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Carbon Trading in Agriculture Sector in South Asia

A three-day regional training on "Prospects and Challenges of Carbon Trading in the Agriculture Sector in South Asia" was held on 29 to 31 December 2025 virtually. The training program brought together policymakers, researchers, development practitioners and private sector representatives from across the SAARC region to explore the potential and prospects of carbon trading in agriculture sector to promote sustainable agriculture, climate action and livelihood.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAARC Agriculture Center, underline the vulnerability of agriculture sector in South Asian and the need for climate resilience and potential role of carbon trading to provide financial mechanism, boost climate resilience and upgrade rural livelihood in the region. The Chief Guest, Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, stressed upon the importance of strong research support and capacity building, reliable carbon accounting and safeguarding farmers' interests while ensuring food security. Special Guest, Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD & SDF), SAARC Secretariat, highlighted the need for regional policy alignment, harmonized standards and capacity building.

The keynote speaker Mr. Kaushal Bisht of Varaha, India, highlighted trends and prospects of global carbon market trends and potential agriculture practices like soil management, agroforestry in mitigation efforts through developing carbon credit scheme.

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He talked about four nature based pathways to interaction with small landholders in decarbonizing the agriculture sector. Training coordinator and SPS (NRM), Dr. Raza Ullah Khan, outlined the aims and objectives of the program, with a focus on sharing experiences and exploring regional cooperation opportunities to in developing carbon trading, environmental governance and monitoring systems in the region

SAARC Regional Training Strengthens Capacity on Livestock Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Mitigation in South Asia

A three-day SAARC Regional Training on Development of Inventory for Livestock-Origin Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission and its Mitigation by Appropriate Feeding Strategy in South Asia commenced on 22 December 2025 virtually. The training provided opportunity to policymakers, scientists and development professionals from across South Asia in enhancing regional capacity in assessing livestock-related GHG emissions and promoting feed based mitigation strategies.

In welcome address, Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAC, underscored the importance of livestock sector in food and nutrition security, rural livelihoods and need for reliable emission inventories and science-based interventions to reduce environmental impacts without affecting productivity.

The Chief Guest, Mr. S. M. Mahbubul Alam, Director General (SAARC and BIMSTEC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh, highlighted the growing relevance of climate-smart livestock practices and stressed the importance of regional cooperation and evidence-based policymaking aligned with international climate commitments.

Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD & SDF), SAARC Secretariat, Nepal, as Special Guest, reaffirmed SAARC's commitment to climate-resilient agriculture, while Dr. A. K. Samanta, Assistant Director General, ICAR, India, as Guest of Honor, emphasized on integrating nutrition research with national inventory systems. The keynote address by Dr. Nitin Tyagi, Principal Scientist, ICAR–NDRI, India, highlighted key challenges: smallholder-dominated systems, low-quality feed resources and data gaps in South Asia. The training, overviewed by Dr. Md. Younus Ali, Senior Program Specialist (Livestock), SAC, focused on IPCC-recommended methodologies, aiming to strengthen South Asia's capacity for sustainable livestock management, Mitigation via feeding strategies and greenhouse gas mitigation.

Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Veterinary Services: 9th SAARC CVOs' Forum Held in Colombo

The 9th Meeting of the SAARC Chief Veterinary Officers' (CVOs) forum was held in hybrid mode on Thursday, 11 December 2025, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The meeting was jointly organized by the Agriculture and Rural Development Division, SAARC Secretariat, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land & Irrigation, Sri Lanka and SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka.

Chief Veterinary Officers from SAARC Member States participated in the meeting, including Dr. Md. Abu Sufiun (Bangladesh), Dr. Rinzin Pem (Bhutan), Dr. Praveen Malik (India), Mr. Indunil Amaranath Jayawickrama (Maldives), Dr. Ram Nandan Tiwari (Nepal), Dr. S. Murtaza Hassan Andrabi (Pakistan) and Dr. K.K. Sarath (Sri Lanka).

