

2018 – 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Theme: Tolerance and Non-Violence for
Sustainable Society



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LETTER FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On behalf of the board of HSDN, I am very happy to welcome you all to the 3rd Annual General Meeting of our organization. HSDN has created an impactful contribution to the community since its inception through various activities like seminars and workshops on “World Environment Day”, “International Water Day”, “International Mother Language Day”, “Good Parenting”; rally on “Save Sundarban” and many more. HSDN also celebrates other remarkable days and organizes community events like BBQ event and cultural show. Academic journal and annual conference are the most effective activities that have been done by HSDN.

Last three years HSDN has been working to motivate parents and kids to learn their mother language at “Bangla School”. We all know, to value our culture and heritage, to create respect and ownership for the roots/origin there is no alternative than learning the language. I thank our entire dedicated volunteer group for devoting their precious time to teach “Bangla” to our children. I also appreciate parents who are bringing their kids to learn Bangla, despite their busy life. My sincere thanks to the advisory board of Bangla school for their continuous support.

For knowledge generation and dissemination, HSDN publishes a quarterly journal named, "The Journal for Worldwide Holistic Sustainable Development (JWHSD)". This journal reached to its 5th volume and 10th issues. I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the editorial board and the contributors, authors of the journal.

HSDN’s mission is to promote socio-cultural, economic and environmental well-being for all through knowledge mobilization, collaboration, network building, and facilitation amongst like-minded organizations and individuals, from the grassroots to global level. Our name is our goal; to create a practical model for worldwide holistic sustainable development. In doing so, we are striving to reconcile economic growth with environmental interests and the protection of unique societal practices, cultures, and traditions.

This is a volunteer driven organization; I am thankful to all our volunteers for their help whenever needed. Also, without the dedication of our board members it wouldn’t be possible to come so far. My thanks to the board members. Our ED has been working tirelessly for this organization. Thank you so much for his hard work.

Our theme of the year is “Tolerance and Non-violence for Sustainable Society.” So, let’s make a small step forward to save the world environment for ourselves and for our next generation through social inclusion and diversity without hatred.

Thank you all.

Dr. Nasima Akter, Chair, HSDN International

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Holistic Sustainable Development Network (HSDN) International was first initiated at the Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland in 2014 and has since completed its third successful year following incorporation. Although HSDN is at the preliminary stages, we are very optimistic as we have reached our expectations for this year in terms of enriching our network, collaboration and generating attention of experts and communities.

The HSDN strongly believes that everyone has the power to improve lives by making changes at a grassroots level. The goal of the HSDN is to provide a platform to learn about the relationships between human action and environmental and social impacts. At HSDN, we see our environments, economies and societies as indivisible parts of a whole. Every aspect of our world is both interrelated and interdependent. In order to improve the sustainability of our practices, we must think critically about our actions as individuals, communities, and societies. We believe that sustainability has a positive impact on the quality of every human life and is essential for the future existence of humanity.

Currently, HSDN International is operating with the purpose of developing the conceptual understanding of sustainability and communicating through outreach activities and real-world models of action. Since its establishment, the HSDN International has published nine (9) issues of its peer reviewed ISSN registered journal over five (5) volumes and with another issue underway. Dozens of workshops and seminars were individually and/or collaboratively organized across Canada and abroad that engaged academics, communities and youths. To-date, we have organized three successful conferences on sustainability and are planning to host more frequently. The HSDN blog continues to feature stories and news on sustainability since 2015.

The path of the HSDN's organizational journey could not be feasible without the hard work and commitment of our board members and volunteers. The support from collaborative partners, socially responsible global citizens and advisers have also been very significant to our organizational growth. We believe our fourth-year journey will be a turning point for our organizational establishment as we are blessed to have very extraordinary members on our board that will strengthen our operations and significantly enhance our achievements and goals.

Jannatul Islam, MAEP

Executive Director and Incorporator, HSDN International

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Nasima Akter, Chair



Expertise and Interests:

Climate disasters, environmental degradation, waste management, and community research on socio-cultural and economic issues of immigrants.

