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ACADEMIC

Commonwealth Post Doctoral Fellow University of Bath, UK, Department of Economics and International Development, 2007-2008

Ph. D: McGill University, Canada (as a Commonwealth Scholar), 2000.

Thesis- *Invisible Again: Women and Social Forestry in Bangladesh*

M.A: McGill University, Canada (as a Commonwealth Scholar), 1991.

Thesis- *Rural Development Programs and their Impact on Women: A Bangladesh Study*

M.S.S & B.S.S, Secured First Class First & First Class second position in the Department of Sociology University of Dhaka

H.S.C: First division, (1980), Holy Cross College, Dhaka

S.S.C: First Division (1978), Udayan Biddalaya, Dhaka

Award: First Najmul Karim Gold Medalist

Teaches Courses on: Sociology of Minorities, Gender Issues, Issues of South Asia, Human Rights, Sociology of Health & Illness & Sociology of Development.

Key area of interests: Sadeka Halim's major research fields are Gender, Environment & Development. Her research interest covers wide range of issues covering, Right to Information, Gender equity, sociology of minorities, forestry, trafficking of women and children, women in education, women and rural electrification, indigenous peoples' rights in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), and in the plains in Bangladesh. She worked as a Gender Expert for DFID, ILO UNDP, OXFAM (Canada), NCB, NORAD, HEKS, IFAD, SDC, Save the Children UK, Save the Children Sweden, Denmark and USAID, UN Women & UN ESCAP. She conducted a number of evaluation studies of which "Gender mainstreaming of policies of The World Bank, UNDP, FAO and the Line Ministries of GoB" is a prominent one. She worked as resource person, made national & international publications & presented

papers in number of National and International seminars. **Worked as one of the members of Shikkha Commission.**

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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Syndicate (Highest Decision –making body, University of Dhaka) 2004-till 2009	Member
Dhaka University Teacher’s Association (DUTA), 2001-2002 & 2004-2005,	Member
Dhaka University Senate Member 2005-2006, 2010-2011	Member
Women for Women, A Feminist Research Organization, Dhaka	Executive Member
Bangladesh Sociological Association (BSA), Dhaka, Bangladesh	Secretary

VISITING FELLOWSHIP

- 20th June to 2nd July 2002: Guest professorship at the BOKU University for Agriculture and Sciences, Vienna, Institute of Forest Sector Policy and Economics to teach on “Social Issues on Mountain Forestry in an International Context”.
- February 25 to March 9, 2002: Visiting fellow at the Queens University of Belfast, Ireland under The Higher Education Link Program between Department of Women’s Studies, University of Dhaka and Queen’s University, Belfast.

Taught in BRAC University, Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB), North South University, Asa University and Bangladesh University for Professionals(BUP). She is sitting in several decisions and policy-making bodies at the University of Dhaka and several other public universities in Bangladesh & as well in many other policy-making bodies. She also regularly appears in the electronic and print media as a resource person on various socio-political issues addressing particularly the interest of women, indigenous peoples, and youth and on right to information. She has participated in many international conferences as resource person. She has published extensively nationally and internationally. She has visited almost 42 countries.

Experience as Information Commissioner

Number of Districts Visited as IC: Comilla, Munshiganj, Gazipur, Faridpur, Norail, Manikganj, Magura, Gopalganj, Jessore, Madaripur, Norsinndhi, Natore, Serajganj, Kustia, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Chapainababganj, Naogaon, Bandarban, Kishorganj, Brahmanbaria, Moulivibazar, Hobiganj Barisal, Jamalpur, Sylhet Division, Rangamati, Khagrachari & Rajshai, Cox's Bazaee and Feni.

Dissemination of RTI : In various seminar & workshop organized by MRDI, Nagorik Uddog, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, TIB, Inter-co-operation, RIB, BAPA, Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism &

Communication, Oxfam, MMC, Dhaka School of Economics , Shovon, Police Staff College, NAEM, NDC, ELCOP, BARD, BPTC , BILS, various international agencies.

Shonkha Logisttoder Upor Shoingshotta, Daily Ittefaq, 12 January, 2014

Notun Projonmer Dakh and RTI in Bangladesh Protidin, 22 March, 2013

Jobab Dihi Nishinto Kora Hokh, in Prothom Alo, 18 October, 2012

Publications in National Dailies on RTI

RTI & good governance, the independent, vol 19 No.237, 27-28 November 2013

RTI: A Vehicle for people's empowerment in daily Sun, 22 October 2012.