On behalf of the Secretary General, SAARC, Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD & SDF), formally inaugurated the meeting and highlighted the collective initiatives and collaborative efforts among SAARC Member States for enhancing the capacity of veterinary in the region. In his remarks, Dr. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAC emphasized the tremendous scope for regional collaboration in veterinary services and assured the forum for all out support.Dr. Hirofumi Kugita, Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), expressed his appreciation to the SAARC Dr. Hirofumi Kugita, Regional Representative, Asia & the Pacific region, World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), expressed his appreciation to the SAARC Secretariat, SAC and the Government of Sri Lanka for organizing the meeting and reitered full support to SAARC initiatives in this regard. He highlighted the priority areas: Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) and EpiNet and underscored the importance of developing collective mechanisms to deal with. Mr. Scott Newman, Country Rep. FAO underlined the importance of sustainable food production and strengthened biosecurity through coordinated

control of animal diseases across South Asia. The series of in-depth discussions the Forum undertook recommendations, important policy decisions and future roadmap related to veterinary services. The meeting concluded with a call for strong regional collaboration to improve animal health, strengthen veterinary services to promote the overall welfare of the SAARC region.

SAARC Experts Meet to Assess Impact of Transboundary Animal Diseases

The SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), in collaboration with the Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH), Sri Lanka, organized a Regional Workshop on "Assessing Impact of Transboundary Animal Diseases in South Asia" followed by the SAARC Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs) Forum Meeting from 10 to 11 December 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The workshop brought together senior officials, CVOs, livestock experts, policymakers, and representatives from international organizations across SAARC Member States.

The inaugural session was graced by Mr. D.P. Wickremasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land & Irrigation, Sri Lanka, as Chief Guest. The program commenced with the national anthem and ceremonial lighting of lamps. Dr. Younus Ali, Senior Programme Specialist (Livestock), SAC, presented an overview of the workshop objectives, meeting agenda, and schedule. Speciald Guests Remarks were delivered by Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAC & Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD & SDF), SAARC Secretariat. and the Dean, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, highlighting the importance of regional cooperation in managing transboundary animal diseases (TADs). The technical sessions focused on country paper presentations from all SAARC Member States, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. These presentations highlighted the current status, economic and social impacts, surveillance systems, and challenges related to transboundary animal diseases at the national level. The sessions were chaired by senior academicians and officials, with interactive discussions enabling experience sharing and identification of common regional concerns.

A dedicated technical session featured presentations and discussions by representatives from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP). These sessions emphasized regional disease control strategies, early warning systems, risk assessment, and alignment with international standards for animal health.

The workshop provided a valuable platform for strengthening regional collaboration, enhancing information exchange and supporting coordinated responses to transboundary animal diseases in South Asia. The deliberations and outcomes of the workshop fed into the SAARC CVOs Forum Meeting, contributing to informed decision-making and collective action toward improving animal health, safeguarding livelihoods and enhancing food security in the region.

SAC Hosts Regional Virtual Training on Advances in Hybrid Vegetable Seed Production

The SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) inaugurated a three-day virtual training titled "Recent Advances in Hybrid Seed Production of Vegetable Crops in SAARC Member States" on 24 to 26 November 2025. The training aims to familiarize scientists, and professionals from SAARC countries with the latest techniques and innovations in hybrid vegetable seed production.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAC, emphasized the critical role of hybrid seed technology in ensuring food and nutrition security in South Asia. He highlighted the need for strengthened

research capacity, improved seed quality, climate-resilient innovations and enhanced regional collaboration. Dr. Sikander Khan Tanveer, Senior Program Specialist (Crops), and training coordinator outlined the training objectives, noting that the sessions cover vegetable hybridization techniques, seed processing and marketing to improve production efficiency across the region.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, Additional Director General, ICAR, India, highlighted recent advancements in hybrid vegetable seed production and stressed the importance of regional cooperation to address yield, quality and climate challenges. As Special Guest, Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD & SDF), SAARC Secretariat, underscored the timeliness of the training in light of regional nutrition priorities.

