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### **Research Interests**

Community Food Security, Aboriginal community economic development, Community based natural resource management and Participatory Video.

### **Education**

**2010            PhD Student**

Natural Resources Institute.

University of Manitoba, Canada

**2007-2008    Masters in Environmental Management and Development**

Institution:    The Australian National University, Australia.

Result:        **Degree awarded with Merit**

**2002-2004    Masters in Business Administration (MBA)**

Institution: Royal Roads University, Canada (Bangladesh Chapter)

Major: Executive Management.

**CGPA: 4 out of 4; received Chancellor's Award for academic distinction.**

**1997-2000    Bachelors in Computer Science (B.Sc)**

Institution: North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Major: Computer Science, Minor: Management Information System (MIS)

**CGPA: 3.59 out of 4, Awarded CumLaude for academic distinction**

**1994-1996    Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)**

Institution: Chittagong College, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Major: Science; Result/Division: First Division

Board: Chittagong Board

## **1992-1994      Secondary School Certificate(SSC)**

Institution: BMS Girls High School, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Major: Science; Result/Division: First Division, Secured **14<sup>th</sup> position** in combined merit list

Board: Comilla Board.

### **Honors and Merits received for academic excellence**

- Masters degree in Environmental Management and Development from the Australian National University was awarded with **distinction** (2008).
- Received *Vice Chancellors* Award in MBA for academic distinction (2003).
- Awarded *CumLaude* in BSC in Computer Science from North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2000).
- Secured **14<sup>th</sup> position** in combined merit list and **7<sup>th</sup> position** in Girl's merit list in SSC examination (1994).

### **Scholarships and Research Funding received**

- Received Joseph -Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) which is doctoral Awards 'A' category offered by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).The award is valued at \$35000 per annum for three years (2011-2014).
- Received Northern Scientific Training program (NSTP) fund of \$2435.00 to pursue my field studies in the North (2011-2012).
- Awarded NRI Provincial Grant of \$3500 CAD dollars to support my research work (2010-2011).
- Received \$2500 CAD dollars as Manitoba Hydro Graduate Fellowship in Natural Resources Management (for entrance to the graduate program in Natural Resources Management, with a focus on Canadian Natural Resources and Environmental Management) (Fall 2010 and Winter 2011).
- Received \$4000 CAD dollars as research grant from Transmedia and Justice Group, University of Manitoba (2010-2011).
- Received Research scholarship of \$17000 per annum for PhD studies at University of Manitoba, Canada (2010-2013).
- Received Asian Development Bank's(ADB) scholarship (app. \$50,000 Aus) for perusing Masters at the Australian National University (2007-2008), Australia.

- Preliminary selected for Commonwealth Scholarship for MS in IT (2005).

### **Awards Received for Research work**

I received First prize in the poster contest at *Environmental Studies Association of Canada* (ESAC) conference, 2011 for my poster titled 'GARDEN HILL FIRST NATION: Household Food Survey Shows Food Prices are Unaffordable for Community and its Fishermen: Winnipeg based fish market will help fishermen survive'. (ESAC: May 30st-May 31st, 2011, Universty of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada).

### **Research Contributions**

#### **i). Referred contribution:**

Ahmed A, Islam D, Hasan AR, Rahman N 2006. Measuring the Impact of ICT on women in Bangladesh, *The 2006 International conference on e-learning, e-business, Enterprise Information Systems, e-Government and outsourcing* (EEE'06: June 26-29, 2006 , Las Vegas, USA) .(co-author)

#### **ii). Other referred contributions:**

Thompson S, Islam D, Gulrukh A and Murthy A 2010. Country Food Programs in Nelson House First Nation provide food for the soul and a model for Northern Manitoba.

Paper accepted for publication on *Alternatives Journal*. Issue: the people's Food Revolution (to be published on February 2011) (co-author).

#### **iii). Non-referred contributions:**

Islam D, Thompson S, Zahariuk S and Mailman M 2011. Poster: 'GARDEN HILL FIRST NATION: Household Food Survey Shows Food Prices are Unaffordable for Community and its Fishermen: Winnipeg based fish market will help fishermen survive'. This poster was awarded First prize in the poster contest at *Environmental Studies Association of Canada* (ESAC) conference (ESAC: May 30st-May 31st, 2011, Universty of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada). (presenter and main author).

Islam D 2011. Discussant and chair of the panel 'Gender, Organization and Adaptation in Bangladesh' at the Annual *Environmental Studies Association of Canada* (ESAC) conference (ESAC: May 30st-May 31st, 2011, Universty of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada).

Islam D and Thompson, S 2011. Panalist in the 'Harvesting hope in Northern Manitoba'(Video and Panel) (presenter and co-researcher). (ESAC: May 30st-May 31st, 2011, Universty of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada).

Islam D, Thompson S 2011. Food sovereignty and community development explored through participatory video in Northern Manitoba (presenter and co-author).

Panel: community organizing and community economic development at Association for non profit and social economy Research (ANSER-ARES) 2011 Annual conference program. (ANSER: June 1st-June 3rd, 2011, Universty of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada).