Dr. Nasima Akter is an accomplished researcher and scholar in her own right; she worked in Dhaka for BRAC – the world’s largest non-governmental organization – prior to coming to Canada. She formulated and introduced Medical Waste Management Rules for Bangladesh; assisted the government to develop different environmental policies. Nasima led and/or participated in project identification/ preparation/ assessment in many developing countries of Asia, East Europe, USA and Canada. She is a Certified Canadian Environmental Professional (EP), the field of specializations are Research and Development, Waste Management, Site Assessment and Reclamation, and Education and Training. She holds a PhD in Environmental Technology and Management and has 34 journal publications on her credit. She is the Executive Director of Bangladeshi - Canadian Community Services (BCS) in Toronto.

Diane Dyson, Director

Dyson is a social researcher, activist, and blogger interested in issues of neighbourhoods, schooling, and poverty.

She is currently the Director of Neighborhood Link, a large multiservice agency in the east end of Toronto. Prior to this, Diane worked at Woodgreen Community Services, United Way of Greater Toronto, overseeing a portfolio of member agencies, and at Ryerson University.

Diane's community contributions include work with the Federation of Metro Tenants Association, where she was on its Executive, Social Planning Toronto, the Ralph Thornton Centre, the Toronto District School Board's Equity Policy Advisory Committee and Inner City Advisory Committee, the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives. She has also worked with Action for Neighbourhood Change to provide training on non-profit board governance.



Expertise and Interests:

Neighbourhoods, demographics, community services, social networks, education systems and poverty.

Mohammed Abdul Kader Hemu, Vice Chair



Expertise and Interests:

Ethnic food, gardening, fishing and social work

Mr. Kader Hemu is a passionate freelancer naturalist; he studied in Adamjee Cantonment College and went to Jogonnath University in Dhaka, Bangladesh. As a successful entrepreneur in the community, Kader Hemu established a very reliable and authentic ethnic food store on the Danforth since 2000, which has continually been providing food choice freedom to South Asians and beyond. He has been a great support to the newcomer population from South Asia and continues to contribute to the diversity and beauty of multi-cultural Toronto.

Fakhruddin Ahmad, Secretary

Mr. Ahmad is a well-known social organizer in Danforth, Toronto and surroundings. He studied pharmacy in University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and worked in pharmaceuticals in Bangladesh, UAE and Canada. He established Medimost pharmacy in the Danforth neighborhood to serve the local people door to door for their medical needs. He is also the President of Association of Bangladeshi Pharmacists in Canada who are supporting the new pharmacists and their family in settling and career development in Canada. He is a committed social worker and passionate naturalist.



Expertise and Interests:

Medicare, gardening, fishing and social work

Swapan K Sarker, Treasurer



Expertise and Interests:

Gardening, fishing, travelling, story- telling and social work

Mr. Sarker is a CPA member in Canada. He graduated from University of Dhaka in Marketing and practiced Chartered Accountancy more than 10 years with Basu Banarjee Nath & Company. He is a dedicated executive of minority rights movement for Bangladeshi Hindu Society. His involvement with progressive democratic initiative in Canada, Udichi, Bangladeshi Hindu Minority Alliances has brought him closer to peoples' heart in the community.

Siddhertha Saha, Director

Mr. Saha has an MBA from the University of ADUST, Bangladesh and is a qualified PCP, CPA Member (Canada). He has 10 years of development and financial sector experience in the area of HR Operations & Management; he worked at INGO headquarters, regional offices, country offices and field level in a variety of contexts. Saha managed \$350 million portfolios for Asia consisting of funds from USAID, EU, DFID, AusAID, Global Fund, ADB, GIZ, SDC, SIDA, UN agencies, Gates Foundation among others.



Expertise and Interests:
Policy formulation and system setups i.e. country strategic plan development.

Rokhsana Reza, Director



Expertise and Interests:
Project management, monitoring and evaluation, strategic planning, quality improvement, capacity building and sustainable development.