Chief Guest Dr. Md. Mahmudur Rahman, Additional Secretary (PPC), Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh, noted that hybrid vegetable seeds are vital for increasing productivity and farmers' income and emphasized on greater regional collaboration for to capacity building and quality seed availability.

Participants discussed key regional challenges, including dependence on imported hybrid seeds, weak research extension linkages and gaps in seed certification systems. Experts emphasized joint research, germplasm exchange, public–private partnerships and harmonized seed standards to strengthen regional seed security.

61st SAARC Programming Committee Session

The 61st Session of the SAARC Programming Committee (PC) held virtually on 26 November 2026 bringing together senior officials from SAARC Member States, Heads of SAARC Specialized Bodies, Regional Centres and officials from the SAARC Secretariat. The SAARC Agriculture Centre actively participated in the session. The Meeting is being held

under the Chairmanship of Nepal and attended by the National Focal Points of SAARC Member States at the level of Joint Secretary/Director General from the Ministries of Foreign MOFA/External Affairs (MOEA) of SAARC member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The Session was formally opened by Mr. Kiran Shakya, Joint Secretary, MOFA, Nepal and Chairperson of the SAARC PC. In the opening remarks, Mr. Kiran warmly welcomed the participants and underscored SAARC's role as a vital regional platform for dialogue, cooperation, and collective action. He emphasized that the need for SAARC to continuously evolve, strengthen its institutions and ensure that its activities deliver tangible benefits to the peoples of South Asia.

Ambassador Md. Golam Sarwar, Secretary General, SAARC, thanked Member States for their continued support and highlighted the critical role of the PC as an important Charter Body of SAARC. He cited that SAARC was founded on the spirit of cooperation and shared purpose and mentioned that the Organization will soon commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Adoption of the SAARC Charter, marking an important moment for reflection on its achievements, challenges and future direction.

During the session, the PC reviewed and finalized the budgets and calendars of activities of both Specialized Bodies and Regional Centres for 2026, including those of the SAARC Agriculture Centre.

17th SAC Governing Board Meeting

The 17th Meeting of the Governing Board (GB) of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) was held on 13 to 14 October 2025 at Hotel InterContinental, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The meeting was attended by senior policymakers, agricultural experts and representatives from SAARC member states to strengthen regional cooperation in agricultural research and development.

Dr. Nazmun Nahar Karim, Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) and GB alternate member from Bangladesh; Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD & SDF), SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu; Mr. Abdul Motaleb Sarker, former Secretary (SAARC & BIMSTEC), MoFA, Bangladesh; and Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director SAC, along with embassy delegates, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, NARS institutions and international organizations.

In his welcome address, Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid highlighted SAC's commitment to sustainable agriculture, food security and regional knowledge exchange, emphasizing its role in building climate resilience. Addressing the inaugural session virtually Mr. Ali Amir, Chairperson of the 16th GB, underscored the importance of regional solidarity, research cooperation and technology transfer for a food-secure South Asia.

During the technical session, the Chairpersonship of the GB was formally transferred from Maldives to Nepal, and Ms. Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal, assumed the role of Chairperson. The GB members from Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in person, while members from India, Bhutan, Maldives and Pakistan joined virtually. The meeting provided an important platform to review progress, share experiences and adopt strategies for advancing agricultural development across South Asia.

Commemoration of 41st SAARC Charter Day with Focus on Climate-Smart Livestock and One Health

SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) commemorated the 41st SAARC Charter Day on 8 December 2025 at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) complex, Dhaka. On this day SAARC was established by head of the member countries in high level meeting held at Dhaka. The event started with flag hosting of member countries, followed by setting pigeon free in the air. The event centered on a keynote address titled "Regional Cooperation for Climate-Smart Livestock Food System in South Asia in the Context of One Health."

