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Of

“Sri Lanka NEXT - A Blue Green Era”

Conference and Exhibition

16 - 17 October 2017

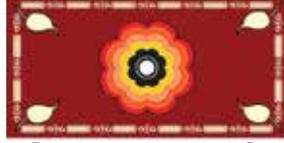
BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka



Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment



His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, addressing the United Nations General Assembly in New York, on 21st September 2016, subsequent to the ratification of Paris Agreement



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President of Sri Lanka
Message

Today, the world community is moving into new arena which has more concern on environment. Common environmental issues and adverse impacts of the climate change which effect on all states without any geographical limitations would be the reason of this trend.

The world is initiating actions on environment conservation and sustainable use of resources by establishing international conventions, protocols and agreements as well as programmes. By exceeding the traditional concepts, visions and measurements of development, the world is stepping towards sustainable development. It is a challengeable responsibility before us to achieve sustainable development goals by 2030 and in this context we need to identify and introduce new approaches, concepts and initiatives as a nation.

Sri Lanka, being a signatory party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, has taken number of initiatives related to the convention and agreement by demonstrating our commitment on environment. Introducing a Blue-Green Era is the most significant milestone on this pathway. Although, the global effort is for a green economy, we have stepped up beyond a green economy and are striving to have a “Blue – Green Economy” by utilization of resources in both Ocean and terrestrial for sustainable development. The “Sri Lanka NEXT- *A Blue Green Era program*” is the national event which showcases our national strategies and achievements on blue green economy to international and nationally launched in the last year, we commemorate the second year of it in 2017.

The Sri Lanka NEXT- *A Blue Green Era programme* which is commencing on 16th and 17th October 2017 at BMICH, Colombo will review our vision, overcoming challenges and future plans on blue green economy. Presidential Environmental Awarding ceremony, expert dialogs, youth forum, national symposiums, school environmental programs together with SAARC – Climate Change Forum will create a platform for a blue green era with effective brainstorms by covering all strata of the society.

I wish this program to be success and to have an opportunity to show our national commitment on blue green economy to the world community as environment conscious nation.

October 10, 2017

Maithripala Sirisena



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Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

The Message of Hon. State Minister of Mahaweli Development



It's my great pleasure to give a message to Sri Lanka NEXT –*A Blue Green Era*” Programme.

Today, the world is facing number of critical challengers and the climate change is one of the major challenges. Climate change is a global phenomenon and the negative impacts of which are severely felt by almost all countries and creates socioeconomic, political and environmental issues. Therefore, we need to take actions on it immediately.

In this context, the Paris Agreement is an ideal tool which can be used to control and minimize the negative impacts of climate change. As a party country to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, already we have given our contribution for this important Agreement and some policy decisions also have been taken.

The world is transforming into sustainable development initiatives. In that scenario, we need to identify and implement new approaches, innovative methodologies and strategies on utilization of natural resources towards sustainable development pathways.

The “Sri Lanka NEXT - *A Blue Green Era*”Programme will open eyes on sustainable development pathways and I hope, this Programme will create new avenues on it. Also it is our responsibility to contribute this important programme. In the near future, we will have a massive sea area under our custodian and we should ready to utilize its resources in sustainable manner. I believe that, the “Sri Lanka NEXT - *A Blue Green Era*” Programme is the most appropriate platform to achieve this goal which enriched in technically and participatory manner.

Finally, I hope we will be able to gather all expert knowledge on “Blue - Green Economy” into one forum under the “Sri Lanka NEXT - *A Blue Green Era*”2017 Programme and I wish to have an effective dialog towards the blue green economy in Sri Lanka.

Mahinada Amaraweera

State Minister of Mahaweli Development

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Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources



Message of the Hon. Deputy Minister

Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment launched the “Sri Lanka NEXT – *A Blue Green Era*” Programme under the patronage of HE the President of Sri Lanka, Maithripala Sirisena, being the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment on 6th January of 2016 after adopting the Paris Climate Agreement at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Today we are celebrating the second commemoration of “Sri Lanka Next- *A Blue Green Era*” Programme.



Sri Lanka is a nation that provided globally recognized contribution on environmental conservation and sustainable use. Throughout our long history and culture, we have been more concern on flora, fauna and commonly on sustainable utilization of natural resources.

In accordance with the current social and economical trends lead the world to unsustainable resource use and it has created number of issues. It is our responsibility to find solutions for that issues and create sustain and pleasant environment for current and future generation. In this context, climate change is one of the major challenges that make adverse effects to revert the global sustainable development.

As a middle income country in the SAARC region, Sri Lanka has planned and launched several programs on climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. Under the Paris Agreement, already we have shown tremendous contribution to the greenhouse gases emission reduction.

The main objective of the “*Sri Lanka NEXT - A Blue-Green Era*” programme is to gather the updated information on climate change in local, regional and global and use that information to Sri Lanka’s development agenda. In addition, networking among stakeholders, enhance capacity to resilience on climate change, taking nationally appropriate actions to minimize adverse effects of climate change and encourage reducing greenhouse gas emissions are the objectives of this program.

Therefore, I believe that the “*Sri Lanka NEXT - A Blue-Green Era*” programme will make a bridge towards the common goal. Also I wish that, innovative knowledge and information through expert dialogues, research symposiums and youth involvement which will provide a common platform for all to ensure the sustainable development of the country.

Anuradha Jayarathna

Deputy Minister of Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment



Message of the Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

I am much pleased to convey this message at the time of launching the “Sri Lanka NEXT – *A Blue Green Era*” Programme 2017, for the second consecutive year.

The Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, as the prime institution responsible for protection and safeguarding the country’s environment and natural resources, is on a journey to create a conducive and pleasant environment sustaining nature for the development of economy and well-being of the people.



Sri Lanka has been bestowed with natural resources to enrich and sustain lives of the people inhabited in the country. Over a period of two millennia, people of Sri Lanka lived in harmony with nature and the traditional life style ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources without compromising the potential for future generation.

However, this balance was diminished as a result of rising population and thereby the exploitation and depreciation of natural resources increased at an alarming rate due to unsustainable consumption and production patterns. Deterioration of land, pollution of air and water resources, depletion of biodiversity as well as ozone layer, climate change and associated issues such as global warming, rising of the sea level etc. have resulted in tremendous environmental issues, which are at a challenging level today for the whole life on the earth.

Sri Lanka is also blessed with ocean resource prospects which can be geared towards the development of Blue Economy by way of utilization of fish, aquaculture, mineral oceanic energy and other marine resources. There are plenty of other benefits yet to be explored from the ocean resource. Further, benefits that can be utilized by engaging green development strategies in Sri Lanka are also significantly important. In this context utilization of green concepts in sectors such as Industrial production, Agriculture, Energy, Transport, Construction, Education are significant. Therefore, Blue and Green development initiatives together have a great potential to be achieved for the Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka. It is for this purpose the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment introduced ‘Sri Lanka NEXT- *A Blue-Green Era*’ Programme.