Right to Information & Curbing Corruption, in Daily *Shomokal*, 19 June, 2011

Right to Information as a tool to fight corruption in Bangladesh, in Daily New Age, a National Newspaper, 4 July, 2011.

Right to Information Act: Arena of prospects, in *kaler Knontho* (Special women's Day Issue).

Right to Information Act: Opportunities & Challenges, in Daily *Ittefaq*, 24 October, 2010.

Countries Visited As Information Commissioner: India, South Africa, Germany, Sweden, U.K. USA, Nepal, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, Cambodia, Belgium & Maldives. In addition 30 other countries as academician.

PUBLICATIONS

Foreign Publications

1. Women's Ownership Rights & Access to Land in Bangladesh, in Women, Land and Power in Asia, (eds.) Routledge, London, New York New Delhi, 2013.
2. Comparative Lessons in Empowering Women: lessons Learnt from China, India and some Asian Countries, a publication by UN ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand, 2011.
3. Status of Hindu Women: Spheres of Human Rights Violation in Bangladesh, in Minorities and the State Changing Social and political Landscape of Bengal, (eds.) A.Dasgupta, M.Togawa & A. Barkat. SAGE publications India, 2011.
4. 'Denial of Rights And Justice: Indigenous Women In Bangladesh, in Haksar Memorial Vol. IV, Peace and Development, Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development(CRRID), Chandigarh, India, 2007.
5. 'Access to Justice: Situation of Rural Women and Urban –Rural Migrant Workers in Bangladesh, "in Legal Empowerment –a way out of poverty," The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, December 2006- issue 2.
6. Gender and Rural Electrification: A Case from Bangladesh, in Electricity and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, 28-29 April, 2005, pp 46-58.
7. 'Indigenous Peoples and Natural Resource Management: Case studies in Selected Countries, (Chittagong Hill Tracts CHT, Bangladesh),' 2006 UNDP, and Regional Office Bangkok. (a forthcoming publication by UNDP, Bangkok)

8. With Devasish Roy, *Protecting Village Common Forests (VCFs)----- Using right Based Tools Implemented by Taungya supported by DANIDA: A Case study from the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh*, publication by UNDP Regional Center Bangkok Thailand, 2006.
9. 'Development: Non-Governmental Organization,' in Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Culture, General editor: Suad Joseph (university of California , Davis), sioseph@ucdavis.edu, Vol. IV , Economics , Education , Mobility and Space EWIC- Leiden –Boston, BRILL 2007
10. With Devasish Roy, '*Valuing Village Common in Forestry*,' in Indigenous Perspectives Volume 5, No.2 December 2002, Tebtebba Foundation, (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education) Philippines.
11. With Jeanette Rhedding-Jones and Osman Haider Chowdhury, *Girls at School A Qualitative Review in Bangladesh*, Center for International Education at Oslo University college, Norway, (LINS), October, 2002
12. With Devasish Roy, 'Population Transfer and Ethnic Conflict in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh, ' a research (& forthcoming publication) sponsored by NCCR North-South IP 7 Sub-Project 2 Indigenous Communities and Settlers: Resource Conflict in Frontier Region of South and South East Asia & Department of Social Anthropology , University of Zurich, March 2005.
13. "Road to Independence: Impact of Development Programs on Rural Women, a Bangladesh Study," Laboratoire de recherches sociologique, department de sociologie, university, Laval, Quebec, Canada, 1993.

National Publications

1. Land loss and Implications on the plain land Adivasis, in Post 2015 Agenda: Ensuring Indigenous peoples' health and well-being, Solidarity, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, 2015.
2. *Forest Policy and Forest Act: Continuation of Colonial Legacy and implications on Adivasi Commensalities*, in Indigenous Media: empowering Indigenous Voices, Solidarity, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, 2013.
3. *Insecurity of Indigenous Women, in Between Ashes and Hope Chittagong Hill Tracts in the Blind Spot of Bangladesh Nationalism*, edited by N. Mohaiemen. *Dristipath Writers Collective*, 2010.
4. With A Barkat et al Life and Land of Adibashis , Land Dispossession and Alienation of Adibashis in the Plain Districts of Bangladesh HDRC (Human Development Research Center) and Pathak Shamabesh, 2009.
5. With A. Barkat et al Development as Conscientization The Case of Nijera Kori, HDRC, Pathak Shomabesh, nijera kori, 2008.