Islam D 2011. "Fish Buying Club"- A proposal for creating market opportunities for Island Lake. Paper presented in Food Sovereignty workshop (FARHA: Feb 17-18,2011, Winnipeg, Canada)(presenter and author.)

Islam D 2009. Adaptation to climate change and enhancing environmental governance capacity in Bangladesh: A gender perspective. Paper presented at 'Climate change in Bangladesh' panel at the Annual *Environmental Studies Association of Canada* (ESAC) conference (ESAC: May 31st-June 1, 2010, Montreal , Canada). (presenter and co-author).

**iv). Forthcoming contributions:**

Thompson S, Mailman M, Islam D, Fieldhouse P. Gulrukh A, Unwanko U. and Murthy A, Household Food Security Rates in Aboriginal communities in Northern Manitoba, Article submitted for review for *Canadian Journal of Public Health* , August 2010. (co-author).

**v). Literary and artistic work:**

Lozenznik, V. and Islam D 2010. Gardening at St. Theresa: A video documentary prepared to portray the gardening initiatives to increase the availability of nutritious food among First Nation

communities in northern Manitoba. The video was presented in a participatory video workshop held on 28-29 August, 2010 at Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba, Canada. (director/editor).

**Teaching experience**

- Co-facilitated a focus group discussion with Melanie Zurba at youth conference on climate change at Tech Voc High School, Winnipeg (March, 2011).
- I was invited as a guest lecture to talk about 'Islam and Development' in an undergraduate class at the Menonite University Winnipeg, Canada (2011). I received outstanding student feedback after my presentation.

**Work Experiences**

**Employer:** University of Manitoba, Canada  
**Designation:** Teaching Assistant, Natural Resources Institute.  
**Period:** January 2011 to April 2011

**Employer:** Independent University, Bangladesh  
**Designation:** Lecturer, School of Engineering and Computer Science.  
**Period:** August 2003 to June 2007(Study break since 2007)

**Employer:** BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**Designation:** Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.  
**Period:** September 2001 to January 2002

**Employer:** BRAC Information Technology Institute (BITI), Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**Designation:** Faculty Member.  
**Period:** September 2000 to September 2001

**Language Proficiency:**

Bengali, English, French, Hindi and Urdu.

<b>Skills</b>	<b>Bengali</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Hindi</b>	<b>Urdu</b>
Speaking	Excellent	Excellent	Well	Excellent	Excellent
Writing	Excellent	Excellent	Well	-	-
Reading	Excellent	Excellent	Well	-	-
Listening	Excellent	Excellent	Well	-	-

- ❖ Successfully completed 3 year (2004-2006) **French** Language Diploma DELF B2 from Alliance Francaise Chittagong, Bangladesh. The certificate of which was awarded by the French Ministry of Education in December' 2006.

#### **Career-Development Workshops attended in Canada(2010)**

- Attended a day long video theory workshop conducted by Environmental Conservation Lab, University of Manitoba on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.
- "Surveys from Start to Finish" attended three day workshops arranged by Statistics Canada in December (8,9 and 10), 2010. Venue: Winnipeg, Manitoba

#### **Seminars and Training workshops attended in Bangladesh(2002-2006)**

- Training workshop on “How to Prepare a Bankable Project Proposal for Successful Loan Application.”-Jointly organized By **SEDF**(South Asia Enterprise Development Facility) and Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industries, 2003.
- Professional Training course on “Company Secretarial Practice”- Organized By Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Managers of Bangladesh, 2004.
- Seminar on “Export of Frozen vegetables And Export packaging of vegetables and fruits”- Organized by Export Promotion Bureau(EPB) Bangladesh, 2005.
- Training Workshop on “Market Readiness for Exporting Handicrafts to USA” – Jointly Organized By Chittagong Women Entrepreneurs & **SEDF**(South Asia Enterprise Development Facility), 2005
- Training workshop on ‘Hardware assembling and Troubleshooting’- organized by Daffodil Institute of Information Technology (DIIT), Chittagong, 2005.
- Seminar on “Supply Chain Mangement” Jointly arrganized By **ATDP-II** & Chittagong Stock Exchange Ltd, 2005.
- Regional Forum on “Engendering SMEs: Women in Enterprise Development” jointly organized by IFC, SEDF and University of Dhaka, October 2-3,2005. Venue: Spectra Convention Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Consultation Workshop on “Strategic Plan for Higher Education” jointly organized by Ministry of Education, Govt. of Bangladesh and University Grants Commission of Bangladesh. November 26, 2005. Venue: Hotel Saint Martin, Agrabad, Chittagong.

- Training Workshop on “ Mushroom cultivation” organized by Mushroom Bangladesh, 133 Chandonpura, Chittagong. May 19-20, 2006.
- Seminar on “Bridging Generations: Post-911 Global Feminisms in the US” organized by American Corner, Jamal Khan, Chittagong on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006. Speaker: Dr. Colette Morrow(Fullbright Senior Specialist grant)