

# CLIMATE VULNERABLE FORUM



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## **CLIMATE VULNERABLE COUNTRIES SEEK TO CATALYSE ACTION AT COP17 AND BEYOND**

- **Bangladesh Environment Minister today drew attention to Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) aims,**
- **2011 Ministerial Declaration of the CVF distributed to delegates**

***DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA – 09 December 2011: The Bangladesh Minister of Environment and Forests today presented the cause of the Climate Vulnerable Forum in his address to the High-Level segment of the UN climate talks in Durban (COP17).***

The Bangladesh Environment Minister, HE Dr. Hasan Mahmud, articulated the importance for an immediate consensus on a mitigation agenda, supported by concrete progress on adaptation, finance and technology at Durban. Speaking on the purpose of the CVF, the honorable minister said:

*“The CVF is a communication and political platform of most vulnerable countries. It seeks to play a catalytic role through facilitation in reaching a consensus agreement for action here in Durban and beyond.”*

Drawing to the attention of the President of COP17 today in plenary, the Bangladesh Environment Minister said:

*“A group of severely affected Non-Annex-1 countries met in Dhaka last month at the Climate Vulnerable Forum-2011, attended also by the UN Secretary-General, to highlight our vulnerabilities and to articulate the imperatives for an effective, robust and durable response.”*

The Dhaka Ministerial Declaration of the CVF was also circulated at the plenary.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

The Climate Vulnerable Forum is an international partnership of vulnerable countries from Africa, Asia, the Americas and the Pacific founded in 2009. 19 members of the Forum adopted a 14-point Ministerial Declaration in Dhaka, Bangladesh in mid-November 2011 at a meeting inaugurated by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the threshold of the UN talks in Durban.

For more information on the Forum see: [www.daraint.org/cvf](http://www.daraint.org/cvf) and [www.mofa.gov.bd](http://www.mofa.gov.bd)

DARA and the CVF also publish the *Climate Vulnerability Monitor* – a global assessment of the impacts of climate change. For more information see: [www.daraint.org/cvm](http://www.daraint.org/cvm)

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