6. *Making Adivasi Women Visible*, in Economic & Social Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Solidarity, 2008, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, Dhaka, 2008
7. *Situation of Indigenous Women & ILO Convention on Discrimination*, Indigenous peoples' right to mother tongue & culture, . Solidarity, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, 2007.
8. *Situation of Garo Women: Some Observations*, in Indigenous peoples have the right to territory and natural resources, Solidarity, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, 2006.
9. *'Violations of Adivasi Women's Rights,'* in Indigenous Peoples have the right to self-determination, Solidarity, 2005, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, Dhaka, 2005.
- 10 With Ariful Haq Kabir, *Globalization, Gender and Labor Market: Some Evidence from RMG Sector*, in Journal of Social Science Review, The Dhaka University Studies, part D, Vol.22, No.1, June 2005.
11. *Women, Violence and Gender Injustice in Bangladesh Perspective*, in Human Rights in Bangladesh, 2003, Ain-o-Salish Kendra, 2004, Dhaka, Bangladesh
12. *'Secondary Female Education: Way to Empowerment?'* in Education in Rapidly Changing World focus on Bangladesh, Centre For Social Science and Public Policy Research, Independent University of Bangladesh, IUB), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2005
13. With Devasish Roy, *"Protecting Forest Commons through Indigenous knowledge Systems: Social Innovation for Economic & Ecological Needs in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh,"* in the Journal of Social Studies, Center for Social Studies, special issue on Environment, 2004.
14. *'Listenening to the Indigenous Women: The Struggle for a Voice,'* in Our Land Our Life, Solidarity, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, 2004
15. *'Marginalization or Empowerment? Women's Involvement in Shrimp Processing Plants in Bangladesh,* in K.T. Hossain et. al (eds, Women Gender and Discrimination, Higher Education Link Programme, Department of Sociology, University of Rajshahi, 2004.
16. *'Insecurity of Indigenous Women: A Case from the Chittagong Hill Tracts,'* in Solidarity, published by Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, Dhaka, 2003
17. *"Gender Specific Human Rights Violation In Bangladesh,"* in Salma Khan (eds.), Role of NGO in Effective Implementation of PFA and CEDAW in Bangladesh, NGO Coalition on Beijing Plus Five (NCBP) , NARI, 2003.
18. *"Addressing the Internal and external strategies to Combat Trafficking in Bangladesh,"* in Proceedings of the International Seminar & regional Workshops on " Strategizing to Combat Trafficking in Women and Children", Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS), Dhaka, 2002.
19. *"Human Rights and The Indigenous Women: A Case from CHT"* in State of Human Rights in Bangladesh: Women's Perspective, Women for Women: A Research and Study Group, June 2002.
20. With Devasish Roy, *"Valuing Village Commons in Forestry: A Case from the Chittagong Hill Tracts"*, in Chittagong Hill Tracts State of Environment, Edited by Quamrul Islam

- Chowdhury, Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB), Dhaka, September, 2001.
21. *“The Impact of Growth-led Development Policies on Environment and Women: Environmental and Feminist Theoretical Responses to Policy Failure,”* in Social Science Review, University of Dhaka, January-June, issue, 2001.
 22. With Devasish Roy *“State versus people: The forest laws of 2000,”* in Alternatives, *The Daily Star*, Dhaka, June, 2001.
 23. With Devasish Roy, *“Critique the Forest (Amendment) Act, 2000 and the (draft) Social Forestry Rules, 2000,”* published by Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD) Dhaka, May 2001.
 24. *“Women’s Affinity with Nature: Two Perspectives on Ecofeminism”* in Dhaka University studies, University of Dhaka, 1999.
 25. *“Women and Social Forestry in Bangladesh,”* in Sociology, *Health, Women and Environment*, Proceedings published by Bangladesh Sociological Association (BSA), October 1999.
 26. *“Dependency Theory and NICS,”* in Theoretical Perspective”, Centre for Alternatives, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1999.
 27. With Elora Halim Chowdhury, *“ A Critical Response to Gilbert Rists’s The History of Development: From Western Origins to Global Faith,”* in Journal of Social Studies, Center for Social Studies, University of Dhaka, 1999.
 28. *“Social Forestry in Bangladesh and the Role of Women”*, in Discourse: A Journal of Policy Studies, Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy, Proshika, volume 3, number 2, winter, 1999.
 29. *“Role of Local Organization in Development,”* in Social Science Review, Vol. XV, Number 1, Faculty of Social Science, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, June 1998
 30. *“Patriarchy as a Concept Dealing with Diversity”*, in Empowerment, Women for Women, Dhaka, Bangladesh, November, 1997

