

BIDS Signs Contract with CSIRO Australia for Bangladesh Integrated Water Resources Assessment Study

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) signed a contract with Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Australia on 27 July 2011 in Dhaka for a joint research on integrated water resources assessment in Bangladesh. Dr. Mac Kirby, Team Leader, CSIRO and Dr. M. K. Mujeri, Director General, BIDS, signed the contract on behalf of respective organizations.



The Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources, Mr Shaikh Md Wahid-uz-Zaman was present on the occasion. The study will be jointly conducted by researchers from CSIRO Australia, BIDS, BWDB, WARPO, IWM, and CEGIS. The two-year research project is supported by the Australian Government Aid Program, AusAID.

CSIRO Team Leader Dr. Mac Kirby and BIDS Director General Dr M K Mujeri signed on behalf of their organizations in presence of the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Mr Shaikh Md. Wahid-uz-Zaman .

The research will develop an integrated water resources/socio-economic assessment to provide a national overview of the resource, the impacts of development and climate change on both surface and ground water resources. The research will examine options to cope with future demand on its valuable water resources, apart from building capacity of Bangladesh organizations on climate change impact assessment and integrated water resources assessment. The research project is expected to come up with policies to equitably and efficiently use of water in future.

Director General of BIDS Dr Mustafa K Mujeri, Director Genral of BWDB Mr Habibur Rahman, Director General of WARPO Mr Mokbul Hossain, Executive Director of IWM, Dr M. Monowar Hossain and Executive Director of CEGIS Mr Giasuddin Ahmed Choudhury spoke on the occasion.