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Supporting Bangladesh's contribution to a new international climate agreement

Ricardo-AEA has won a major new project to help Bangladesh define its national plan for tackling climate change ahead of next year's crucial UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting in Paris

In a project supported by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), Ricardo-AEA will be helping the Government of Bangladesh to identify the country's potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and develop a credible pathway to a low-carbon future. This pathway will be formalised into an Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC), a public statement each country must make, outlining the actions and commitments it will take to tackle climate change. Signatories to the UN convention meet each year with the aim of stabilising greenhouse gas emissions, but the December 2015 UNFCCC Conference of the Parties meeting in Paris is of particular significance as it is expected to lead to a new global climate change agreement that will apply from 2020.

Ricardo-AEA will also be working with local partners and government departments to help Bangladesh prepare for the inevitable impacts of climate change. This will include identifying potential mitigation measures and providing capacity building support and training in areas such as measurement, reporting and verification, and climate adaptation.



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Kashmala Kakakhel, CDKN's country programme manager, said: "Our mission is to support decision-makers in designing and delivering climate compatible development. The INDCs set by each country will be fundamental to achieving a robust agreement in 2015 that effectively tackles climate change. Ricardo-AEA was awarded the contract to support Bangladesh with its INDC, due to its exemplary record delivering sustainable solutions around the world, including greenhouse gas emission inventories, climate adaptation and climate finance."

Chris Dodwell, international projects director at Ricardo-AEA, commented: "We are very pleased to be supporting Bangladesh in preparing its INDC. Our team's expertise will ensure that Bangladesh receives comprehensive support, tailored to its unique context and circumstances. Our team will deliver a high quality INDC for Bangladesh that will help to progress the Paris negotiations."

For further information on Ricardo-AEA's international climate change, and climate negotiation, services, visit its website <http://www.ricardo-aea.com/cms/carbon-markets/>

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