

Bangladesh Water Partnership
Monthly Report
January, 2017

The month of January was spent mostly to prepare and submit the GWP in Action 2016 report and the Q4 Financial Report for 2016 as well. BWP has also assigned its partner organizations to implement work plan programs for 2017.

1. Preparation of Audit for 2016

BWP has appointed the audit firm “Anisur Rahman & Co” for auditing its accounts for the financial year 2016. As per Auditor requirements BWP supplied all necessary documents like Cash book, Ledger, Trial balance, Comparable accounts, Vouchers, Bank statements etc. The Audit Report is being finalized. It will be submitted to BWP for onward submission to GWP-SAS on or before the due date i.e 12 February 2017.

❖ **Activities outside the work plan of BWP**

1. BAPA-BEN Special Conference on ‘Sustainable Development Goals & Environment (BAPA-BEN SC-SDGE)’ held on 14-15 January, 2017 at Farmgate, Dhaka.

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), a partner organization of BWP, & Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN) jointly organized two-days BAPA-BEN Special conference on “Sustainable Development Goals & Environment” or SCSDGE that held on 14th & 15th January, 2017 at Krishibid Institution of Bangladesh, Krishi Khamar Road, Farmgate, Dhaka.

To promote SDG Goals and Environment issues, the conference included one Opening Session, Two Plenary, 30 parallel sessions for around 80 papers and other presentations in several time slots, three Strategy Sessions and the Closing Session by the end of the second day. The BAPA-BEN Conferences were participated by experts, activist, teachers, researchers, academics, policy makers, political leaders, govt. administrations, professionals, students, youths, NGOs, CSOs, victims of environmental degradations, diplomatic representatives etc. An exhibition of SDG focused photographs was displayed at the conference center.

2. Regional Workshop on South Asia Drought Monitoring System (SADMS), 30 & 31 January 2017, India.

Regional Workshop on South Asia Drought Monitoring System (SADMS) held on 30 & 31 January 2017 at Hotel Jaypee Siddharth, New Delhi, India. The workshop was jointly organized by IWMI, GWP, WMO, CGIAR CCAFS and WLE, MAFF, ICAR, IARI, IWP, ICID and WAPCOS.

Dr. K. Azharul Haq, President, BWP; Engr. Waji Ullah, Executive Director, Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS); Mr Motaleb Hossain Sarker, Director, Ecology, Forestry and Biodiversity Division, CEGIS and Mr. Yousuf Ali, Director, Department of Disaster Management were participated in the event as the representatives of BWP.

The overall objective of the workshop is to explore the possibility to make use of SADMS at the country level in South Asia facilitating drought monitoring information available in near real time and can be used by the member countries for monitoring the situation, undertaking the assessment of drought risks and finally to use them in drought mitigation measures.

The SADMS was assessed by the practitioners. Discussions were conducted on present challenges and way forward including capacity building, internalisation of the system, fund raising and development of a road map by covering these aspects.