‘Sri Lanka NEXT- *A Blue Green Era*’ Programme will make an adequate awareness on environment related issues among the public at all levels.

I wish that this event will be instrumental in generating more opportunities to make Sri Lanka blue-green economy, a reality.

Anura Dissanayake

Secretary

Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment



The Way Foreword

Sri Lanka having held an ancient history of thousands of years ruled under several kings before the colonization period. During the forecast of these civilizations towards the development pathways in recent past, have deviated the environmental stability. As a fact now our nation is facing many environmental challenges as well as whole world is in struggle of finding solutions for the environmental issues which arisen during past technological and scientific development.

One of the major challenges faced by today's human civilization is the climate change which induced by greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from anthropogenic activities. The world population is rapidly increasing by another 2 billion by 2050. Hence more anthropogenic activities and more and more GHG emissions will further change the climate. In this context, Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) including Sri Lanka adopted the Paris Agreement at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the UNFCCC in Paris, France with the objectives of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change; Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production; and making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate resilient development.

After adopting the Paris Agreement, in order to meet its objectives, “Sri Lanka NEXT – *A Blue Green Era*” programme was launched in January 2016 by His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka as an overarching national flagship programme to ensure the country's socio economic development in the low carbon development pathways.

The second mega event of “Sri Lanka NEXT – *A Blue Green Era*” Conference and Exhibition takes place from 16th to 17th October 2017 at the Bandaranayke Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) in Colombo, Sri Lanka as to enrich the overall vision of the Programme. This encouraged the society to practice the sustainable consumption and production, and also to adapt to simple lifestyles accordingly. The overall “Sri Lanka NEXT – *A Blue Green Era*” event comprises of Several Components. Such as presidential Environment Award Ceremony, research symposiums, expert dialogues, exhibitions, film shows and other awareness creation programmes.

The Programme is implemented in collaboration with many government and non-governmental organizations, private sector, civil societies, academics, experts, donor agencies, and other environmental cooperation and partnerships to achieve the overall Objective of the programmes. We hereby warmly welcome every one for the “Sri Lanka NEXT – *A Blue Green Era*” Conference and Exhibition 2017 and appreciate all the supports and efforts who extended to make this Programme a success.

Secretariat of “Sri Lanka NEXT -*A Blue Green Era*” Programme

Chair- rear Admiral Rohana Perera, Chamen marine Environment Protection Authority

Overall Coordinator- Dr. Sunimal Jayathunga, Climate change Secretariat

Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment

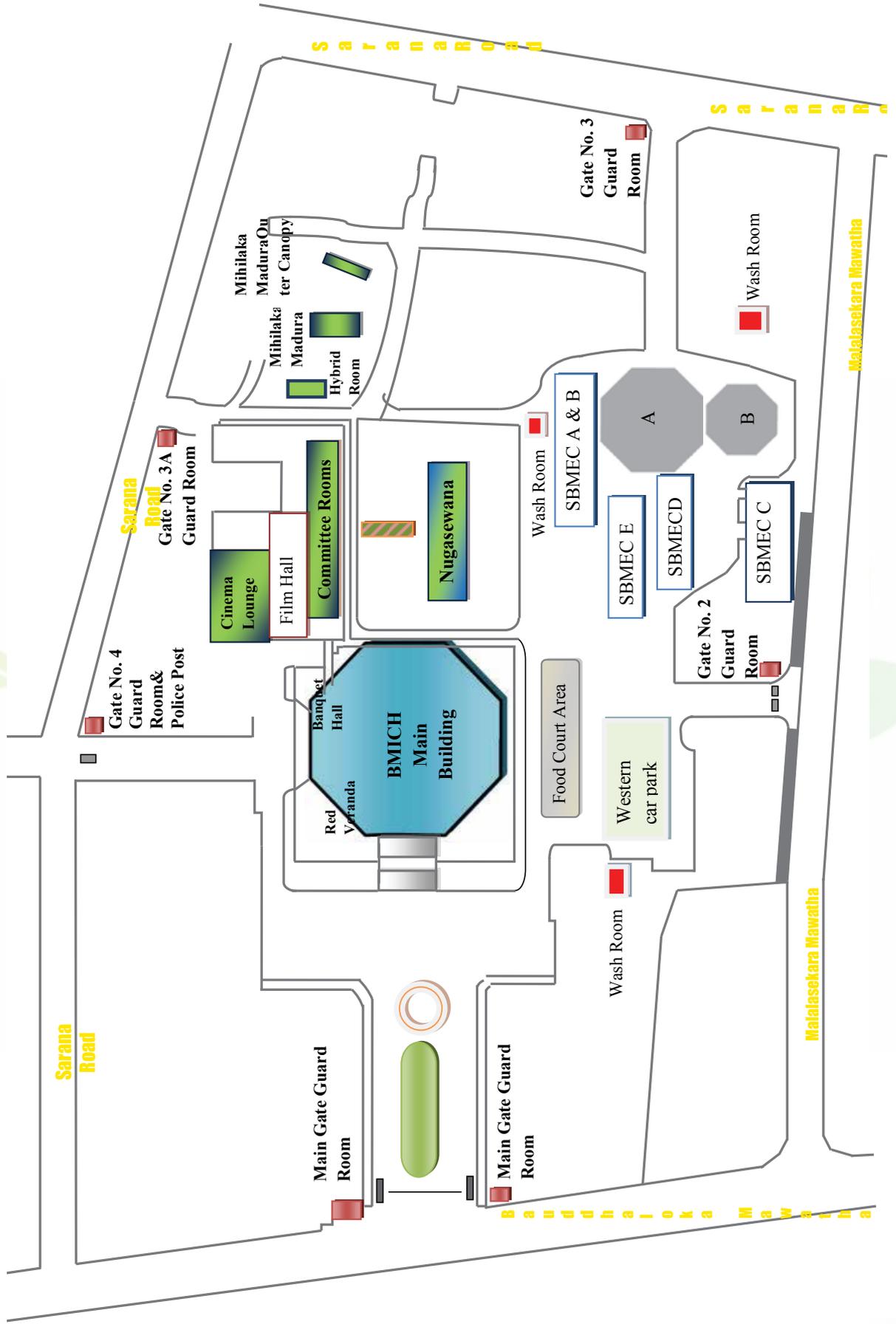
Venue



Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)

The Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) is a Convention Center located in Colombo, Sri Lanka. BMICH was inaugurated in 1973, in memory of Solomon Ridgeway Dias Bandaranayke, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) from 1956 to 1959. It deemed as one of Asia's most up-to-date conference venues and ranked as South Asia's best, the BMICH blends the best of professional facilities with the natural beauty of Sri Lanka offering memories that last a lifetime. In 1998 a small Exhibition Centre, the Sirimavo Bandaranayke Memorial Exhibition Centre was completed and added to the facility. The BMICH premise is managed by the S.W.R.D. Bandaranayake National Memorial Foundation (BNMF) which is chaired by the President of Sri Lanka.