Mrs. Rokhsana Reza is a public health professional with twenty years of experience in enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of public health development programs in Bangladesh. She studied in Chittagong Medical College, Bangladesh, Mahidol University, Thailand, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, IBAIS University, Bangladesh, and Oxford College of Arts, Business and Technology, Toronto, Canada. In her progressive roles in NGOs and UN agencies, she demonstrated proficiency in increasing synergies among different components of programs, managing resources and bringing stakeholders together for national level programs.

She is qualified in both qualitative and quantitative social research. Rokhsana coordinated the national HIV and AIDS Project (HAPP) in Bangladesh as Project Officer in UNICEF as well as reviewed Bangladesh's National Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for HIV and AIDS, 2011-2015 (Costed), and coordinated development of Bangladesh's National Strategic Plan for HIV and AIDS, 2011-2015. She is involved in social work in Toronto and has been the Vice Chair of BCS, Board of Directors since 2016.

Temitope Tunbi Onifade, Director

With law and policy degrees, Mr. Onifade is completing a doctorate as an International Doctoral Fellow and a Liu Scholar at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He was a John Ballem QC LLD Postgraduate Fellow in Energy Law at the University of Calgary, a law lecturer at Memorial University and a policy researcher with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Temi has also practiced law. He co-founded a commercial firm (Lex Luminaire LLP in Nigeria), worked full-time at a general practice firm (GE Ezomo & Co in Nigeria) and worked part-time at a corporate social responsibility firm (Social Impact Firm in Canada). He interned with Nigeria's Court of Appeal and Federal High Court.

Temi's main area is law and policy as applicable to energy and environment. He recently co-founded the Liu Institute Network for Africa and serves as a member on the Faculty Council of UBC Law School, and an Advisory Board of an International Bar Association (IBA) committee. He has received 24 awards and honours. Recent entries are from UBC, IBA, Columbia University, University of Calgary, Memorial University and Oyo State Government.



Expertise and Interests:

Qualitative Analysis,
Environmental Impact
Assessment, Sustainable
Development, Governance, Risk
Assessment, Environmental Law,
Human Rights.

Saadia Sarker, Youth Board of Director



Expertise and Interests:

Sustainable Development,
Community Health, Youth
Action, Public Health, Human
Rights, Qualitative and
Quantitative Analysis.

Saadia Sarker is an environmental and public health advocate committed to creating a practical model for sustainable development regarding cultural, societal, economic and environmental issues. She has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto, with a double major in Immunology and Environmental Science and is currently working as a Clinical Research Assistant at Toronto General Hospital.

With a passion for public health and the sustainable development goals, she was selected as a delegate to attend the UN Youth Assembly in 2018. Currently, she is working on anti-tobacco initiatives and vaping awareness with the Youth Health Action Network (YHAN) and Toronto Public Health. She was the president of The Sustainable Development Network (SDN) at the University of Toronto and has worked with on research and community projects with the Youth, Social, Financial and Economic Council (YSFEC), Toronto Western Hospital, International Service Learning (ISL), and Health Canada.

INTRODUCTION

The **Holistic Sustainable Development Network (HSDN) International** is a non-profit organization that creates, coordinates, and disseminates research relating to sustainable development. Although we are based in Canada, we collaborate and work internationally, arrange conferences and seminars as well as publish research in our peer reviewed journals. Our aim is to disseminate relevant research and work experiences to the public and increase stakeholder participation in the practices and processes that impact sustainable development.

HSDN International, initiated in 2014 by the Environmental Policy Institute Graduate Candidates at Memorial University of Newfoundland, was pioneered by Jannatul Islam with the name “*Worldwide Holistic Sustainable Development Cooperation (WWHSDC)*”. Afterwards, Jannatul Islam moved to Toronto and continued the initiative under its current name and incorporated it in Canada under the leadership of Dr. Nasima Akter. The HSDN is defined by the motto “Live simply, live lively”. It is a growing organization of academics dedicated to increasing access to high quality peer reviewed literature on sustainable development. The HSDN is truly an international undertaking with executive members from Canada, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Nigeria and Jamaica.



