

financial support & technical assistance needed), there are some 'historic' achievements that can be agreed by all.

First, the announcement of the 'Loss & Damage Fund' with pledges of financial commitments from several countries, during the opening plenary of a COP, is truly unprecedented. While this is only a pledge (not actually transferred funds) yet, and the amounts are still a fraction of what is estimated to cover the costs of addressing

Over the years, Bangladesh has established a strong (and well-deserved) reputation among the LDC Group members of being proactive and collaborative when raising our voice for the most vulnerable communities.

the losses & damages suffered by vulnerable communities; it should nevertheless embolden the climate change sector in achieving and delivering these financial supports to those most vulnerable, but least responsible, for the negative impacts from climate change.

Second, the adoption of the 'Global Goal on

Adaptation' assessment is encouraging (to say the least), as this acknowledges the commitment of the international negotiations that the world's poor, climate vulnerable communities are adapting to climate impacts under their own resources, that this paradigm needs to shift and put their needs first and their required support (financial and technical) should not become burdensome or be riddled with loopholes.

Thirdly, the increased focus of citizens across the world (global North & South), through their physical participation at international forums, their enthusiasm to work on the ground at the frontlines of climate change affected hotspots and their eagerness to abandon 'business as usual' approaches by being innovative & collaborative in their climate actions, have been one of the most commendable achievements.

In particular, the youth attendance at each COP has been growing significantly, and to avoid this becoming a 'tokenist approach', the broader climate actors should look at meaningful ways to collaborate, encourage and strengthen their capacity (at international and national platforms).

What does it all mean for Bangladesh?

Bangladesh – as a nation under the 'Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group' should



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