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**A conversation with Bärbel Höhn, Sohara Mehroze Shachi
and Ainun Nishat on Climate Justice**

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Screening of the Documentary 2040 – The Regeneration

When: Tuesday, Nov 5, 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Where: Brac Inn, Auditorium

Moderation: Dr. Sebastian Groh, Associate Professor at BRAC Business School, BRACU

Science clearly states that as the adverse impacts of climate change accelerate, extreme weather events are creating ever greater loss and damage in developing countries, particularly in Africa and Asia, home to some of the world's largest youth populations.

According to the UNISDR global economic loss and damage from climate induced disasters amounts to USD 2.25 trillion over the last twenty years (1998-2017), a 150% increase from the previous 20 years. Over the same time frame Bangladesh's losses from just seven major disasters stands at USD 11.6 billion. Unfortunately, this number excludes the unquantified non-economic loss and damage suffered by millions of Bangladeshis affected by climate induced disasters. It has already been predicted that the risks associated with extreme events will continue to increase as the global mean temperatures rises. Bangladesh has been recognized as one of the most vulnerable countries to the adverse effects of climate change due to its geographic position in an active delta region. The country is predicted to experience an increase in average daily temperatures of 1°C by 2030 and of 1.4°C by 2050 indicating that the effects of climate change have already begun to take place in many parts of the country. Now, the impacts of climate change will not be borne equally or fairly, between the rich and the poor, between women and men, nor older and younger generations. Consequently, there has been a growing focus on climate justice, which looks at the climate crisis through a human rights lens and on the belief that by working together we can create a better future for present and future generations. Climate justice highlights one of the biggest challenges of recent times – climate change – while building on the historically evolved concepts of social and environmental justice and concepts of social equity.

In this up-coming session, we will speak with Bärbel Höhn, a **German** politician for Alliance '90/The Greens, the former **State Minister for Environment** and Agriculture from 1995-2005, and member of parliament from 2005-2017. We will also hear from Sohara Mehroze Shachi, a research associate from UNDP and the curator of the Dhaka Hub of the Global Shaper community, the youth organization of the World Economic Forum. Last but not least we will be joined by Dr. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus of C3ER, BRAC University and a key member of the Climate Change Negotiation Team for Bangladesh

representing the country at the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (CoP) since Bali, Indonesia at CoP 13 till today. The conversation will center on climate finance, the role of activism in the past and today, including civil rights movements, extinction rebellion, Greta Thunberg and the school climate striker, the meaning of climate justice across different generations and income groups, as well as energy reform in areas as distinct as Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. What are the differences, what are the common denominators and where do we go from here?

To get the conversation starting, we will be seeing an excerpt of the internationally acclaimed documentary 2040 – The Regeneration which is currently being shown in cinemas worldwide. 2040 is a hybrid feature documentary that looks to the future, but is vitally important NOW! The 2040 journey began with award-winning director Damon Gameau (That Sugar Film). Motivated by concerns about the planet his 4-year-old daughter would inherit, Damon embarked on a global journey to meet innovators and changemakers in the areas of economics, technology, civil society, agriculture, education and sustainability. Drawing on their expertise, he sought to identify the best solutions, available to us now, that would help improve the health of our planet and the societies that operate within it. From marine permaculture to decentralised renewable energy projects, he discovered that people all over the world are taking matters into their own hands.

Detailed Program

When	What
4:15pm – 4.30pm	Doors open
4:30pm - 5.15pm	Screening of the Documentary 2040
5.15pm - 6.15pm	A conversation with Bärbel Höhn, Sohara Mehroze Shachi and Ainun Nishat on Climate Justice, moderated by Sebastian Groh
6.15pm - 6.30pm	Light snacks

Sign-up

The venue has limited capacity (up to 100). Please sign up by sending an email to Ms. Sharmin Nahar Nipa sn.nipa@bracu.ac.bd and/ or Ms. Karishma Fatiha karishma.fatiha@me-solshare.com stating in the subject line *Confirming attendance for the Conversation on Climate Justice*. Please clearly state your name, role and affiliation in the email.