Mr. S.M. Mahbubul Alam, Director General (SAARC & BIMSTEC), MoFA, Bangladesh, was the Chief Guest of the event and emphasized the critical role of SAARC in addressing shared climate challenges affecting agriculture, food security and public health across South Asia. He called for stronger regional coordination under the One Health framework.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Muhammad Iqbul Anjum, Director (Animal Production), Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Pakistan. Dr. Iqbal highlighted the climate change impacts on livestock in the region and call for strong collaborative research, data harmonization, experience sharing and cross-border efforts to develop climate-smart livestock sector in the region. The program was chaired by Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Executive Chairman of BARC, who highlighted the value of scientific cooperation and regional solidarity.

Earlier, Director SAC, Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid welcomed participants and presented an overview of SAC's activities and future priorities. The event brought together representatives from SAARC country missions, senior government officials, researchers, development partners and NGOs. On the occasion, SAC also unveiled two new publications on sustainable family farming in the livestock sector and productivity enhancement of oilseed crops in SAARC member states.

SAARC PhD Progress Sharing Meeting held in Virtual Mode

The meeting started with a hearty greeting to all the fellows. Dr. Md. Younus Ali, Senior Program Specialist (Livestock), SAC delivered his warm wishes and heartfelt thanks in his welcome speech to the respected Chairman, Supervisor and other fellows for joining the SAARC PhD Progress sharing meeting.

Dr. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre delivered an inaugural speech in the inaugural session. In his remarks, he focused on the importance of the SAARC PhD Scholarship Program and requested the fellows to publish their research work in the impact factor journal. After the inaugural session, the technical session was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Sowjanya Lakshmi, former SAARC PhD fellow, ICAR-IVRI, India.

The total two fellows (Mr. Aruna Maheepala and Mr. Muhammad Rasheed) of the SAARC Agriculture PhD program presented the progress activities and fellows are pursuing their Phd research at PGIA under the Peradeniya University, Sri Lanka. A farewell ceremony of Mr Aruna Maheepala was held virtually. In addition, a welcome ceremony was also held for Bangladeshi fellows who joined the SAARC PhD Scholarship program recently. Finaly, Dr. Rashid Director SAC concluded the meeting through vote of thanks.

Book Corner opening at University of Peradeniya to Strengthen Regional Academic Collaboration

The SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) inaugurated its new SAC Book Corner at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, marking a step forward in regional academic collaboration. The ceremony was held on Friday and led by Prof. D K N G Pushpakumara, Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), who praised the initiative for enriching academic engagement and expanding opportunities for students and researchers across South Asia. The event was attended by Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD and SDF) of the SAARC Secretariat, Nepal,

Dr. Md Harunur Rashid, Director of SAC and Dr. W A R T Wickramaarachchi, Director General of Agriculture, Sri Lanka. Senior SAC officials and academics from the University of Peradeniya, including Dr. Md. Younus Ali, also participated.

Dr. Rashid highlighted SAC's efforts to deepen regional collaboration and noted that shared knowledge platforms like the Book Corner support evidence-based policymaking. The corner will serve as a dedicated hub for SAC publications, providing students, faculty and scholars with resources on agricultural innovation, climate resilience, food security and sustainable development in South Asia.

SAC Launches Book Corner at Sylhet Agricultural University

The SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) inaugurated its Book Corner at Sylhet Agricultural University (SAU) on 22 November 2025 aimed at enhancing access to regional and global agricultural knowledge. The event was attended by Vice Chancellor, SAU, Professor Dr. Md. Alimul Islam and Director SAC Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid along with his team. The launching of book corner was followed by a discussion session in which SAC's support for academic resources, research collaboration, skill development for students and faculty etc came under discussion. SAU officials and students welcomed the initiative as a valuable step toward fostering research, innovation and regional cooperation in agriculture.