RESEARCH/CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

- May-September 2015, As Gender & Social Development Adviser,(TARIF) British Council.
- October –December 2014, Consultant: Advocacy for promoting the rights of the Adivasi Communities of the plain land in Bangladesh. HEKS, Switzerland.
- July-September 2014, Consultant: Prepared an Evaluation Report on: “Building Capacities on Indigenous & Tribal Peoples’ Issues in Bangladesh: Rights & Good Practices,” ILO, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- March- January 2009, Gender & Child Development Consultant, Child Poverty & Disparities: Bangladesh Country Progress Status, UNICEF, HDRC, Dhaka.

- April-September, 2008, Gender Consultant, Needs Assessment & Costing for MDG 3, UNDP, GED , Planning Commission
- February, -December, 2008. As a Sociologist, A study on the Land Dispossession, & Alienation of Adivasis in the Plains Districts of Bangladesh, HDRC, OXFARM, GB, Bangladesh Programme.
- Team Leader Socio-Economic Baseline Survey of the Chittagong Hill Tracts for UNDP's Promotion of Development and confidence Building Project April 2007-January 2008.
- May-August , 2007, Gender Consultant *Shouhardo* Program: Mid-Term Review, CARE
- February-April 2007, Gender Consultant ILO Gender Equality Study for Adivasi women in Bangladesh, ILO, Bangladesh.
- April-June-2006, Gender Consultant, Private Sector Development Support Social Assessment and Gender Equality Study,(includes women workers right in garment industries & others) CIDA & World Bank, Bangladesh
- March-May-2006, Team Leader, Well Being Status of Graduated RMP Women Study, HDRC (Human Development Resource Center) CARE, Bangladesh
- September-January-2006, Gender Consultant, Assessment of situation of the children homeless sex workers who do not have any one to look after the children during their work time in Dhaka, SAVE THE CHILDREN SWEDEN- DENMARK.
- April 2005-March 2006, Gender Consultant, Participation of Women in Production, Processing and Marketing of Fresh Water Prawn (Galda) in Greater Noakhali District Bangladesh: Approaches Towards Sustainable Livelihood; AFGRP and DFID Bangladesh.
- July-March 2006, Team Leader Indigenous Peoples and Natural Resource Management: Case studies in Selected Countries, (Chittagong Hill Tracts CHT, Bangladesh) UNDP, and Regional Office Bangkok.
- July-2005, Social Development Consultant, Joint Review of Advocacy and Rights (Samata and Nijera Kori) DFID, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- January-September 2005, Team Leader, Participation Initiative on Combating Violence Against Children (PICVAC), SAVE THE CHILDREN, U.K.
- October-January 2005, Core researcher, “Do the Rural Connections Matter to the Livelihoods of the Urban Poor? Economic, Social, and Environmental Links to urban Poverty in Dinajpur, Bangladesh,” in collaboration with James Garrett, Consultant, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC, USA.
- March -April 2004, Gender Consultant, for the Gender Analysis of ASHARI, a local NGO in Rajshahi, working for the mobilization of Indigenous Santal Women; sponsored by NOVIB Bangladesh.
- September-June 2004, Gender Consultant, Women and Fisheries in Bangladesh: Level of Involvement and Scope for Enhancement, SUFER Project, DFID.