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Sri Lanka NEXT: “A Blue-Green Era” Programme

Goal

Promote Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka through Blue Green Economic initiatives

Main Objectives

- To gather updated knowledge on local, regional and global efforts to address the issues on climate change and disseminate such knowledge to support the development agenda of Sri Lanka.
- To create awareness among the key stakeholders and general public on environment and blue-green economy in order to obtain their active participation to achieve both economic and environmental sustainability of Sri Lanka.
- To reward the pioneers on environmental conservation and innovation to appreciate and encourage their active contribution towards sustainable development.
- To enhance the capacity to build the resilience of Sri Lanka by strengthening networking, coordination, coherence and synergies among stakeholders while providing a platform to share knowledge, best practices and experiences.
- To encourage nationally appropriate mitigation actions to minimize greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation measures to build resilience of vulnerable sectors, areas and communities in Sri Lanka.
- To fulfill the national commitments on Multilateral Environmental Agreements including the Paris Agreement.

Major Events

- Presidential Environmental Awards Ceremony - 2017
- Experience Sharing Forum on Climate Smart Initiatives of Sri Lanka
- National Research Symposium
- Youth Forum on Climate Change
- Exhibition on Blue Green Economy and Environment
- SAARC-ADB Workshop on Climate Change
- NDCs Dialogue Forum
- Expert Dialog on Sustainable use of Ocean and Marine Resources
- School Awareness Programme
- Film Festival on Blue Green Economy and Environment
- “Soba Chalana Sithuwam” Film Award Ceremony

Presidential Environment Awards Ceremony 2017

Venue : Main Auditorium

Date : 16th October 2017

Time : 10.00 a.m to 12.00 p.m

The government of Sri Lanka progressing to build up Blue Green Era to develop the Sri Lankan economy in making clean and green environment with the participation of institutions, organizations and the general public in large by streamlining the communication network and empowering them on the importance of conserving and protecting environment.

In order to facilitate this momentum, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment have planned and organized series of programmes, it has been decided to reward the individuals, institutions, organization and activities which have made unique contribution to the field of environmental conservation and protection by organizing the Presidential Environmental Awards Programme by Central Environmental Authority.

Main objective of this Presidential Environment Awards 2017 is to appreciate the enthusiasm of the general public towards environmental conservation and protection while sustaining their active involvement in long run for the clean and green production under the leadership of His Excellency the President.

Now selected winners from the eligible applicant of Sri Lankan citizens, or institutions, organizations, industries and business entities by panel of judge. There are 11 winners under sector Social, Cultural and Institutions, 44 winners under sector Industries and Business and 03 winners of Haritha Daruwo will receive the Presidential Environment Awards.

This Presidential Environment Awards ceremony which will be held on 16th October 2017 from 10.00 a.m. onwards at Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall under the patronage of His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Medium of communication : Sinhala and English

Expected participants : youth, academia, media

Organizers : Central Environmental Authority



**Inauguration of Sri Lanka NEXT- “A Blue Green Era” Conference and
Presidential Environment Awards Ceremony 2017**

Time	Details of the Programme
9.45 a.m	Arrival of invitees
9.55 a.m	Arrival of Hon. Anuradha Jayarathna Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment Arrival of Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Hon. State Minister of Mahaweli Development
10.00 a.m	Arrival of His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, the President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
10.10 a.m	Lighting Traditional Oil lamp
10.15 a.m	Environmental Documentary
10.18 a.m	Environment Song
10.23 a.m	Introduction of the programme (<i>by compeers</i>) English / Sinhala / Tamil
10.30 a.m	Welcome Address by Mr. Anura Disanayake , Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment
10.35 a.m	Entertainment
10.40 a.m	Presentation of National Green Awards 2017 - Merit Awards (18)
10.50a.m	Entertainment
10.55 a.m	Presentation of National Green Awards 2017 - Bronze Awards (14)
11.00 a.m	Entertainment
11.05 a.m	Presentation of National Green Awards 2017 - Silver Awards (08)
11.10 a.m	Launching of Visual of Environmental Song.
11.15 a.m	Presentation of National Green Awards 2017 - Gold Awards (06)
11.23 a.m	Presentation of Haritha Daruwo Programme Awards (03)
11.28 a.m	Presentation of Environment Presidential Award 2017 (11)
11.35 a.m	Presentation of NGRS Programme Awards (01) (Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment)
11.37 a.m	Presentation of Special Award (01)
11.40 a.m	Launching of Geo Chemical Atlas (Volume 1) of Sri Lanka. (Geological Survey & Mines Bureau)
11.45 a.m	Address by His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka
11.55 a.m	National Anthem
12.00 noon	End of the Programme & Tea

Awareness Creation workshop on Environment for School children / School teachers

Venue : Committee Room B (Lotus)

Date : 16th October 2017

Time : 11.30 to 16.30

Environmental Education is one of the most effective strategies for increasing the general level of public environmental awareness, developing skills for solving environmental problems and maintaining and improving the quality of life and the environment. The aim of environmental education has been modified to emphasize “education for sustainability” which has broad implications not only for environmental education but also for development, poverty, population and gender. It is expected that environmental education will promote environmentally sustainable societies throughout the world.

Keeping this in mind Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment has taken various steps to create awareness on environment, especially on School children & teachers. Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment & Ministry of Education have taken steps to introduce new curriculum for school education in year 2016 which include environmental education as well. Number of School awareness programmes & teacher training programmes has been conducted accordingly, to school children & teachers who are teaching environmental related subjects like science & agriculture.

As a part of the Sri Lanka NEXT Conference organized by the Government of Sri Lanka, in Colombo from the October 16-17, 2017, an awareness Creation workshop on Environment related subjects for School children/School teachers has been organized on 16th October 2017.

The event will consist of three lectures on following topics;

1. Importance of establishment of urban green canopies.
2. Land degradation and importance of soil conservation.
3. Importance of preservation of Ozone layer & Air Resources Management.

Objectives of the workshop:

1. Bringing - up a generation of self motivated school children emotionally sensitive to environment.
2. Creating awareness on the different aspects of environment such as Biodiversity, Forest Resources, urban green canopies, Land Degradation and Soil Conservation, Air Resources Management and importance of Ozone layer.
3. Change the attitudes of school children towards environmental conservation.
4. The school children and teachers will gain the opportunity to interact with experts in the field of environment and improve their knowledge.