SAC Book Corner Inaugurated at Habiganj Agricultural University

The SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) Book Corner was inaugurated at Habiganj Agricultural University (HAU) on 23 November 2025. Vice-Chancellor, HGU Professor Dr. Syed Sayem Uddin Ahmed inaugurated by cutting the ribbon. The event was attended by Dr. Md Harunur Rashid, Director, Senior Programme Specialists Dr. Md Yunus Ali (Livestock), Dr. Sikandar Khan Tanvir (Crops), Dr. Raja Ullah Khan (NRM), Senior Programme Officer Md. Abul Bashar, IT Manager Md. Aminul Islam Asif and HAU Librarian (Current Duty) Iftekhar Ahmed Fagun, along with faculty, officials and students. A collection of agricultural books published by SAC was formally handed over to the university library, enhancing resources for students and researchers.

Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAC Highlights Agroecological Practices at National Agricultural Policy Dialogue

Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), participated as a distinguished speaker in a policy dialogue titled "Different Aspects of the National Agricultural Policy and the Challenges and Way Forward for Implementing the Agri-Food System," emphasizing the growth of agroecological practices. The event was attended by Dr. Mohammad Emdad Ullah Mian, Honorable Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Bangladesh and Chief Guest of the event. The dialogue was jointly organized by Agroecological Coalition Bangladesh, PKSF, Welt Hunger Hilfe and Bonik Barta.

During his speech, Dr. Rashid highlighted insights on agroecological approaches adopted across SAARC Member States to promote sustainable and resilient agri-food systems in the region. He also discussed the potential for replicating successful agroecological initiatives from neighboring SAARC countries in Bangladesh.

Advancing Sustainable Food Security: Dr. Sikander Khan Tanveer Highlights Regenerative Agriculture Strategies in SAARC Countries at GAU 2025

Dr. Sikander Khan Tanveer, Senior Program Specialist (Crops), actively participated in the two-day International Conference on Regenerative Agriculture for Sustainable Food Security, held on 12 to 13 December 2025 at Ghazipur Agricultural University (GAU), Ghazipur, Bangladesh. The conference brought together leading agricultural scientists, policymakers and practitioners from across the region to discuss innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food security. During the conference, Dr. Tanveer delivered a comprehensive presentation titled "Regenerative Agriculture in SAARC Member States: Present Status and Future Strategies." His presentation provided an in-depth analysis of the current adoption of regenerative agricultural practices in SAARC countries, highlighting both the successes and challenges faced by farmers in implementing sustainable techniques. He emphasized the critical role of regenerative agriculture in enhancing soil health, increasing farm productivity and building resilience against climate change, while also presenting strategic pathways to scale up these practices across the region.

ACDI/VOCA Explores Strategic Partnership with SAARC Agriculture Centre on Climate-Resilient Agri-Livestock Transformation

Representatives from ACDI/VOCA held a high-level meeting with the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) on 7 December 2025 to explore potential partnership opportunities aimed at advancing climate-resilient agri-livestock transformation in Bangladesh and other SAARC Member States. The ACDI/VOCA delegation comprised Ms. Elitza Barden, Managing Director and Mr. Nurul Siddiquee, Group Business Development Advisor. The delegation met with Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAC, to discuss areas of mutual interest, strategic collaboration and opportunities for joint initiatives aligned with regional priorities on climate-smart agriculture, livestock development and sustainable natural resource management.

Senior Programme Specialists from SAC Dr. Md. Yunus Ali (Livestock), Dr. Sikandar Khan Tanvir (Crops) and Dr. Raza Ullah Khan (Natural Resource Management) also participated in the discussion and shared insights on SAC's ongoing and planned regional initiatives. They highlighted SAC's experience in facilitating regional cooperation, knowledge sharing, capacity building and policy support among SAARC Member States.

