Meghna river basin is shared by Bangladesh and India, and includes 29 transboundary rivers originating from India and flowing into Bangladesh. The examples of transboundary tributaries of Meghna river basin includes, Feni, Khowai, Gumti, Manu and Muhuri rivers originating from Tripura; Myntdu (Shari) and Umgot (Pyan) rivers originating from Meghalaya plateau, and Barak-Surma rivers originating from Assam. More than 50 million people depend on the ecosystem services provided by Meghna river basin.

About the Forum

A scientific symposium, the Meghna Knowledge Forum (MKF) 2021 aims to provide a learning exchange platform on shared water governance issues in the Meghna Basin linked to Natural Resource Management (NRM) and community inclusion. The MKF 2021 is designed as a virtual meeting with interactive sessions to stimulate dialogue among relevant actors at the national and transboundary levels.

The forum discussions will be structured around following three themes; 1) Geophysical and Ecological Diversity of the Meghna Basin; 2) Cultural and Socio-economics of the Meghna Basin; and, 3) Inclusive Basin Governance in the Meghna Basin.

MKF 2021 is jointly convened by IUCN in partnership with think tanks and CSOs working in the Meghna River Basin.

MKF 2021 Objectives

To contribute to addressing water governance challenges in the Meghna Basin, MKF 2021 aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Support the identification of key knowledge gaps in the implementation of an Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) in the Meghna Basin;
- Develop potential partnerships to address knowledge gaps;
- Facilitate dialogues on the development of basin-level integrated management approaches;
- Facilitate discussions on themes such as knowledge-based water governance, community-based research, and translation of research outcomes and its use in shared water governance policy and planning; and,
- Serve as a venue for sharing of lessons learned in transboundary water governance among organisations, local communities, women and youth sectors.
MKF 2021 will include three major events, as follows:

a) Thematic Plenary Sessions: Panel discussions and presentation of technical papers on specific themes linked to water governance issues and challenges in the Meghna Basin.

b) Side events: Parallel sessions facilitated by key government agencies, research institutions and civil society organisations, demonstrating technical solutions and community-based strategies to address key water governance issues in the Basin.

c) Knowledge Fair: Photo exhibition, poster presentations and screening of films produced by young researchers and/or by women from India and Bangladesh on the Meghna issues.

Visit the MKF 2021 webpage for latest news on forum and call for photos, side events and poster competition: https://www.iucn.org/regions/asia/about/meghna-knowledge-forum-mkf-2021

Forum Registration

Register here: https://qiqochat.com/e/meghna-knowledge-forum-2021
or, scan this QR code to register:

To participate in Meghna photo stories contest, click this link: https://qiqochat.com/e/mkf-2021/presenters

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