Medium of communication : Sinhala

Expected participants : School children and School teachers-500

Organizers : Forest Resources Division, Land Resources Division and Air Resources Management & National Ozone Unit of Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Time	Details of the Programme
11.30 a.m.	Registration/Lunch
12.30 p.m	Welcome Address/Objective by Additonal Secretary (Environment Projects, Training and Research) Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment
12.40 p.m.	Establishment and Importance of Urban Canopy - Prof. Cyril Wijesundera, Institute of Fundamental Studies
13.30 p.m.	Land degradation, its impacts and the importance of soil conservation - Dr. Namal Hettiarachchi, Natural Resources Management Center
14.30 p.m.	The Importance of Protecting the Ozone Layer and Air Resource Management - Mr. G.M.J.K Gunawardena, Director, Air Resource and National Ozone Unit, Mahaweli Development and Environment
15.30: p.m.	Discussion:
16.30 p.m.	Closing Remarks



Expert Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions of Sri Lanka

Venue : Committee Room C (Lavender)

Date : 16th October 2017

Time : 13.00 p.m to 17.30 p.m

Our intention is to enable a cross-sectoral dialogue on readiness of the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) endorsed by Government of Sri Lanka under the Paris Agreement 2015. The dialogue is jointly implemented with Low Emission Development Strategies Asia Partnership (LEDS-Asia) and UNEP-GEF project on “Preparation of Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) to the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)”. This will be a half-a-day practical dialogue for key national stakeholders, practitioners, NGOs, private sector, experts and policy decision makers from 14 sectors identified in the Readiness Action Plan for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka is a signatory to the Paris Agreement and is bound to achieve the Nationally Determined Contributions defined by the country. Subsequently, the Readiness Action Plan was prepared to enable the achievement of the targets. While in the process of implementation, many issues have arisen in relation to stocktaking, technology, financing, transparency, governance, monitoring and reporting. Therefore, this dialogue has been designed to address the above issues and to open the floor for a lively discussion, together with the key stakeholders, investment groups and experts in the field.

The dialogue also provides an opportunity to highlight key stakeholders’ work and engage with audience. We have created space for ‘market place’ ‘poster session’ interactions during the sessions. These interactive sessions provide an opportunity for participants to make effective networks and specific collaborations and learn about each other’s work and approaches.

Medium of communication :English

Expected participants :Representatives from national and provincial government, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), International Government Organizations (IGOs), multilateral and bilateral financing institutions, GEF agencies, project implementing units, academia, and private sector networks.

Organizers :Climate Change Secretariat of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment in collaboration with Low Emission Development Strategies Asia Partnership (LEDS Asia) and UNEP-GEF project on “Preparation of Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) to the 2015 Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)”

Expert Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sri Lanka 16th October 2017, Colombo

Time	Details of the Programme
13.00 p.m.	Registration
13.30 p.m.	Welcome by Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment
13.40 p.m.	Objectives of the Dialogue by Director, Climate Change Secretariat
13.45 p.m.	Introduction of Participants
13.55 p.m.	Presentation by LEDSA Asia- Mr. Nikhil Kolsepatil, Manager (Energy & Climate), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia - LEDSA Partnership Secretariat
14.25 p.m.	Summary of NDCs of the Mitigation Sector – Dr. Thusitha Sugathapala
14.45 p.m.	<p>Panel Discussion on Climate Change Mitigation Sectors</p> <p>Chairperson : Dr. Thusitha Sugathapala Senior Lecturer , University of Moratuwa, Member of the National Expert Committee on Climate Change Mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport: Dr. Thusitha Sugathapala- University of Moratuwa • Energy: Mr. Harsha Wickremasinghe- Deputy Director , SL Sustainable Energy Authority • Industry: Mr. Gamini Senanayake , Consultant –NAMA Project/ UNDP • Waste: Mr. Nalin Mannapperuma ,Director/ Waste Management Authority-W.P • Forestry: Mr. Nishantha Edirisinghe ,Deputy Conservator of Forests, Forest Department
15.15 p.m.	Discussion:
15.30 p.m.	Summary on NDCs of the Adaptation Sector – Prof Buddhi Marambe
15.45 p.m.	<p>Panel Discussion on Climate Change Adaptation Sectors</p> <p>Chairperson: Prof Buddhi Marambe – Professor of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Chairman, National Expert Committee on Climate Change Adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health: Dr. Inoka Suraweera, Consultant,Community Physician, Ministry of Health • Agriculture: Dr. B.V. R. Punya wardena , Principal Scientist/ NRMCA, Dept of Agriculture • Biodiversity: Mr.ShamenVidanage, IUCN • Livestock: Dr C.N.S. Gamage, Deputy Director/ Livestock Planning- Ministry of Rural Economic Affairs • Coastal & Marine : Dr. Terney Pradeep, General Manager, MEPA • Tourism: Mr. P. U. Ratnayake Director/Planning & Development ,SL-Tourism Development Authority • Urban & Human Settlement: Mr. Gamini Gamage , Consultant, Ministry of Megapolis & Western Province Development • Water & Irrigation: Dr. H. Manthirithilleke, IWMI • Regional Adaptation Projects Experiences – Dr. Paola De Santis , Bioversity International
16.30 p.m.	<p>Discussion on Loss & Damage Sector</p> <p>Presentation on current disaster status & remediation actions taken in Sri Lanka – Ms. Anoja Seneviratne Director, / Mitigation, Research & Development (Disaster Management Centre)</p>
16.45 p.m.	<p>Discussion on Private Sector Involvement</p> <p>Presentation on How to attract private sector investment to achieve Sri Lankan NDCs Buddhika Hemashantha, CEO</p>
17.00 p.m.	Key Takeaways and Recommendations
17.15 p.m.	End

SAARC-ADB Workshop of the Inter-Governmental Expert Group on Climate Change

Venue : Committee Room E (Tulip)

Date : 16th and 17th October 2017

Time : 16th - 13.00 to 17.00 hours, 17th – 9.00 to 16.00 hours

SAARC-ADB Workshop of the Inter-Governmental Expert Group on Climate Change to finalize the Study on Climate Risks in the SAARC Region: Ways to address the Social, Economic and Environmental challenges will be held in BMICH, Colombo from 16-17 October 2017.

The Thimpu Statement on Climate Change adopted by the SAARC leaders at the sixteenth SAARC Summit, Inter-alia, undertook to (i). Review the implementation of the Dhaka Declaration and SAARC Action Plan on Climate change and ensure its timely implementation; (ii). Agree to establish and Inter-Governmental Expert group on climate change to develop clear policy direction and guidance for regional cooperation as envisaged in the SAARC Plan of Action on Climate Change; (iii). Direct the Secretary General to commission the study for presentation to the seventeenth SAARC Summit on “Climate Risks in the SAARC Region; Ways to address the Social, Economic and Environmental challenges” and (iv). Undertake advocacy and awareness programmes on Climate Change, among others, to promote the use of green technology and best practices to promote low-carbon sustainable and inclusive development in the region.

In accordance with the above mandate, the SAARC-ADB Workshop was held in Thimpu on 16-17 February 2017 to consider, examine and finalize the Study on Climate Risks in the SAARC Region: Ways to address the Social, Economic and Environmental challenges and will be reviewed this report including the inputs/ comments given by each country and hope to finalize it in this workshop.