SAARC Agriculture Center held project closing workshop of 'Livelihood Enhancement Value Addition Project'

The SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) successfully held a two-days closing workshop on 17 October 2025 at the Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, marking the completion of the project titled "Livelihood Enhancement of Small Farmers in the SAARC Region through Small-Scale Agro-business focusing on Value Chain Development." Funded by the SAARC Development Fund (SDF), the six-year project was implemented in five SAARC member countries—Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka. The project aimed to strengthen value-added agro-businesses and improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers across the SAARC region. Through practical interventions, it introduced a range of value-added products, including jackfruit and cassava chips, carrot and radish pickles, ginger powder, moringa-based products and virgin coconut oil.

These innovations demonstrated how small-scale processing can increase farmers' income while reducing post-harvest losses. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Harunur Rashid, Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), who highlighted the project's objectives, major achievements and challenges. He noted that the initiative significantly enhanced farmers' entrepreneurial capacity through small-scale agro-processing and value chain development.

Dr. A.K.M. Wali Ullah, Director General (Additional Secretary), RDA, Bogura, attended as Chief Guest and emphasized that the project contributed to policy enhancement, promotion of women's entrepreneurship and strengthening of agricultural value chains key elements for food security and sustainable agricultural development in the region. Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Torophder, Director (ARD & SDF), SAARC Secretariat, Nepal appreciated SAC's effective coordination and stressed the importance of integrating the project's successful lessons into national rural development strategies. Mr. Waseem Shahzad, Officer-in-Charge (OIC), SAARC Development Fund (SDF), congratulated SAC and its partners for successful implementation across diverse agricultural contexts and reaffirmed SDF's continued support for regional initiatives promoting sustainable rural livelihoods.

Ms. Shabnam Shivakoti, Governing Board Member of SAC and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal, highlighted the need for stronger regional collaboration, policy alignment and knowledge sharing to ensure long-term sustainability of value-added agribusiness models. Dr. Md. Younus Ali, Project Coordinator, SAC, delivered the opening remarks, outlining project achievements and challenges and expressing gratitude to national focal points and implementing partners for their dedicated contributions. Dr. Nowsher Ali Sarder, PCR Consultant, presented the Project Completion Report and Endline Survey findings, which showed significant improvements in farmers' income, post-harvest management and adoption of improved technologies.The workshop concluded with a shared commitment to scale up successful models and strengthen

Dr. Md. Shariful Islam Joins SAC as Senior Program Specialist

Dr. Md. Shariful Islam joined the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Dhaka, as Senior Program Specialist (Fisheries) on 29 December 2025. He holds a BSc (Hons.) in Fisheries and an MS in Fisheries Management from Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Mymensingh. He obtained his PhD through a British Council supported sandwich program of Middlesex University, UK and BAU. He completed course on water quality management from UN IHE Delft, The Netherlands. He also accomplished course on GIS from The Netherlands. Dr. Sharif joined SAC on deputation from the Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI), where he served as Senior Scientific Officer (SSO) and Head of the Technical Training, Technology Testing and Communication Division. He has been with BFRI since 2012. Earlier, he worked as a Research Associate in a DFID-funded INSPIRE Climate Change project.

He also served as Aqua-Internship Program Manager under a European Union (EU) funded initiative jointly implemented by Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand and BAU.

Dr. Sharif is a GOBESHONA Young Research Fellow of ICCCAD and currently serves as the Focal Point of the Climate Change Cell at BFRI. He is also a member of the National Climate Change Cell, Department of Environment and contributes to the Bangladesh National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP). He has authored three books on climate change and fisheries and published over 35 peer-reviewed scientific articles. He has presented his work in more than 40 countries across Europe and Asia. He actively engaged in science communication, mass media and has written hundreds of articles extensively for national daily newspapers. Dr. Sharif previously also served as General Secretary and President of the BAU Journalists' Association.