

## *Seminar On* "Climate Change, Sustainability and Transportation"



The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEED) in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science and Management (DESM) and the American Center, US Embassy, Dhaka successfully organized a seminar on "Climate Change, Sustainability and Transportation", held on the 8th of June 2014 in OAT 801 at the North South University campus. Ms. Joanne R. Potter, Principal of ICF International, USA was the keynote speaker in the seminar. More than 200 students, faculty members and guests attended the seminar. The topic attracted people of different backgrounds.

Mr. Ragib Ali, Chairman Board of Trustees (BoT), NSU was the Chief Guest, while Acting Vice Chancellor of NSU Prof. A.N. M. Meshquet Uddin presided over the seminar. The public Diplomacy Officer of the American Center Ms. Claudia A. Page, Deputy Library Director of the same center Ms. Shahina Sultana, and the Dean of School of Health and Life Science Dr. Sirajul Islam Khan were the special guests.

Dr. Javed Bari of CEED delivered a welcome speech where he introduced the keynote speaker Ms. Joanne R. Potter to the audience. In her main presentation, Ms. Potter shared her vast global experience in the fields of Climate Change, Sustainability and Transportation obtained from various USAID, World Bank and US Federal Government projects in different developing countries. She especially discussed how the developing cities could become more resilient against the changing climate through appropriate policies, tools, and infrastructure. A lively question-answer and discussion session followed the main presentation.

Later, Mr. Ragib Ali, Prof. A.N. M. Meshquet Uddin, Ms. Claudia A. Page, Dr. Sirajul Islam Khan, and the Chair of DESM Dr. Hassan Mahmud briefly addressed the audience. Finally, Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam, Chairman, CEED, NSU delivered a concluding speech. He thanked the keynote speaker, the guests, audience, volunteers and all concerned with the seminar. At the seminar, the audience were provided with snacks, and later the chief and special guests had lunch together.