LIVE **SIMPLY,**
LIVE **LIVELY**

HSDN INTERNATIONALS' CONCEPTS



MISSION

Promote **socio-cultural, economic and environmental well-being** for all from grassroots to global level

VISION

Attain sustainable development goals through **collaborative movement**

VALUES

- Complementary regard for **human and environmental** subjects
- **Engender inclusion and community** with all HSDN stakeholders

OBJECTIVES

- **Generate ideas** through expanding linkages and research projects
- **Identify projects** related to the organization's goals
- **Accumulate efforts** to make projects successful within jurisdictions
- **Support** for class neutral development of policies
- **Communicating activities** of the organization and giving feedback to stakeholders
- **Expanding network** and cooperation worldwide to secure greater success in sustainable development

We are aiming to attain sustainable development goals through a collaborative movement. We believe that getting people to really see where holistic sustainable development can fit into their lives or policies is the first step to achieving a more sustainable world.

We invite you to join us as a participant, a teacher, a student, and a voice in this movement toward holistic sustainable development.

Are YOU up to the challenge?

2018 – 2019 AT A GLANCE: HSDN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

Victory Day Celebration of Bangladesh & Workshop on “Good Parenting” – 2018

Bangla School Toronto celebrated Victory Day of Bangladesh and conducted a workshop on "Good Parenting" on 16th December 2018.

The day started with the kid’s art competition on “Banglar Bijoy” (Translation: ‘The Victory of Bangla’) followed by our workshop on “Good Parenting”, and cultural performances by community youth and children. Concluding the program, designated guests and board members distributed certificates of participation among all participants, prizes for the winners and volunteer recognition. All audiences paid homage to the national martyrs and freedom fighters with the Bangladeshi and Canadian National Anthem.

With the tremendous help from the youth volunteers, Abdul Halim Miah, Adviser of the Bangla School facilitated the discussion on "Good Parenting". We appreciate our guests MPP Rima Berns McGown of Beaches -East York, MPP Doly Begum of Scarborough Southwest, Councillor Bradford of Beaches -East York, and representative of MP Nathaniel office, Mr. Saki.

We thank all our supporting partners HSDN international, Bangladeshi-Canadian Community Services (BCS), and TBPAC. This event was funded by the City of Toronto Neighborhood Grant.

Participants receiving certificates after the art competition from HSDN Board Members, volunteers and local politicians.



International Mother Language Day Celebration – 2019

Bangla School Toronto is a movement to uphold the Bengali Language and Heritage in Toronto and has reached its third year of operation. On 18th February 2018, the third annual International Mother Language Day celebration was hosted at Oakridge Junior Public School.

This event provided learning materials, taught Bangla language through fun activities, coordinated an art competition and cultural performances free of cost. The youth's performed a drama on the necessity of mother language. With over 200+ attendees from the community consisting of leaders, families, groups, academic and other social activists, the event was a huge success.

Since its inception, we have been organizing different events to promote Bangladeshi heritage, with one of them being the celebration of International Mother Language Day. The main theme of the event was, "My Language, My Pride". A Bangla easy learning manual, prepared by Bangla School Toronto, was distributed to every Bengali oriented child.

Local leaders, MP, MPP and councillors were present and showed their support for the event. The event was successfully organized and executed with the help of our community volunteers and HSDN board members.



Participants receiving certificates after the program from HSDN Board Members and local politicians.

Independence Day of Bangladesh Celebration by Bangla School Toronto – 2019

Bangla School Toronto, HSDNI's community initiative, organized a celebration event for Bangladesh's Independence Day. This event was organized to uphold Bangladeshi culture and heritage, through an educational lens. Centered around children and their parents, the initiative consisted of sharing of experiences and stories of Bangladesh's freedom fighters and the freedom war.

Three freedom fighters, Gauranga Dev, Sharif Salam and Ahmad Howlader, from Bangladesh were in attendance and shared some of their best times of their lives with the new generation. The blood of a million martyrs, in exchange of the respect of thousands of mothers and sisters, the history of freedom brought from the Pakistani army was shared this day.

