The role of leadership in policies to address loss and damage in Bangladesh

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Anchoring Loss and Damage in Enhanced NDCs

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"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

- Theodore Roosevelt –
A brief history

Loss and Damage

2010:
- Work programme on loss and damage established

2012:
- Role of the Convention in promoting the implementation of approaches to address L&D determined

2013:
- Warsaw international mechanism established

2014:
- First meeting of the interim Executive Committee

2015:
- First meeting of the Executive Committee
- Loss and Damage inscribed in Article 8 of the Paris Agreement

NDCs

2011:
- ADP established at COP 17 to guide negotiations on what became the Paris Agreement

2013:
- The concept of INDCs introduced at COP 19

2014:
- At COP 20 determined that INDCs will include mitigation and can include adaptation

2015:
- Paris Agreement established at COP 21
Including Loss and Damage in NDCs: What are the issues?

• **Power**
  - Who has the power creates the narrative and who creates the narrative dictates what matters and what does not
  - As such, funders tend to be dictated more by priorities developed countries than those of developing countries

• Loss and Damage deemed **political** - but is it really?

• On the ground **complexities**

• **Capacity**
How can we ensure the priorities of developing countries articulated in NDCs?

Centre climate policy at all levels around the priorities of those in the arena: policy and decision makers in vulnerable developing countries.