Medium of communication : English

Expected participants : Representatives of SAARC countries and ADB

Organizers : SAARC Secretariat, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Climate Change Secretariat of Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment



**SAARC-ADB Second Workshop to finalise the Study on
Climate Risks in the Region: Ways to Address the Social,
Economic and Environmental Challenges**

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 16-17 October 2017

**Venue : “Committee Room E – TULIP”,
Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)**

Sunday, 15 October 2017

Arrival of delegates in Colombo

Monday, 16 October 2017

- 1000 – 1230 hrs All participants are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony of the “Sri Lanka NEXT - A Blue Green Era” Programme and Presidential Environmental Awards Ceremony which will be held with the participation of His Excellency the President, Maithripala Sirisena in the main auditorium of BMICH with 1600 participants. This is being organised by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Government of Sri Lanka which is also the host of SAARC-ADB Second Workshop.
- 1230 – 1330 hrs **Lunch Break**
- 1330-1400 Registration for SAARC-ADB Second Workshop in “Committee Room E – TULIP” in BMICH, Colombo
- 1400-1430 **Inaugural Session**
- Welcome and Opening Remarks by Mr. Anura Dissanayake, Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Government of Sri Lanka
- Statement by Mr. Sangye Rinchhen, Director, Environment, Natural Disasters and Biotechnology (ENB) Division, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu
- Statement by Mr. Liping Zheng, Adviser, South Asian Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila (to be confirmed)
- Inaugural Address by Chief Guest, Hon. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research, Government of Sri Lanka
- Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sunimal Jayathunga, Director (Climate Change), Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Government of Sri Lanka
- 1430-1445 **Group Photo**
- 1445-1545 **Opening of the Working Session by Mr. Sangye Rinchhen, Director, Environment, Natural Disasters and Biotechnology (ENB) Division, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu**



Adoption of Agenda
Election of Chairperson
Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
Introduction by the participants

Country Statements by the Heads of Delegations from SAARC Member States on the Study
(Time limit: maximum 3 to 4 minutes for each delegation)

1545 – 1615

Coffee/Tea Break

1615 - 1700

Presentation on Revised Study Report on Climate Risks in the SAARC Region: “Ways to Address the Social, Economic and Environmental Challenges” by ADB Consultants Dr. Arabinda Mishra and Ms. Ulka Kelkar

Question Answer Session

Discussion on the recommendations made in the Study

1900

Dinner to be hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka in honour of participants

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

0930-1000

Registration

1000-1130

Discussion on remaining agenda items

1130-1200

Coffee/Tea Break

1200-1300

Discussion on remaining agenda items

1300-1400

Lunch Break

1400-1500

Consideration and finalization of recommendations for future course of action

1500-1600

Consideration and Adoption of Report

Closing of Meeting

1600

Coffee/Tea Break

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Departure of visiting Delegates from Colombo

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

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Expert Dialogue Forum – Sri Lanka Next A Blue Green Era -2017

“Blue Green Economy approach towards Sustainable life below water and Tourism Promotion Through Blue Green Economy Initiative”

Venue : Committee Room A

Date : 16th October 2017

Time : 12.00 p.m. to 18.00 p.m.

Ensuring the scientific integrity of the review, ‘The Expert Dialogue Forum’ is an appropriate vehicle for open and substantive discussions between parties on the scientific knowledge and evidence based marine and maritime sectors. It considers scientific information relevant to the review through regular scientific workshops and expert meetings and will assist the preparation and consideration of developments of the country’s economy through sustainable use of marine sector. In the Sri Lanka Next – 2017 program includes the Expert Dialogue Forum to make platform to all the expertise of the marine field, for the blue green economy approach towards sustainable life below water and Tourism Promotion through Blue Green Economic Initiative.

This scientific forum includes five scientific sessions with the Key note speech by the expertise followed by an open forum in each session. Sustainable use of marine ecosystems, Renewable energy for the green economy, Green Port and Shipping hub in the Asia, Petroleum & Mineral Resources for harnessing ocean wealth and Tourism promotion through blue green economic initiatives are the identified key areas in deliberations.

The Expert Dialogue Forum would be an acceptable long-term global goal which address on level of global warming and effects of climate change on the ocean and marine environment. This top level session would be a country’s first initiative to reach 2030 SDG – Goal 14; blue green economy approach towards ‘sustainable life below water’.

Medium of communication : English

Expected participants : Researchers, Academicians, Planners, Experts

Organizers : Marine Environment Protection Authority



Environmental Exhibition: Alternatives for Polythene & Plastic

Venue : Delegates lounge, BMICH

Date : 16th October 2017

Time : 9.00 a.m to 19.00 p.m

Using polythene and plastic related products has become very essential in today's society. This resulted in a host of social, environmental, health and economic issues that have cropped up with improper use, disposal and burning of plastic and polythene related products. Environment is polluted especially due to the improper disposal of shopping bags and food wrappers of low quality materials and the use of polythene for advertising purposes. At the same time, there is the risk of poisonous chemicals entering the human body as a result of using recycled plastic and polythene for wrapping food and health hazards such as the spread of dengue could also occur due to improper disposal of such items.

Per capita use of polythene and plastic in Sri Lanka is approximately 0.5 kg. per day. Light polythene are being used daily for the manufacturing of twenty and fifteen million of food wrappers and shopping bags respectively. It is observed that various problems have been created on the environment and human health using of plastic and polythene related products. Considering these matters, with the leadership of His Excellency President of Sri Lanka, Maithripala Sirisena, Minister of the Mahaweli Development and Environment a Gazette Notifications was issued for banning polythene product, grocery bags, food wrappers and food containers w.e.f. 1st September 2017. In order to that, Ministry has taken several steps to creating awareness among the general public, trader community and industrialists to promote options and substitutes for the polythene and plastic. The Next Blue Green Era 2017 event is key platform to perform this initiative.

The "Eco Friend Products Exhibition" is organized in parallel to the Next Blue Green Era 2017 event to promote awareness among the general public on environmental friendly alternative products for polythene and plastic. This Exhibition will provide opportunity for the national entrepreneurs as well as small scale producers to showcase their environmental friendly products and technologies. The exhibitors mainly include environment friendly bags and related products, alternatives for lunch sheets and packing materials, 100% bio degradable ,compostable bio plastic for Industrial use, Lunch sheet, Coconut shell products cloth and paper bags, Corn husk bags, Eco plastic products (kolapath) Reed products etc. The "Eco Friend Products Exhibition" organized by the PCB Management Project of the Environment Pollution control and Chemical Management Division of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment. In organizing this event it will be expected to improve the proper management of the use of polythene to minimize environmental issues caused by polythene and plastic.



