

ALL ACT: Honouring Saleemul Huq's legacy of advancing practical solutions for loss and damage

When

Date: 5 December 2023

Time: Evening reception from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Resilience Hub (Blue Zone pass needed to access)

Duration: 60 minutes

Organisers: ALL ACT (IIED and ICCCAD)

Context

Across the world, the escalating impacts of climate change are most acutely felt by those in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Rising sea levels, devastating floods, and increasingly intense cyclones disproportionately affect these vulnerable regions. Loss and damage (L&D) from climate change are becoming more frequent and severe, and adaptation measures alone are not sufficient to prevent all impacts.

In response to this urgent need, IIED and ICCCAD launched the [Alliance for locally-led approaches for transformative action on loss and damage \(ALL ACT\)](#) initiative in March 2023, aiming to provide agile and sufficient financial and technical support to those facing the brunt of climate change. ALL ACT is a commitment to locally-led, transformative action, designed to optimize existing resources and prepare for additional support, ensuring that the needs of the most vulnerable are met swiftly and effectively.

As we gather at COP 28, we not only reflect on the challenges but also focus on proactive solutions and collaborations. This evening's reception is a significant step in this journey, honouring Saleemul Huq's legacy, whose vision and dedication to climate action profoundly shaped the ALL ACT initiative. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy will continue to guide and inspire this work. This event will honour his contributions and reiterate our commitment to advancing his mission in tackling loss and damage.

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introduction**
2. **Tribute to Professor Saleemul Huq**
3. **Update on progress of ALL ACT Initiative**
4. **Launch of new Initiatives**
 - Official launch of the Saleemul Huq Memorial Scholarship and Prize for Loss and Damage Research
 - Launch of the Loss and Damage Research Observatory
 - Launch of Anticipatory Social Protection Index for Resilience (ASPIRE) toolkit and analysis
5. **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**