**Agroecology for Climate Justice: Stories from the Global South**

***Side event at the 29th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCC (COP29)***

*Organizers: PAN Asia Pacific (PANAP), Bangladesh Resource Center for Indigenous Knowledge (BARCIK), and Sikh Human Rights Group (SHRG)*

Baku Stadium, Baku City, Azerbaijan

18 November 2024 | 15:00 to 16:30 | Room Side Event 6

**Background**

Food and agriculture are now central to global climate talks. At COP28, a declaration signed by 159 countries vowed to prioritize food systems in their climate action plans by 2025. The proposed side event will showcase people-led initiatives, particularly agroecology, that transform food systems and provide just and long-term climate solutions. Many rural communities worldwide have been practicing agroecology but do not get the needed support from the policymakers, who tend to be biased toward chemical-intensive, corporate farming. The side event will promote agroecology as a climate solution, encourage more communities to adopt it, and compel governments to support it. It will feature documented agroecology practices from various countries with solid and scientific evidence of how agroecology is a real climate solution.

**Program**

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| **Time** | **Presenter** | **Content** |
| 15:00 - 15:03 | Moderator: Chathurika Sewwandi, VIKALPANI National Women's Federation | *Welcome participants and brief background about the side event* |
| 15:03 - 15:10 | Arnold Padilla, Deputy Executive Director, PAN Asia Pacific (PANAP) | People-led agroecology as an indispensable component of radical food systems transformation to truly address the climate crisis |
| 15:10 - 15:12 | Moderator | *Introduction to the panel of presenters on documented community practices of agroecology and evidence as climate solution* |
| 15:12 - 15:22 | Pavel Partha, Director for Education, Culture, and Diversity, Bangladesh Resource Center for Indigenous Knowledge (BARCIK) | Story of 60 rural women from ten villages in the southwestern coastal zone of Bangladesh who are addressing climate-induced vulnerabilities by adopting agroecological practices and participating in a movement |
| 15:22 - 15:32 | Leodegario Velayo, Farmer, and Rowena Buena, Regional Coordinator, Farmer-Scientist Partnership for Development (MASIPAG) | Story of a Filipino rice farmer's efforts to respond to El Niño and climate change through economic and social resilience strategies and community solidarity |
| 15:32 - 15:42 | Moderator | *Open forum* |
| 15:42 - 15:57 | Baba Gurpreet Singh, Nishan-e-Sikhi | Story of the Nishan-e-Sikhi efforts in Punjab to promote environmental sustainability through pesticide-free organic farming, indigenous manure, vermiculture, and zero-tillage practices, while preventing stubble burning and supplying organic produce for the Free-For-All Kitchen, embodying ecological responsibility and community welfare. |
| 15:57 - 16:07 | Sakiul Millat Morshed, Executive Director, Shikkha Shastha Unnayan Karzakram (SHISUK) | Story of a community enterprise approach to revitalize neglected and underutilized common pool resources in floodplain communities in Bangladesh using agroecological solutions |
| 16:07 - 16:17 | Moderator | *Open forum* |
| 16:17 - 16:22 | Public official? (to be confirmed) | Closing remarks |

*Indicative running time: 82 minutes*