Experience Sharing Forum on Climate Initiatives of Sri Lanka

Venue : Committee Room D

Date : 16th and 17th October 2017

Time : 16th - 13.00 to 16.45 and 17th -9.00 to 16.45

Experience Sharing Forum on Climate Smart Initiatives of Sri Lanka is organized in line with Sri Lanka NEXT 2017 jointly by the Climate Change Secretariat of Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment and Janathakshan (GTE) Ltd with the following objectives;

- To share experiences of different stakeholders on climate change adaptation and mitigation actions in Sri Lanka
- To enhance knowledge on climate change mitigation and adaptation actions in Sri Lanka
- To create an engagement platform for stakeholders in Sri Lanka on Climate Change
- To create a dialogue on the Climate Change related priorities for the next three years in Sri Lanka

This one and half a day forum comprises the following three main sessions.

Session 1: Experiences on Climate Change Mitigation: 16th October from 1.30 p.m to 4.45 p.m.

This session is comprised of number of presentations on lessons learnt by climate change mitigation related projects/ studies followed by a panel discussion on addressing the key challenges in climate change mitigation initiatives.

Session 2: Experiences on Climate Change Adaptation: 17th October from 9.00 a.m to 12.30 p.m.

This session is comprised of number of climate change adaptation related initiatives followed by a panel discussion.

Session 3: Sri Lanka's priorities and status of Climate Change Finance in Sri Lanka; 17th October from 1.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

This is a high-level panel discussion to explore the potentials and challenges in climate finance. The climate finance scenario in Sri Lanka will be discussed with a high-level panel. This session will focus on the possible avenues and challenges in accessing, mobilizing and tracking climate finance in Sri Lanka.

The forum will be represented by all the sectors of government, corporate, academic and civil society. The updates of the Forum will be shared via social media under the hash tag #CCForumSL2017

Medium of communication : Sinhala and English

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**“Sri Lanka NEXT – A *Blue Green Era*” Conference and Exhibition
Experience Sharing Forum on Climate Smart Initiatives of Sri Lanka**

DAY ONE- 16 th October 2017		
1.30p.m.- 1.45p.m.	Inauguration of the Forum	
	Welcome and opening remarks	Additional Secretary - <i>Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MMDE)</i>
	Introduction to the Forum	Mr.Ranga Pallawala - <i>CEO Janathakshan (Gte) Ltd</i>
1.45p.m.- 3.15 p.m	Technical Session 01 : Climate change Mitigation - Moderator – Mr. Buddika Hemasantha	
	Key Note Speech Key Note Speech	Dr. B.M.S. Batagoda, <i>Secretary, Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy</i>
	Promoting Sustainable Biomass Energy Production and Modern Bio-Energy Technologies in Sri Lanka	Mr. Sampath Ranasinghe, <i>National Project Manager,FAO-UNDP Joint Project on Sustainable Biomass Energy,UNDP</i>
	Mitigation Options for Thermal Energy Applications in Sri Lankan Industrial Sector Mitigation Options for Thermal Energy Applications in Sri Lankan Industrial Sector	Mr. N.M.R. Pathmasiri, <i>Chief Technical Advisor, UNDP</i>
	Up Scaling Biogas Technology for Sustainable Development and Mitigating Climate Change in Sri Lanka.	Mr. Damitha Samarakoon, <i>Deputy Director, Janathakshan</i>
	Eco Village Evidence Based Advocacy for Low Carbon, Pro Poor Sustainable “Eco Village Development” in South Asia	Mr.Dumindu Herath, <i>Project Director, Integrated Development Association (IDEA)</i>
	Reduce Emission from Deforestation & Forest degradation (Sri Lanka REDD+)	Mr Anura Sathurusinghe, <i>Conservator General of Forests, Forest Department</i>
	Promotion of Bio-Gas Technology and Energy Efficient Rubber Drying Houses to Reduce GHGE missions in Rubber Processing, Kegalle District	Mr.Anura Premathilake, <i>Project Director, Human & Environmental Development Organization</i>
	Third National Communication (TNC) on Climate Change of Sri Lanka	Ms. Dakshini Perera, <i>Asst. Director, Climate Change Secretariat, MMDE</i>



3.15 p.m. -3.45 pm		
3.45p.m. to 4.45 p.m.	Appropriate Mitigation Actions in the Energy Generation & End Use Sector in Sri Lanka	Mr.Gayan Subasinghe, <i>Project Coordinator,UNDP</i>
	Mitigation strategies for Industrial Sector	Mr.Vidura Ralapanawa, <i>General Manager (Env. Sustainability) MAS Intimates</i>
	Panel Discussion	Dr. D.S.Jayaweera, <i>Consultant, SEMA</i> Dr. Thusitha Sugathapala, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa Dr.Vishaka Hidellage, <i>Assistant Country Director,UNDP</i> Mr.Vidura Ralapanava, <i>General Manager (Env. Sustainability) MAS Intimates</i>

DAY TWO - 17th October 2017

9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m	Technical Session 02 : Climate change Adaptation - Moderator – Ms.Tharuka Dissanayake	
	Key Note Speech	Prof. Buddhi Marambe, <i>Professor of Agriculture University of Peradeniya</i>
	Strengthening the Resilience of Post Conflict Recovery And Development to Climate Change Risk in Sri Lanka, Project	Mr. Sampath Abeyratne, <i>Technical Coordinator, Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP</i>
	Identification of the Best Agricultural Management Practices With Better Greenhouse Gas Benefits in Salinity Affected Areas of South Asia	Dr.Erandathi Lokupitiya, <i>Senior Lecturer – Department of Zoology and environmental Science, University of Colombo</i>
	Climate Resilience Improvement Project (CRIP)	Eng. Janaki Meegastenna, <i>Director or Irrigation (Drainage and Flood Systems), Department of Irrigation</i>
	Bridging the Climate Information and Communication Gaps for Effective Adaptation Decisions	Dr. Athula Senaratne, <i>Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies</i>
	Climate Change Adaptation Project to Develop the Capacities of Dry Zone Farmers	Col. Sudath Madugalle, <i>Deputy Director General, Sri Lanka Red Cross Society</i>
	The Study on the Possible Direct & Indirect Impacts of Climate Change on Coastal Aquifer System of Sri Lanka	Mr. G.R.R Karunaratne, <i>Deputy General Manager – Research and Development, Water Resource Board</i>
	Vulnerability of Home Garden Eco-Systems to Climate Change & Its Impacts On Food Security in South Asia	Prof. Buddhi Marambe, <i>Professor of Agriculture University of Peradeniya</i>