Mr. Halim Miah, media person and Bangla School advisor, said that "I don't know if there is any better way to pay the debt of

Bengali mother than to teach Bangla to their children despite facing thousands of challenges on foreign soil".

Children who were present at the event surprised the audience by saying that they are also interested in standing in solidarity with the people of Canada or Bangladesh if any crises were to arise.

Every two weeks, one language is becoming endangered. Over the last 60 years, 350 languages have gone extinct. Researcher's have depicted that one third (1/3) of the languages in the world could be extinct in the next 100 years. Bangla School Toronto is trying to promote the Bangla language and heritage, so it will not get lost like so many other languages have. Help us to help your children and spread the word to others to uphold Bangladeshi language and culture to the Bangladeshi community.



Third Annual HSDNI's Sustainability Conference for Future Sustainable Societies and Multicultural Show – 2019



On Sunday, June 30th, 2019, HSDNI hosted the third annual conference on Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Societies at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus.

Cultural diversity represents universal values that strengthen the unity and cohesion of societies. The conference was focused on the issues, causes and challenges of cosmopolitan and multicultural societies and how to deal with them. With 50 plus attendees and 10 speakers and presenters, the conference was very interactive and informative. The conference concluded with a multicultural show, which was educational and enjoyable.

HSDN International has been operating with the goal of raising awareness and promoting practical models for sustainable development through cooperation and collaboration and in doing so, striving to reconcile economic growth with environmental interests and the protection of unique societal practices, cultures, and traditions. Through this event, we were able to reconcile some of the existing gaps in our community and beyond.

The event began with the acknowledgement of the indigenous land rights by Tahmid Rouf and welcome address from HSDNI's Chair Dr. Nasima Akter and Saadia Sarker, the coordinator of the Sustainable Development Network (SDN) at University of Toronto. Mr. Jannatul Islam, ED and Incorporator of HSDN, presented the organizational ideas and moto as an introduction while collaboration and simple life challenges were presented.

Special guest speaker, Dr. Fahim Quadir, Vice-Provost and Dean at the School of Graduate Studies at Queen's University, presented the inclusion theory for multicultural society. His talk emphasized the importance of youth after graduation to not only think about their study for future prospective jobs, but rather to deploy their expertise to contribute in a greater prospect.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Monirul Mirza, a professor from the University of Toronto, presented the necessity of sustainability and whether sustainable development is a mirage or a reality. Dr. Mirza showcased lots of crucial data to demonstrate how crucial it is for our societies to act for a better sustainable future and survival.

Dr. Diane Dyson and Saira Ansari, from Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation, discussed on the special guest and keynote speakers' presentations and facilitated an interactive dialogue with the audience members on how we can survive if we don't get involved in sustainable activities.

In the second half of the conference, research was presented by Tayyeba Darr from Access Alliance Multicultural Health on "Empowering Newcomer Communities to Combat Climate Change"; Srijia Biswas from

March of Dimes Canada on "Exploring the factors that influence equitable access to and social participation in Dementia care programs by immigrants and refugee population living in Toronto and Durham Region"; and Tahmid Rouf from Bangladeshi-Canadian Community Services (BCS) and NYA on "Bangla Town and the Educational and Employment Experiences of Bangladeshi-Canadian Youth".

In the third part of the event, the multicultural show featured a cultural show presented by Canadian Newa Guthi and other artists especially from south Asian cultures.

