



SRI LANKA NEXT - “A Blue-Green Era” Conference and Exhibition



MAIN EVENTS

- 5th Asia-Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum
- International Research Symposium
- Expert Dialogue Forum on Blue-Green Economy
- Exhibition on Blue-Green Economy and Environment Friendly Technologies
- Film Festival on Blue-Green Economy and Environment
- Students of Blue-Green Era
- Presidential Environmental Awards Ceremony
- Switch Asia Network Facility Programme
- Global Youth Forum on Climate Change (GYFCC)

GOAL

Promote Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka through Blue-Green Economic Initiatives.



17,18,19 October 2016
BMICH, Colombo Sri Lanka

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 an 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 of 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 national commitments on Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

5th Asia Pacific Climate Change Adaptation Forum

The Asia Pacific Adaptation Forum, the flagship event of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN), is the primary regional platform for adaptation practitioners to share their learning and experiences. Technical sessions will be held under Four Key Streams. i.e. Adaptation Planning, Financing for Adaptation, Climate Resilient Development and Multi-Actor Cross Linkages and expected to attend 600 Foreign and 200 National participants.

Main Theme: Adapting and Living below 2 °C: Bridging the Gaps in Policy & Practice

Deadline for Registration: 30th September 2016

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For Registration:
<http://www.asiapacificadapt.net/adaptationforum/2016>

Expert Dialogue Forum on Blue-Green Economy

The objective of this dialogue is to exchange knowledge, experience, best practices and lessons learnt on blue-green economic initiatives. This dialogue will be enriched by internationally and nationally prominent experts, policy makers, academia, investors, members of the private sector and other interested parties.

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Presidential Environmental Awards Ceremony

This aims to felicitate and reward the individuals, institutions, organizations and activities that have made unique contributions to the field of environmental conservation.

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International Research Symposium

Main Theme: Blue-Green Economy and Environment

Themes:

- Climate Change
- Blue-Green Economy
- Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

Submission of Extended Abstract

- Abstracts must contain original material neither published nor presented elsewhere.
- Abstracts and posters should be submitted in English.
- Abstract text should be in Times New Roman (12pt, single space) and should not exceed 2 A4 pages.
- The size of posters should be 3 ¼'X 2 ¼'.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by an expert committee.
- Selected Abstracts will be published in symposium proceedings.
- Once the abstract is accepted the authors will be notified on further details.
- The best paper presented will receive a Presidential Award.

Key dates

- Submission of Extended Abstracts: 30th July
- Notification of Acceptance: 15th August
- Final Submission of Accepted Abstracts: 15th September
- Notification to Presenters (oral & poster): 30th September
- Submit to - bluegreensympo@gmail.com

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Students of Blue-Green Era

In association with Sri Lanka NEXT, Blue-Green Era programme, the Central Environmental Authority is conducting Art, Essay and Oratory competitions for school children under a school oriented program "Students of Blue-Green Era".

This competition will be conducted at Provincial and National Levels with a view to enhance the knowledge on the impacts of and possible solutions for Global Warming and Climate Change. The best students will be bestowed with Presidential Environmental Awards at a Ceremony at BMICH on 17th October 2016.

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Field Visits to Climate Change Adaptation Sites

20th October 2016

Field visits to Climate Change Adaptation Sites in Sri Lanka as follows;

1. Half day visit - Wetlands management project to control frequent flash floods in Colombo.
2. Full day visit - Mangrove rehabilitation site + historical sites and Cultural monuments in Southern Province.
3. A night out visit - Climate Smart Village + Wild life watching, Historical and Cultural monuments.

Confirm your participation on or before 5th October 2016.

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Exhibition on Blue-Green Economy and Environment Friendly Technologies

This will provide an opportunity for national and international entrepreneurs to showcase their green/organic products, environmentally friendly technologies and green services with the intention of encouraging investments into a blue-green economy. Facilities are available for 200 exhibitors.

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Film Festival on Blue-Green Economy and Environment

This film festival will be conducted during the whole 3 days. Nationally and internationally recognized environmental related films, specially short ones will be telecasted. The objective is to promote attitudes, brainstorming and eye breaking on the need of forwarding blue-green economic development and environmental conservation.

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Switch Asia Network Facility Programme

18th October 2016

Sharing of International Experience and lessons learnt from Switch Asia Interventions on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

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Global Youth Forum on Climate Change (GYFCC)

GYFCC will be held on 18th October 2016, aiming the capacity building of youth in becoming champions in the fight against climate change. Both international and national youth will actively involve in climate change awareness creation, communicating climate change and dialogues with experts on issues such as mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, gender and multi-stakeholder mobilization. The participants of this event are also invited to attend other events of Sri Lanka NEXT, Blue- Green Era programme.

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