10.30 a.m. - 10.50 a.m.	Morning Tea	
10.50 a.m.- 12.00 noon	Climate Resilience Integrated Water Management Project	Dr. Buddika Hapuarachchi, <i>Technical Advisor, Disaster Risk Reduction, UNDP</i>
	Vulnerability of Rained Farmers to the Drought & Potential Strategies to Enhance The Resilience Capacity	Mr.H.J.C.Jayasooriya, Research Officer, HARTI
	Mainstreaming Agro Biodiversity Conservation and Use in Sri Lanka Agro Ecosystems for Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change	Mrs.Pathma Abeykoon, <i>Director (Biodiversity), Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MMDE)</i>
	Project on Addressing Climate Change Impact on Marginalized Agricultural Communities Living in the Mahaweli River Basin in Sri Lanka	Mr.Ruchira Vithana, <i>Senior Assistant Secretary, MMDE</i>
	Updating Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Piloting Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation into National Development Activities	Mr.Kapila Gunaratne, <i>Consultant/ Costal Ecologist</i>
	Ecological Restoration of Traditional Tank Cascade Systems	Mr.ShamenVidanage, <i>Programme Coordinator, IUCN</i>
	Climate Change Adaptation Projects Implemented by Bio-Diversity International in Asia, Pacific and Caribbean	Dr Paola De Santis, <i>Project Manager Diversity International Agro-biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Programme</i>
12.00 noon -12.30 p.m.	Panel Discussion	Mrs.Sherine Samarasooriya, <i>Consultant, UNDP</i> Eng. Janakee Meegastenne, <i>Director of Irrigation, Department of Irrigation</i> Dr.Buddika Hapuarachchi, <i>Technical Advisor, UNDP</i> Mr.Sanjaya Vashith, <i>Director at Climate Action Network South Asia</i>
1.30 p.m. - 3.30p.m	Technical Session 3 : Lessons Learnt , The Way Forward including Climate Finance– Moderator Mr. Ranga Pallawala	
	Keynote Speech	Mr.Anura Disanayake, <i>Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment</i>
	Lessons Learnt from Technical Sessions on Climate Change Projects	Mr. Ranga Pallawala, <i>CEO, Janathakshan</i>
	Panel Discussion on the Way Forward	Mr.Anura Disanayake, <i>Secretary, MMDE</i> Dr. BMS Batagoda, <i>Secretary, MPRE (tbc)</i> Dr.Jurgen Morhard, <i>German Ambassador (tbc)</i> Prof.Buddhi Marambe, <i>Professor of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya</i> Ms. Tharuka Dissanayake, <i>Policy Specialist, UNDP</i> Mr.Buddhika Hemashantha, <i>CEO, CSI</i> Mr.Nalin Karunathilake, <i>Vice President, Project Management, DFCC Bank</i> Ms. Vositha Wijenayake, <i>Executive Director Sri Lankan Youth Climate Action Network</i>

“Soba Chalana Sithuwam” Short Film Festival

Venue : Committee Room F (Saffron)

Date : 17th October 2017

Time : 10.00 a.m to 12.00 p.m

“Soba Chalana Sithuwam” short film competition has been commenced since 2014; and it is organized in consideration with the celebration of World Environment Day. The aim of conducting “Soba Chalana Sithuwam” is to create platform for fair social dialogue among on environment issues/ problems general public by motivating young film producers to produce innovative creations about environment conservation.

In year 2017 “Soba Chalana Sithuwam” has been organized by Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment for celebration of World Environment Day with the theme of “Connecting People to Nature”. Winners of the short film competition will be awarded with Medals, Plaques, Certificates, and Cash Prizes and other contestants are also accessed.

Parallel to this programme, winners of arts competition which was held in collaboration with the project of Environmentally Sound Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) containing/contaminated equipment’s of Sri Lanka; and school children are awarded by Environmental Pollution Control and Chemical Management Division of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment in this event.

Medium of communication : Sinhala/ English

Expected participants : Winners, Youth, School Children, other Competitors

Organizers : Education, Training & Research Division, Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment

Time	Details of the Programme
9.45 a.m.	Seating invited guests
10.00 a.m.	Lighting Traditional Oil lamp
10.10 a.m.	Welcome Address/Objective by Additional Secretary (Environment Projects, Training and Research) Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment
10.20 a.m.	Achievement Exhibition at the “Soba Chalana Sithuwam” Short Film Tournament and The intellectual dialogue about the creations by Dr. Ariyaratna Athugala
10.50 a.m.	Retroactivity and comments on Poster competition Conducted by the Environmental Pollution Control and Chemicals Management Division by Mr. Anura Jayathilaka Director
11.00 a.m.	Speech by Mr. Anura Disanayake, Secretary, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment
11.10 a.m.	Presentation of “Soba Chalana Sithuwam” Awards and Certificates
11.35 a.m.	Presentation of Awards and Certificates to Winners of Poster competition
11.55 a.m.	Vote of Thanks Ms. K.S.Apsara Mendis Director
12.00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

Symposium on Mineral Resources Sri Lanka – Prospects and Challenges 2017

Venue : Committee Room A (Jasmine)

Date : 17th October 2017

Time : 8.30 to 17.30

Symposium on mineral Resources of Sri Lanka- Prospects & Challenges – 2017 is organized as part of the Sri Lanka NEXT Conference organized by the Government of Sri Lanka, in Colombo Sri Lanka on October 16-17, 2017. The objectives of this symposium is to enhance dialogue among the all stakeholders including local & foreign entrepreneurs to obtain the optimal value of quality minerals, and intrinsic value of mineral resources in Sri Lanka and produce value added products to export market and also ascertaining its value to the advance technological products to gain maximum benefits to the country, while disseminating of scientific knowledge. It is also expected to encourage miners and investors to enhance their contribution for upliftment of living condition of people residing in the mining areas while mitigating adverse impact of environment damages as well as identify the potentiality of employment in mineral sector & introduce good practices, guidelines & procedures for mineral industry.

This symposium would be focused on the following areas to exchange the views among the practitioners;

1. Mineral Resources, Mineral Exploration, Economic Exploitation and Value Addition
2. Environmental, Sociological and Economic impacts due to mining activities in Sri Lanka

Medium of communication : English

Expected participants : Investors, Exporters, Producers, Students, academia, researchers & experts involved in mineral sector

Organizers : Geological Survey and mines Bureau, Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Authority, National Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute and Land Resources Division of Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment

**Symposium on Mineral Resources Sri Lanka
Prospects and Challenges -2017**

Time	Details of the Programme
8.30 a.m.	Registration
9.00 a.m.	Inaugural Session
9.05 a.m.	Lighting the oil Lamp and National Anthem of Sri Lanka
9.15 a.m.	Welcome address by Mr.M.P.D.U.K.Mapa Pathirana Additional Secretary Education Training and Research
9.20 a.m.	Keynote Speech by Mr. Dulip Jayawardena Senior Geologist
9.45 a.m.	Address by Chief Guest by H.E. Bryce Hutchesson Australian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka
10.00 a.m.	Special Speech by Mr. Upul Gunasekara Specialist Consultant of Uma Oya Project
10.30 a.m.	Vote of Thanks Prof. Rohan Fernando Director General- Geological Survey & Mines Bureau
10.35 a.m.	Refreshments
10.45 a.m.	Technical Session 1- Mineral Exploration Invited Speech 1- Dr. C.W.Siriwardena Deputy Director - Geological Survey & Mines Bureau Invited Speech 2 –Mr. Mathew Harding – Iluka Resources (Pvt) Ltd 04 Research Presentations
12.30 p.m.	Lunch
1.00 p.m.	Technical Session 2 Mineral Mining Invited Speech 1 Mr.K.L.D. Dayasagara Director (Valuation / Gemology) Invited Speech 2 Mr.Rob Bradley Damsila Resources (Pvt) Ltd 04 Research Presentations
2.30 p.m.	Refreshments
2.45 p.m.	Technical Session 3 Mineral Product Development Invited Speech 1 Dr.Prashan Francis Director General Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute Invited Speech 2 Mr.Sanjaya Tiwari The President Lanka Ceramic and Glass Council 04 Research Presentations
4.15 p.m.	Special Guest Speech - Mr. Sijith Kumar Singh, Programme Manager, Center for Science and Environment, India
4.45 p.m.	Award Ceremony
5.00 p.m.	End