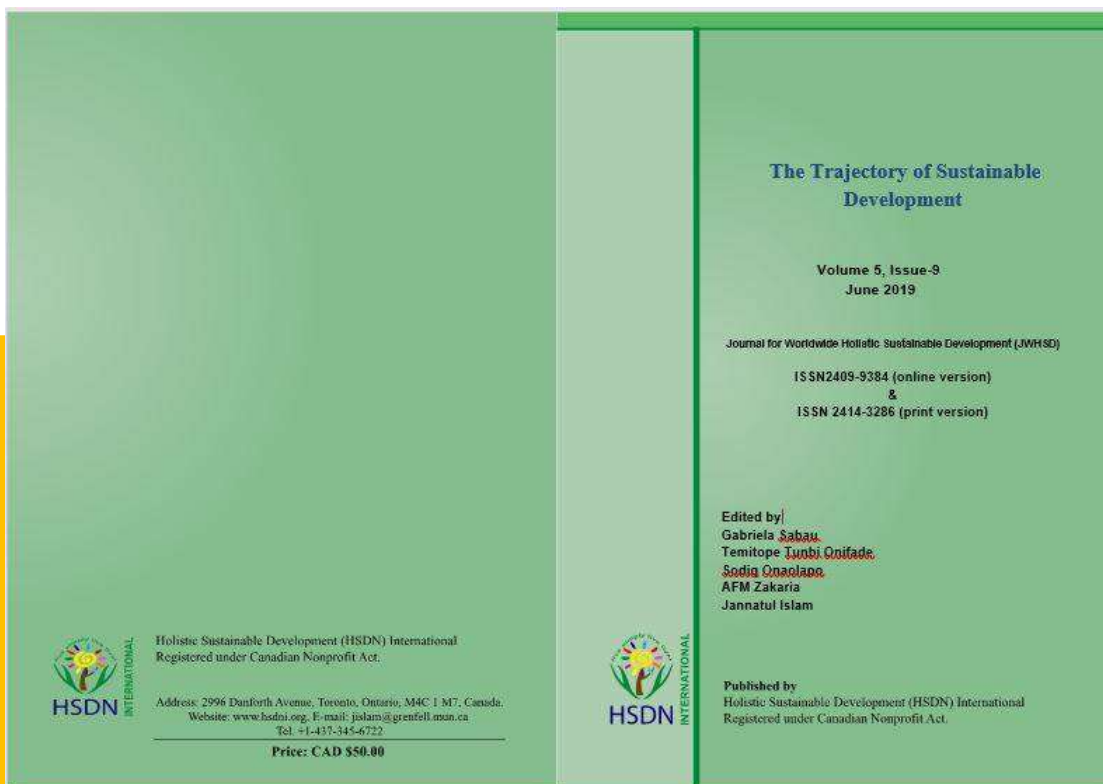
The conference concluded by the chair of HSDNI thanking the board members and volunteers and the organizers of Sustainable Development Network at University of Toronto, a student club of HSDNI. Flags from different countries were raised by the people from different backgrounds and with a greater of hope working together for a more equitable and sustainable society.

As a growing international organization, it is with great enthusiasm that HSDNI seeks collaboration with diverse stakeholders to attract scholars and social workers from around the world.

Journal for Worldwide Holistic Sustainable Development (JWHSD)

The Journal for Worldwide Holistic Sustainable Development (JWHSD) features both online and printed versions with **ISSN 2409-9384 (online)** and **ISSN 2414-3286 (print version)**. The JWHSD is a forum for discussing the findings of scholars, practitioners and students interested in sustainable development research. The journal focuses on the social science and interdisciplinary approaches to sustainable development. The goal of the journal is to be the world's largest peer reviewed open access journal reporting issues of sustainable development and ongoing research for addressing its challenges. The journal hopes to be a platform for identifying key issues and solutions to sustainable development challenges from an integrated perspective. For author guidelines see: <http://www.hsdni.org/jwhsd/authors-guidelines/>

We are pleased to announce that the 5th volume 9th issue of our journal "Journal for Worldwide Holistic Sustainable Development" is now live. Thanks for all stakeholder for their continuous support the research in future sustainable societies.



Third Annual Children Summer Activities & BBQ Event – 2019



On 23rd August 2019, HSDNI hosted the Third Annual Children Summer Activities and BBQ event. This was an event jointly organised by Bangla School Toronto, HSDNI and BCS.

It was a great event, full of fun activities and delicious food. The BBQ Team cooked BBQ chicken of 700 pieces by 2:30PM to serve in addition to hot dog preparation, snacks & fruits.

Children’s activities, consisting of relay races, soccer, tug-of-war, and more, were arranged by a team of youth and Bangla school volunteers. Lots of gifts and appreciation awards were given to the participants. Besides BCS and HSDNI’s board members, local community leaders, MPP

and former councillor were present at the event. There were a total 332 registrants for the event, while 294 were counted to be present, along with the soccer team.