- August –February 2004. Core Consultant for the Basic Appraisal of the Hill Tracts NGO Forum’s Capacity –Raising of its Member NGOs, Hill Tracts NGO Forum, Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- October-December, 2003. National Gender Consultant, Nutrition Interventions Scoping Study, DFID, Bangladesh
- May-January 2004, National Consultant, Support to the Rural Electrification Board (REB) in Developing a comprehensive Gender Strategy and Action Plan for Integration into REB Master Plan, ECBL.
- May-June 2003. Gender and Capacity Development Expert, evaluation of “An Alternative Programmatic Intervention to Develop Grassroots Women Leadership in Union Parishads, “undertaken by RUPANTAR, Khulna.
- October- November 2002. Gender & Capacity Development Consultant: “Appraisal Mission of a proposal for support to Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) 2002-2007”, sponsored by DFID, Bangladesh.
- May-October 2002. Gender Consultant “Economic and Social Impact Evaluation Study of the Rural Electrification Program in Bangladesh”: Prepared for NRECA International Ltd. Partners of REB and USAID/RPPR Program, HDRC, 2002.
- August- September 2002. Core Researcher: Study on Fact Finding-II (Processing) of Frozen Food (Shrimp) Sector, Women Empowerment through Decent Employment (WEDE) Project sponsored by ILO, Dhaka.
- June 2002- July 2005. Core Researcher, with Raja Devasish Roy: Conflict over Resources in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh, Swiss National Science Foundation and Swiss Development Corporation.
- 26th August to 13th September, 2001. National Gender Consultant: Mid Term Review of Primary Education Program for Quality Education Improvement (PEDPQE), sponsored by Ministry of Education (GOB) and NORAD (Dhaka).
- June- July 2001. Gender Consultant: Review of the Female Secondary Stipend Project (FESP) 2nd Phase, NORAD, Dhaka, Responsibilities include: National Gender Consultant, Co author of the Report, Girls at School. A qualitative Review in Bangladesh, Centre for International education, Oslo University College, October, 2002.
- January-August 2001. National Gender Expert: Fourth Fisheries Project -Feasibility Studies in the Shrimp Sector, Team Leader for Women and Children component conducted by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), Dhaka and sponsored by DFID.
- June- July 2000. Consultant: Appraisal of Donor Consortium Funding of ADAB, sponsored by DFID.
- June- August 2000. Gender Expert: Responsible for assessing the Development Organization of the Rural Poor (DORP, an NGO)'s organizational policies and programs, NOVA Consultancy Bangladesh.
- December 2000-February 2001. Gender Expert: Community Development Libraries (CDL), organizational policies and programs from a gender perspective, sponsored by NOVA Consultancy Bangladesh (NCB).

- August-September 1998, Gender Expert for evaluation of CDA (Dinajpur based local organization) gender policies and programmes, sponsored by NOVA Consultancy Bangladesh (NCB).
- October 1998. Associate Researcher: Gender Mainstreaming of Policies of the World Bank, UNDP and FAO, Bangladesh, Evaluation of the Gender Mainstreaming of Policies of the World Bank, UNDP, FAO and the Line Ministries of the Government of Bangladesh.
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- May-June 1998. WID/GAD specialist: Responsible for Appraisal Mission in the Barani Development Project in Pakistan sponsored by IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development).
- September-October 1998, Core Consultant Oxfam Canada, Conducting a survey and producing a narrative report on the relationship between the Oxfam Canada and Producer groups in Bangladesh.

INTERNATIONAL /NATIONAL CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP/PRESENTATIONS

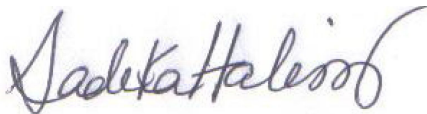
- Guest Speaker in Capstone Course on National Capacity Development, National Defense College, Mirpur, Dhaka, 6 May, 2015.
- Resource Person, in South Asian Regional Conference on: Promoting People's Right to Information Achievements & Challenges , Supported by Open Society Foundation & Friedrich Nauman Foundation, Organized by CHRI (Commonwealth Human Rights Initiatives) & Transparency Maldives, Maldives , 27-28 August, 2014
- Resource person, Asian Peoples Land Rights Tribunal and CSO partners Land Watch Asia Capacity Building, organized by ANGOC, Philippines, 16-17 January, 2014
- Speaker, "Hearing on Bangladesh: Towards Free and Fair National Election. Organized by European Parliament, 'European Peoples Party (EPP) Brussels, Belgium, and December 5, 2013.
- Speaker, Conference on Bangladesh: Prospects of Democratic Consolidation, organized by Society for Policy Studies (SPS) New Delhi, India, 7 November, 2013
- Resource person, International Conference of Information Commissioners ICIC . 18-20 Berlin, Germany September 2013
- Participant & paper presenter titled " Programme up dates of LCDB " in the South Asia Regional Council Meeting & quality Assurance Framework Training, Sri Lanka , organized by Leonard Cheshire Disability, 26 June-30 June , 2013