Symposium on Sustainable Development for Blue Green Economy

The 3rd National Symposium on Marine Environment

Harnessing Ocean Wealth – Enabling Blue Green Era

Venue : Committee Room B

Date : 17th October 2017

Time : 8.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m.

The 03rd National Symposium on Marine Environment in bring together experts from all around the Country to discuss the complex issue, local and global trend in order to harness the expertise that will help to conserve and support sustainable development of marine environment of the country. This symposium also intended to bring together local, regional scientists, researches, policy makers and NGOs' to share experience and dialogue in a way in which we can mitigate the impact due to human and social activities on vulnerable and sensitive marine environment.

The Marine Symposium is focused on several important sub-themes; Important marine living and non-living resources, Marine pollution prevention & related techniques, Tourism & marine environment, Shipping & marine environment, Marine pollution related legislations, effects of fishing on marine ecosystems and Climate change & impacts on the marine environment are the identified key themes of the 03rd National Marine Symposium for harnessing the ocean wealth.

Around twenty five research findings will be presented by the researches & innovators/reformers, introduce new innovations as well as make suggestions for sustainable use of marine systems while conserving it for generations ahead. This 03rd Marine Symposium will definitely glamour add to the Sri Lanka NEXT-A Blue Green Era, 2017 that will make enormous motivation for all the environment devotees to join hands for the betterment of Sri Lanka's marine and maritime systems.

Medium of communication : English

Expected participants : Researchers, Academicians, Planners, Experts, university students

Organizers : Marine Environment Protection Authority

Symposium Programme Highlights - 17th October 2017

	Time	Details of the Programme
01	8.30 am	Arrival & Registration of guest
02	8.45 am	Participants & guests to be seated at the Auditorium
03	9.00 am	Arrival of the chief guest
04	9.05 am	Lighting of oil lamp/National Anthem
05	9.10 am	Welcome address
06	9.20 am	Address by the Secretary of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment
07	9.30 am	Address by the chief guest
08	9.45 am	Key note address by Prof. Devaka Weerakoon (University of Colombo)
09	10.30 am	Closing remarks of the inauguration ceremony
10	10.35 am	Tea break
11	11.00 am	Session 01 Marine Living and Nonliving Resources
12	12.00 pm	Session 02 Marine Pollution Prevention and Related Techniques
12	01.00 pm	Lunch
13	02.00 pm	Session 03 Tourism and Marine Environment
14	03.00 pm	Tea break
15	03.30 pm	Session 04 Effect of Fishing on Marine Environment
16	05.00 pm	End of Symposium

Global Youth Forum on Climate Change

Venue : Committee Room C (Lavender)

Date : 17th October 2017

Time : 8.30 a.m to 17.00p.m

Global Youth Forum on Climate Change (GYFCC) organized as part of Sri Lanka NEXT Conference organized by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment of Sri Lanka. The GYFCC focuses on:

- Building the skills of the youth in Sri Lanka on policy, advocacy, research, communication and outreach which will contribute to take action to address adverse effects of climate change.
- Creating awareness and share technical expertise on the different impacts of climate change at the national and international levels
- Discussing the role of youth in developing priorities and finding solutions to address impacts of climate change.

The participants will gain the opportunity to interact with experts in the field of climate change, meet other youth who share their interest and work on developing projects to address climate change. The outcomes of the GYFCC will be shared at the Conference of Youth which will be held in parallel to 23rd Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC, in November 2017.

Medium of communication : English

Expected participants : Youth

Organizers : SLYCAN Trust and the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment

Time	Details of the Programme
08.30 a.m	Registration
09.00 a.m	Welcome Address Mr. Vositha Wijenayake, Executive Director – SLYCAN Trust
09.05 a.m	Keynote Speech: Secretary to the Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment, Sri Lanka (TBC)
09.15 a.m	Remarks by Dr. D.R.S. Jayathunga, Director- Climate Change Secretariat of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment.
<i>Morning Session: Skills Development on Climate Change</i>	
09.25 a.m	Session 01: Climate Advocacy and Policy Development
10.05 a.m	Session 02: Climate Change Research
11.00 a.m	Session 03: Communication and Awareness Creation
11.45 a.m	Session 04: Ground-level action
12.30 p.m	Lunch
<i>Afternoon Session: Research and Implementation of Action on Climate Change</i>	
01.30 p.m	Group discussion with expert mentorship 5 working groups on thematic issues related to climate change, with 2 mentors each for the groups to guide the youth on developing projects and research on climate change.
03.30 p.m	Tea break
03.45 p.m	Group Presentations/ Q & A session and General Discussion
04.30 p.m	Way forward
05.00 p.m	Programme Closure

SCP Information Booth

Switch-Asia Sustainable Consumption & Production
National Policy Support Component Sri Lanka

Venue : Entrance lobby of the Committee Rooms

Date : 16th and 17th October 2017

Time : 16th 11.30 a.m to 18.00 p.m

17th 9.00 a.m to 18.00 p.m

SWITCH-Asia Sustainable Consumption and Production National Policy Support Component Sri Lanka (SCP NPSC SL) is a 4-year, European Union (EU) funded project awarded upon the request of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MoMDE) as a 'technical assistance programme' to support the strengthening of the overall government policy and institutional framework for the implementation of SCP.

With the request of MoMDE to participate in the Sri Lanka NEXT - Blue Green Era Event to be held at the BMICH, Colombo from 16-17 October 2017, as the contribution of EU funded SWITCH-Asia SCP NPSC Sri Lanka Project, it is planning to have a SCP Information Booth in the entrance lobby of the Committee Rooms of BMICH.

The main objective of the SCP Information Booth is to raise public awareness on SCP by sharing multiple of experience gained from and success stories of SCP interventions in different countries, which eventually would increase the uptake of SCP by Sri Lankan community. Information materials provided by the SWITCH-Asia Network Facility will be displayed at the information booth from 1130-1800 hrs on Monday 16th and from 0900-1800 hrs on Tuesday 17th October 2017.



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