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Dear Dr. Wurster:

As per our conversations since January, please find attached a concept paper for work proposed under the USAID Higher Education Development APS call.

Prepared by researchers at the University of Arizona, the International Research Institute of Columbia University, and the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), this work is intended to: a) be in direct response to U.S. President Barak Obama's Executive Order on Climate Resilient International Development (#13677) of September 23, 2014, b) further our current work in the "International Research and Applications" Project (IRAP) funded by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and c) build upon the collaboration platform emerging from the Gobeshona Network led by ICCCAD.

As you will see in the attached, we are proposing a "network" based on our university partnerships, an active collaboration with USAID and the Bangladeshi Meteorological Department to operationalize the approach employed in our IRAP program, and the creation of an information warehouse that will be the point of reference for international information on climate adaptation in Bangladesh.

We look forward to hearing from you, and are prepared to answer any questions, provide further details, and make any changes to the attached concept note.

With best regards,

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