- Participant & Resource Person in Information Commissioners "Meeting of the Transparency Advisory Group for South Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, organized by World Bank 17-18 January, 2013.
- Resource person in Innovative Approaches to Peace, Sustainable Development and poverty alleviation, organized by Universal Peace Federation, Kathmandu, Nepal, August 31 to September 3, 2012.
- Resource person in Expert Group Meeting on assessing strategies plans and programmes in selected LDCs , LLDC's and SID'S and way Forward , organized by ESCAP in Bangkok, Thailand, 30 May to 1 June, 2012.
- Resource person in Conference on Disability Inclusive MDG's and aid Effectiveness , organized by UNESCAP ,& Leonard Cheshire Disability, Bangkok, Thailand, 14-16 March, 2012.
- Resource person in Conference on RTI regime in Bihar, organized by The World Bank, 1 to 4 March, 2012.
- Paper presenter titled, Accelerating Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific: Selected Issues & Options in an International Conference organized by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand, 6 – 8 December, 2011.
- As a presenter paper titled, Comparative Lessons in Empowering Women: Lessons Learnt from China, India and Some Asian Countries in an Advocacy Training Workshop for LDCs in Achieving MDGs as part of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, organized by UNESCAP, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 25-28 October, 2011.
- Participant and Resource person in an International Conference on “Right to Information: Legal Regimes, Institutions and Citizens” Organized by Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI), Islamabad, Pakistan, 27-28 September, 2011.
- Participant in meeting with SAARC Secretary General Organized by Delhi Policy Group, New Delhi, India 15 August, 2011.
- Resource person, Transparency & Accountability in German Governance, organized by Friedrich Naumann Foundation, South Asia Regional Office, New Delhi, India 16-23 July, 2011.
- Resource person , Regional Consultative Committee Meeting on Enhancing Women’s Economic Agency & Entitlements to land & Productive Assets, organized by UN Women , South Asia Office, New Delhi 6-9 July 2011.
- As Chief guest attended Bhasha shaid Station Shaid Sharon Samiti, Shilchar, Assam, India 18-20 May, 2011
- Resource person in Conference on South Asian Peace Charter between Women Peacemakers in the SAARC Countries, organized by Delhi Policy Group, New Delhi, India , 23-26March, 2011.

- Resource person in Country visit in formulating & implementing the Indigenous People's Right Act (IPRA) , organized by ALRD & ANGOC , Philippines , 21-25 , February, 2011.
- Resource person in The Anti Corruption Conference (IACC) ,organized by Transparency International (TI) , Bangkok, Thailand, 9-14 November, 2010.
- Resource person in Governance Leadership Programme, organized by International school for Transparency (IST) , Cape Town, South Africa, 3-7 October, 2010.
- Resource person in Gender & Productive Resources : Women to land , Livestock & Energy, organized by UNIFEM South Asia Sub-Regional Office , New Delhi, India, 17-18 August, 2010.
- Paper presenter in Regional Workshop on Towards More Open & Transparent Government in South Asia, Organized by The Indian Institute of public administration, New Delhi, India & World Bank, 27-29 April, 2010.
- Paper presenter titled, Displacement & Ethnic Conflict in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) in International Conference on Research For Development, NCCR, North-South, Bern University, Switzerland, 2-4 July, 2008.
- As a presenter paper titled, Peace and Development in Bangladesh: Gender Dimension with Reference to CHT, in an International Conference organized by Center for Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, India, 04-11 November, 2006.
- As a presenter paper titled *Women's Access to Justice*, participated at the Kyiv Conference, Ukraine, organized by High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, UNECE & DFID, 21 May-24 May 2006.
- As a Resource Person participated in The World Bank Legal Vice Presidency's Legal Forum on Law, Equity and Development in Washington, DC on December 1st and 2nd,
- *Insecurity of Indigenous women in Bangladesh: Justice Demanded*, paper presented in Sovereignty, Citizenship and Gender, XI National Conference on Women's Studies, organized by Indian Association for Women's Studies, 3-6 May, The International Centre, Goa, India, 2005.
- Gender and Rural Electrification; A Case from Bangladesh, paper presented in the Asian Regional Workshop on Electricity and Development, organized by United Nations Development program (UNDP), United Nations Environment Program(UNEP), The International Energy Agency (IEA) , at AIT, Thailand, 28-29 April, 2005.
- Participant in Regional Indigenous Peoples Programme Workshop, 3-4 Feb, Bangkok, Thailand, 2005
- Participant and Resource person in Regional Workshop in Gender –Responsive Budgeting, Organized by UNDP (NY) 12-15 July, Manila, 2004.

