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## PRESS RELEASE

### **U.S. GOVERNMENT-FUNDED CARBON FINANCING WORKSHOP OPENS IN DHAKA**

**DHAKA, OCTOBER 28** -- A two-day U.S. Government-funded workshop on “Global Climate Change and Carbon Financing: Opportunities for Bangladesh” opened today in Dhaka. U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh James F. Moriarty and Bangladesh State Minister of Environment and Forest Dr. Hasan Mahmud inaugurated this important workshop. Participants will explore opportunities for carbon financing in Bangladesh as means to reduce emissions, increase adaptation and improve land use while alleviating poverty and conserving biodiversity. This workshop is organized by USAID’s Integrated Protected Area Co-management (IPAC) project and the United States Forest Service in partnership with the Bangladesh Government, Jahangirnagar University and Independent University of Bangladesh as part of a capacity building effort for protected area co-management and conservation.

The U.S. Government, through USAID, is working to improve the lives of the people of Bangladesh, especially the very poor. USAID administers programs in Bangladesh in five broad areas: improving health and pre-primary education, creating income opportunities for rural poor, supporting good governance, enhancing food security, and strengthening disaster preparedness and providing emergency assistance following natural disasters. The U.S. Government has provided more than \$5 billion in assistance to Bangladesh since 1971. In 2009, U.S. assistance will total about \$180 million.

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