In the past two years, HSDNI had financial supports from the City of Toronto through their Neighbourhood Improvement Grants, however this year we didn’t receive the grant. The HSDN board and supporters were committed to continuing this great annual community event and contributed from their own pocket. We hope to have this event continue in the future, with or without any funding support from any funding agency as this event is the only free event of its kind for the local community school children and parents to enjoy.



Bangla School Toronto

Linguistic and cultural diversity is the beauty of most cosmopolitan cities like Toronto. Multi-culturalism represents universal values that strengthen the unity and cohesion of societies which is also acknowledged by post-2015 global development agenda. Every language spoken in the world represents a special culture, history, melody and color, and to everyone the mother language is certainly one of the most precious treasures in our lives. It's a duty and responsibility to preserve it and pass it down from generation to generation. Learning another language brings a lot of advantages in our lives; it opens a new window in our world view and makes us more aware, open-minded, and respectful to other cultures, lifestyles, customs and beliefs.

Toronto is a great place for multi-culturalism, while language is the most important tools of culture. India Study channel (2017) claimed that the total number of languages in entire world is 6901, out of which, 90% of their speakers is less than one hundred thousand. Around 367 languages are such that are spoken by mere 50 people. There are 47 languages of which there are less than 10 speakers. Keeping one's mother tongue, especially in a foreign country, does not happen spontaneously. Instead, it is an achievement that requires commitment and determination. In respect of the mother tongue, International Mother Language Day is being observed all over the world; the day initiated in Bangladesh, based on the sacrifice of Bengali people to uphold their rights to speak their mother tongue.



Hence, Bangla School Toronto was established in 2016 to keep the value of the mother tongue up and facilitate Bengali language and cultural learning to an approximate 100,000 Bengali people of the Greater Toronto. Bangla School Toronto has been running as a symbol of mother language movement which is expected to contribute in greater linguistic and cultural diversity in Canada and all over the world. We are looking forward to establishing this initiative to a greater extent and creating an institution in future.

Solidarity Stance to Save the Sundarbans

HSDN International stands in solidarity to protect the Sundarbans and scrap the Rampal coal power plant because the Sundarban, known to be the world's largest mangrove forest, is a unique and sensitive biodiversity. UNESCO declared Sundarban as a World Heritage Site due to its importance for extremely rich biodiversity and beauty of nature. To preserve its outstanding universal value, now demands global public action for its survival. Although the Sundarban covers more than 60% of the total reserved forest of Bangladesh, it contributes about 50% of total forest revenue. Compared to 200 years ago, the Sundarban area has decreased drastically from 16,700 km² to 4,143 km².

Nevertheless, the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) (India) and Bangladesh state owned Power Development Board (PDB) have started construction for 1320 MW Rampal coal-fired power plant, which is merely 20 kilometres from the Sundarban area. Coal cannot be a solution for climate justice. With the building of this plant, it will act as an invitation to a range of national and international vested interest groups to grab the forest and set up hundreds of commercial projects in and around the Sundarbans. This has not only put the livelihood of at least 3.5 million people at risk, it has made the lives of around 40 million coastal people vulnerable to natural disasters, as the Sundarbans have also been a huge natural safe guard against frequent cyclones, storms and other natural disasters in the country. Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable country facing climate change. Thus, our campaign will be continued.



HSDN BLOG

The world is careening with new technology that is improving by leaps, and each new advancement is leading to a myriad of unforeseen consequences. At the same time, the world is shrinking, with borders blurred by international treaties, international economic agreements and the juggernauts often referred to as multinational corporations, wielding more power and having more money than many sovereign states.

With all this craziness going on around us, it is easy to feel small and out of control. It is easy to feel like we cannot have a say in the affairs around us, to get intimidated by all the large-scale happenings and to have our opinions and ideas trapped inside us.

Today we bring you good news.

