CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS FOR "NEELAHARITHA" CLIMATE CHANGE MAGAZINE OF SRI LANKA

Climate Change Secretariat
Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

Calling for Manuscripts for the Climate Change Magazine

Climate Change is a phenomenon which is of immense concern to the global community. Climate change can increase the intensity of floods and droughts, and can cause immense losses to the economy and damage to livelihood and ecosystems.

Sri Lanka is a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol and has an obligation to take initiatives to minimize climate change and its impacts. With the advent of the Paris Agreement and subsequent development of Sri Lanka’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage it is important that the community is made aware of climate change and its adverse impacts, the current research that is being carried out in Sri Lanka and solutions to minimize GHG emission reductions and build resilience of vulnerable communities.

In this context, being the National Focal Point to the UNFCCC the Climate Change Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment publishes a magazine on climate change annually, in order to create awareness on climate change to researchers, general public, university students and other interested parties on the above.

Manuscripts are invited for the magazine on the following thematic areas especially focusing on Sri Lanka;

1. Climate projections
2. Climate change Impacts and vulnerability
3. Adaptation and mitigation measures for enhancing resilience
4. GHG emission reduction potentials
5. Low carbon technologies and strategies
6. Loss and damages due to climate induced disasters
7. Best practices and lessons learnt through projects related to climate change
8. Use of Indigenous Knowledge on addressing climate change impacts

Articles related to the above, containing sectors such as gender, agriculture, fisheries, livestock, water, health, natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems, coastal and marine, tourism, energy, transport, waste, industries, and any other sectors are encouraged for submission.

Guidelines and submission format can be downloaded from http://www.climatechange.lk/ccs_index.html. Submissions should be made on or before 20th May 2019 to the Climate Change Secretariat. For clarification contact Ms. Methmali Rajaguru / Ms Hasula Wickremasinghe on 0112034198. Please circulate this message to other interested parties.

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MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION DETAILS

A. Guidelines for manuscripts

Language:
Articles can be written in all three languages. If written in English, either British or American English styles could be used consistently throughout the manuscript. For Sinhalese manuscripts, please type using a FM font and for Tamil manuscripts please use FM Kalaham.

Layout and Contents:

1. Title: This should reflect the content of the manuscript and should be concise.

2. Authors: Last name with initials of all authors should be given along with e-mailing address of principal author. Identify the corresponding (principal) author with an asterisk.

3. Key message: Capture the main essence of the article in four bullet points (maximum) not exceeding 40 words

4. Body: The article should be written in simple language with a view to enhance the understanding of the general public on climate change and its impacts. Where technical words are used they should be described in a simple way.

5. Graphics: Tables, figures, images could be used if necessary to strengthen the main idea of the article. If photographs are included, they should be of high resolution of at least 600dpi.

6. Conclusion: If included, a brief note on the importance for national policies and development

7. Number of words: Maximum of 2000 words.

8. References: The key references should be listed. (Please see the section on reference).

9. Font: Arial 11, paragraphs- double spaced. For Sinhala FM Abhaya and Tamil articles font should be FM Kalaham.

Note: Plagiarism or direct reproduction of other authors work should not be submitted.

B. Short Communications

1. Title: This should reflect the content of the manuscript and should be concise.

2. Authors: First and last names of all authors should be given along with e-mailing address. Identify the corresponding author with an asterisk.

3. Number of words: maximum of 750
4. The observation should be your own. It need not be linked scientifically with climate change but, climate change could indirectly be responsible for the particular observed incident.

For example, during a prolonged drought, it was observed that some adult butterflies did not emerge from their cocoons. The pupae may have got dehydrated within the cocoon and not been able to emerge. This would indirectly have a huge impact on the ecosystem. The number of species would decline, there is also the possibility that the lack of certain pollinators could have a negative impact on the plant world.

5. Graphics: Tables, figures, images could be used if necessary to strengthen the main idea of the article. If photographs are included, they should be of high resolution of at least 600dpi.

6. References: The key references should be listed. (Please see annex for reference style).

7. Font: Arial 11, paragraphs- double spaced

Note:
Plagiarism or direct reproduction of other authors articles should not be submitted.
Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced on A4 in WORD document. Font size must be 11 points Arial. Text should be justified; Footnotes should be avoided; All units of measurement should be in metric, or preferably SI units; All pages should be numbered; Tables and Figures should be numbered and captioned; Original drawings and figures should be submitted; Photographs must be digitized and must be clear with no watermarks, emboss, or markings; Photo credit must be provided along with image caption; Spellings should be consistent with the type of English chosen (British or American).

Citation:
Reference citation in the text should follow the following formats. In the case of multiple citations, the references should be cited in order of publication priority. In case of two publications with the same year, alphabetical order of priority should be followed.
1. ..... Ricketts (2004), Wilson & Reeder (2005), and Stuart et al. (2008) ..... 

References:
All references cited in the text should be quoted completely in this section. Journal names should be expanded. Please do not insert abbreviations. For example, expand PNAS to Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, or J. Bom. Nat. Hist. Soc. to Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society. References should be listed in the following format:

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Open Access Journal:
Thesis:

Book:

Edited Book:

Edited Book (multiple volumes):

Book Chapter:

Peer-reviewed Monograph:

Report:

Web resource:
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Electronic:
Email to climatesec@gmail.com with copy to hasulaw@yahoo.com, on or before 20th May 2019.
Text should be in MS WORD, Arial font 11. (Paragraphs: Double spaced). Besides inclusion in the text, scanned and constructed images of all figures and photographs should be attached separately and must be of high quality JPEG or TIFF files (minimum 600dpi resolution).

Hard copy:
Please submit one hard copy to the following address; Director (Climate Change), Climate Change Secretariat, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment, 416/1/C, Robert Gunawardena Mawatha, Battaramulla, on or before 20th May 2019.

Review:
General Articles and Short Communications articles will be reviewed by an editorial board and authors are responsible to address the comments /suggestions before being accepted.

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Date

Director (Climate Change)

I, __________, on behalf of my co-authors, ________________________________________, submit the following manuscript titled “___________________________” for publication in “NeelaHaritha” the Climate Change Magazine of Sri Lanka.

Thanking you,

Co-authorship of the Paper,

We, the undersigned state that we have made contributions to the above paper, and consent in being named as co-authors.

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