

Workshop Report on

“Strengthening Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) and its Activities”



Chief Guest Md. Shahidul Hassan, President, BWP is delivering his speech in the workshop,

A workshop on “Strengthening Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) and its Activities” was conducted by Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN) with the financial assistance of Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) on 14th September, 2013 at Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO) Conference Room, Dhaka. 18 participants were present in the workshop. Most of the participants were female officials from government and non government organizations. Female participants from outside of Dhaka enriched this event as well.

The seminar was presided over by Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator, BWWN and member of BWP. Md. Shahidul Hassan, President of BWP was the chief guest and Dr. Nilufa Islam, Director (Technical), WARPO was special guest.

Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator of BWWN welcomed the participants and guests to the seminar. Dr. Nilufa Islam, Member of BWWN and RC Member of BWP delivered the welcome speech. She described the background of the event and expresses her thinking to successfully move ahead the BWWN.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Shahidul Hassan opened the technical session and delivered a speech to inspire the member of BWWN to work with and emphasized involving in the development of water policies of the country. He encouraged BWWN to organize such kind of activities every year. He also assured BWWN about fund availability for its proper functioning country wide.

There were 3 presentations in the workshop. Dr. Salma Begum, Professor, Environmental Science Discipline, Khulna University was a designated speaker and she presented a paper titled on IWRM: Involvement of Women in Water Management. One of the important objectives in her presentation was involvement of Gender in water sectors. In her presentation she emphasized on participatory water management. She informed that Climate change also play vital role in perspective of water management. Climate change contributes to increase frequency and severity of disasters with adverse impacts on humans, natural ecosystem and human survival. She also said that disasters are frequent phenomenon in Bangladesh which poses multiple threats to people.

She presented some important data on climate change in country perspective. She also provided some remedies and recommendations in her presentation.

Ms. Mukta Akter, Asst. Executive Secretary of BWP and Member Secretary, BWWN presented a Report on **Last 3 years activities of Bangladesh Women and Water Network (BWWN)**. The paper is attached with the document.

Begum Shamsun Nahar presented a paper on “**Mainstreaming Gender in Water Management**”.In her presentation she elaborately described the definition of gender and IWRM and how we can involve Gender in Mainstreaming and get Importance gender issues in all sectors. She also emphasized to empower women in water sectors.

The workshop was followed by a one hour opening session and has identified members as a working committee of BWWN to further development.

Begum Shamsun Nahar delivered the vote of thanks and closed the workshop with lunch.