- Resource person, Consultation on Religious Minorities in Asia, organized by Minority Rights Group, 7-9 June, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2004.
- Resource person, Policy Dialogue: Enabling Tribal and Other Ethnic Groups To manage Their Natural Resources, organized by Karl Kubel Institute for Development Education and IFAD, Coimbatore India, 10-13th March, 2003
- Resource person, In the planning workshop for Regional Programme to strengthen Equity and Livelihood Security through Sustainable management of Biodiversity Resources for the Indigenous Peoples of the Eastern Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, 2-3 November, 2003.
- Resource person, Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Equity and Rights Issues in Policies for the Management of Common Property Resources in the Hindu Kush Himalayas, Katmandu, Nepal, August 5-6 , 2003.
- Resource person, Research Seminar on 'Planning Comparative Research on Conflicts between Settlers and Indigenous Communities, organized by Department of Social Anthropology, University of Zurich, Switzerland, Shillong, Meghalaya, February 26 to 28, 2003
- Resource person, Methodology for Gender Studies, Training Workshop on Research Methodology organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Rajshahi, under the Higher Education Link Programme, March 14-15, 2003.
- Participant: Inter-disciplinary workshop on Dimensions, Dynamics and Transformation of Resource Conflicts between Indigenous Peoples and Settlers in Frontier Regions of South Asia and Southeast Asia, sponsored by National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR), Switzerland., September 25-29, 2002
- Participant: Participatory Action Research Program on Equity and Poverty in the Management of Common Property Resources in the Hindu Kush- Himalayas, Organized by ICIMOD, Nepal, April 18-20, 2002
- Resource person: The SAARC Social Charter, South Asia Center for Policy Studies (SACEPS) & Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka, November 2001-March 2002.
- Paper presenter: Intellectual Property Trap: Search for Alternative, Swiss Association of Research Partnership Institutions (SARPI), Colombo, Colombia, November 28-30, 2001
- Presenter: Role of NGOs and Women's Empowerment: A Case from Bangladesh, ISTR Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Osaka., October 28, 2001
- Presenter: Relationship between Social Science and Women's Studies, Department of Women's Studies, University of Dhaka, September 25 2001.
- Resource Person: Regional and Global Perspectives of Syndrome Mitigation Research, Center for Development and Environment, University of Berne, Switzerland, September 18-21, 2001
- Participant: Sustainable Development in marginal Regions of South Asia: Problems and opportunities; Designing a framework for long term collaborative research and action, Swiss Association of Research Partnership Institutions (SARPI), Kathmandu, Nepal, August 16-22, 2001.

- Keynote Speaker: Indigenous People and Environment, Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh., August 6, 2001
- Keynote Speaker: How women are presented in the Newspaper, Mass- Line Media Centre, Dhaka, June 27, 2001
- Keynote Speaker: Women's Security in Educational Institutions, OXFAM (UK) and British Council, Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 3, 1999.
- Participant: International Workshop on Regional International Affairs Programme in Asia, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Colombo, December 15-16, 1998
- Presenter: Social Forestry: A Solution to Women's Deforestation Crisis?, Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, Universite du Quebec, Montreal, June 6, 1995.
- Resource Person: Power Authority and Women in Immigrant Families of Colour, South Asian Women's Community Centre, Montreal, March 12, 1993.
- Presenter: Canada's Involvement in Third World Development, Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, June 6, 1993.
- Discussant: Environment and Development in Bangladesh, International Society for Bangladesh (ISB) Montreal, Canada, November 1990.



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