BWP, former Regional Chair of Global Water Partnership-South Asia, Former Vice President of BWP, and Former Director General, WARPO were the Guest of Honors in the inaugural session and delivered their valuable speech on the concept and practice on IWRM. After successful completion of the one day-long training program, the participants have been given certificates of completion along with necessary training materials.

## Co-organizing the Conference IPWE 2023 with the Cooperation from IWFM, BUET

The 11th International Perspective on the Water Resources and the Environment (IPWE) Conference will be held from January 4-6, 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh and BWP is nominated as one of the Local Organizing Committee members. In this regard BWP is supporting the the Environmental and Water Resources Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE-EWRI) and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET-IWFM) to organize the event. This conference will create a platform for professionals to share knowledge, network, and gain perspective of water resource issues unique to the conference destination. This event will be accessible to participants from a wide range of cultural, socio-economic, and professional backgrounds. The theme of the conference is the Risk and Resiliency in the Time of Climate Change. The center piece of the conference is a hybrid summit/round table conferences to be held both in Dhaka, Bangladesh and Reston, Virginia and will be broad-casted simultaneously internationally between the two countries. The Topics for the 1st summit in Dhaka are the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 (BDP 2100); restoration of major rivers and impacts of climate change. The Topics at the Reston Summit are the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP); flood mitigation of lower Mississippi River; and western mega-drought and impacts of climate change.





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## Validation Workshop on Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for the WASH Sector in Bangladesh to Support Climate Shift

The Ground Water Leadership (GWL) program is funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and implemented by Global Water Partnership (GWP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Sanitation and Water for All Partnership (SWA) and the World Health Organization/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program (JMP). The aim of the program was to strengthen leadership and collaboration in water resources and WASH governance (minimizing gap between WASH and IWRM) at global and national levels, create evidence, norms and standards to inform climate-resilient water and sanitation policies. This GWL programis working in 10 countries. In Bangladesh UNICEF led the programin coordination with the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE). A continuation conducted a climate risk and vulnerability assessment for the WASH sector with an aim to contribute on enhancing climate resilience. This assessment consisted of 3 virtual workshops in addition to 1 final in person validation workshop in Dhaka. It was technically being led and supported by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). Virtual workshops were



Presentation of the final response framework developed in the workshop

completed beforehand with active and enthusiastic participation of relevant stakeholders on 6 July 2022 and 7 September 2022. Then, the final validation workshop was conducted on 21 – 22 September 2022, from 9 am – 4.30 pm at Renaissance Dhaka, Gulshan, 78 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka -1212. RicardGine and Henning Göransson Sandberg from Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) facilitated the 2-day in person validation workshop. BWP actively participated and advocated to connect WASH and IWRM followed by enhancing climate resilience through technologies. The objectives of the final workshop pwere to:

- Validate findings from the climate risks and vulnerability analysis
  Identify and appraise climate solutions at national / subnational, watershed, and community and local level
- Develop a response framework to guide the sector towards more climate resilient services

## Delta Knowledge Days 2022 of Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP2100)

An International Joint Cooperation Programme (JCP) was held on 17-18 September, 2022 at Lakeshore Hotel, Gulshan, Dhaka. IWM, CEGIS, WUR and Deltares as partner organizations, worked together for four years towards concerning an app to provide easy access to information on BDP2100, quantifying future water demand for food, monitoring clean and safe water for Dhaka city, ensuring the flow in the Old Brahmaputra, designing polders of the future and the Bangladesh Metamodel for assessing investment in BDP2100. The objective of the Delta Knowledge days was to share knowledge and insights. Over 250 participants from different discipline took part in 2 days conference including high-level policy makers, government officials, academicians, researchers, students and private sector representatives. Md. Siddiqur Rahman, Secretary General and Md. Saifur Rahman, Executive Secretary of BWP also attended the conference.





Delta Knowledge Days 2022 of Bangladesh Delta Plan (BDP2100)





#### **Regional Programs**

# 28<sup>th</sup> Regional Council Meeting

The Regional Council (RC) meeting is the annual governance meeting of Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS) held from 9-10 November 2022 in Negombo, Sri Lanka. The two-day planning and progress review meeting was hosted by the Regional Chair, Ms Kusum Athukorala with the support of the GWP SAS Regional Secretariat. This was the first in-person regional meeting, which was held after three years of online meetings. The meeting was attended by representatives of the six Country Water Partners (CWP) including RC members, Chairs and Country Coordinators as well as the Senior Network Officer, GWPO. The hybrid mode allowed those representatives of the CWPs who were unable to attend the meeting in person to participate and contribute. In recognition of the importance and support given to climate and

water issues by the host, the Honorable Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr Dinesh Gunawardena graciously agreed to be the Chief Guest and inaugurated the 28th RC Meeting of GWP SAS. Mr. Moshiur Rahman PEng, President, BWP and Dr. Prof. Monowar Hossain, Vice President of BWP attended the meeting. The Minutes of the 27th RC Meeting were circulated and GWP SAS Programme update was presented by Lal Induruwage, Regional Coordinator, GWP SAS. He also discussed about the Financial and Audit Reports 2021 and GWP SAS 3 Year Work Plan. The concluding remarks were presented by Ms. Kusum Athukorala, Regional Chair and vote of thanks was presented by Mr Laurent-Charles, Network Specialist of GWP SAS.



Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena, SriLanka Speaking to resident Moshiur Rahman, Peng, BWP in the 28th Regional council Meeting in SriLanka

#### **BWP Executive Committee Meetings**

BWP Executive Committee (EC) meetings (76, 77, 78 and 79) were held respectively on 24 March, 18 June, 29 September and 25 November 2022 at the Conference Room, Dhaka LGED XEN Office, 62, West Agargaon. The main agenda of the meetings included progress of Action plan development to achieve targeted IWRM Implementation of SGD indicator 6.5.1 in Bangladesh (Phase-2), progress of mapping Transboundary Water Resources Management in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) River Basins, progress of the work plan 2022 under GWP core funds, progress of External Audit Report 2021, BWP Official Webpage up-gradation, discussion on holding the 20th AGM of BWP, appointment confirmation of Lamiya Sharmeen, Young Professional, BWP and decision making about Mukta Akter, Executive Secretary, BWP, proposal of the new Regional Council member and the Executive Committee member, decision on new institutional and individual members and Audit Report 2021 approval.



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