The Holistic Sustainable Development Network (HSDN) is presenting you with a platform to present your views and opinions

to the world, through its blog. You can share your insights and read the views and opinions of people from around the world, educating yourself and others in the process. It will give you the opportunity you always wanted – to influence the world around you and not merely be a passive observer.

In addition to the peer reviewed information, HSDN has expanded into the blogosphere with its monthly contributions starting from April 2015. For those interested in becoming involved with HSDN, blog submissions are routinely being accepted for review. In the interest of quality and uniformity, blog submissions are to be cited in a recognized format, with a focus on one or more of the goals or objectives of HSDN and should contain no more than one thousand words. Please forward submissions to wwhfdc.blog@gmail.com.



Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

Symposiums and conferences are a key component of HSDN's mandate. To disseminate academia and practitioners' expertise and combining the theory and practice, HSDN International committed to organizing conferences, workshops and seminars and to create study materials for sustainability practitioners. HSDN's executives have attended and presented in dozens of conferences and workshops that fit within the sustainable theme. This initiative has heralded in conference presentations in Canada, Philippines, and Bangladesh, with plans for future conferences across the globe.

HSDN planned to organize collaborative conferences as frequent as possible on sustainability besides its own workshops and seminars. Till date, dozens of workshops and seminars have been organized and two collaborative conferences on sustainability were also hosted on 13th November 2015 and on 26-27th October 2016 in Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. We have successfully organized our third sustainability conference at University of Toronto on 30th June 2019. We are scheduled for the fourth sustainability conference on social inclusion and diversity on 30th May 2020 at the University of Toronto.

We are looking forward to organizing more and outreaching for events such as our conferences, workshops and seminars to compile learning materials from the conceptual experts and practitioners' knowledges and share to strive for a sustainable future.

Youth Initiative for Sustainability

Recently, we have been working with youth who are the future of the world. Holistic sustainability can't be achieved without the younger generation's involvement. To do so, we have been developing youth leadership through our Bangla School Toronto program and through different event. We are educating them about a sustainable world; how would it look like, to be addressing the problem around us and affecting our social and environmental life and values.

Sustainability Review Magazine: ‘Learn Locally, Spread Globally’

To address problems in sustainability and to promote sustainable practices, our regular sustainability review magazine is underway. We aim through the magazine to present the exemplary actions, stories and views that will communicate with practitioners and facilitate actions against any unsustainable practices. Our moto for the magazine is: *Learn Locally, Spread Globally*. We will accumulate examples and experiences from everywhere and present it for use of greater benefit of the society.

Community Sustainability Global

HSDN International and Human Dignity Foundation partnered on a project called “Community Sustainability Global (CSG)”. Under the CSG project, we bring together organizations (especially social enterprises, NGOs and governments) and individuals (mostly experts) to combine efforts in a complementary way to pursue sustainability ends.

Launched in January 2019, the idea behind the CSG project comes from the themes driving the two organizations that started it. Combining the "holistic" approach of the Holistic Sustainable Development Network International and the "dignity" focus of the Human Dignity Foundation, the project deals with sustainability holistically without undermining the dignity of people. In practice, this idea implies that sustainability means different things at different places: our approach in poor communities in Africa is different from our approach in rich communities in North America; and conversely, how we approach rich communities in Africa is different from how we approach poor communities in North America. We are currently implementing the project in Nigeria and Canada, but there are plans to expand to other countries. More information can be found here: <http://www.csgproject.com/>

ON-GOING PROJECTS

Since we are in initial stages of our growth, most of the initiatives we have taken such as Bangla School Toronto, Blog, Conference/workshop/seminar, and journal are our on-going projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23RD NOVEMBER 2019	Seminar on Importance of Bengali Learning and How to Learn Effectively
19TH DECEMBER 2019	Seminar on Good Parenting and Celebration of Bangladeshi Victory Day
15TH JANUARY 2020	10 th Issue, Fourth Volume of JWHS
22ND FEBRUARY 2020	Seminar on Learning Mother Tongue in Overseas and Celebration of International Mother Day
28TH MARCH 2020	Observe International Day of Forests and Celebration of Bangladesh Independence Day
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