



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



## MAIN EVENTS

16 - 17 October 2017 BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka

1. Experience Sharing Forum on Climate Smart Initiatives of Sri Lanka
2. Presidential Environment Awards Ceremony
3. Environment Exhibition
4. Research Symposium
5. Youth Forum on Climate Change
6. SAARC - ADB Climate Change Workshop
7. Expert Dialogue on NDCs of Sri Lanka
8. Awareness Campaign for School Children
9. “Soba Chalana Sithuwam” Short Film Award Ceremony
10. Environmental Film Show
11. Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Utilization of Conventional Wisdom

## OBJECTIVES

- Gathering timely information on local, regional and global efforts addressing issues of climate change and disseminate knowledge to support the development agenda of Sri Lanka.
- Creating awareness among key stakeholders and general public on environment and blue-green economy to achieve economic and environmental sustainability in Sri Lanka.
- Rewarding the pioneers of environmental conservation and innovation for their active contribution towards sustainable development.
- Enhancing the capacity by networking, coordination, coherence and synergies among stakeholders to strengthen resilience in Sri Lanka by providing a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences.
- Encouraging appropriate mitigation actions to minimize greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation measures in Sri Lanka to build resilience of vulnerable sectors and communities.
- Fulfilling the national commitments of Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

## GOAL

Sri Lanka enriched with  
Blue Green Economy

### 1. Experience Sharing Forum on Climate Smart Initiatives of Sri Lanka

The Forum expects to share the knowledge and experience on various disciplines of climate change mitigation and adaptation among the policy makers, experts, implementing agencies, donors, scientist and other professionals.

Further it is expected to raise awareness to facilitate replication and scaling up of best practices and innovations while taking stocks on implemented and ongoing adaptation and mitigation projects.

Cooperate with the donors to identify new funding areas by developing effective partnerships among the stakeholders is also expected at this forum.

#### For more information:

- *Dr. Sunimal Jayathunga*  
Tel: +94 71 857 4058/ Email: [sunimal68@hotmail.com](mailto:sunimal68@hotmail.com)
- *Mr. Ranga Pallawala*  
Tel: +94 77 772 052/ Email: [ranga.pallawala@gmail.com](mailto:ranga.pallawala@gmail.com)

### 2. Presidential Environment Awards Ceremony - 2017

Reorganize and reward the praiseworthy efforts and activities of individuals, institutions, organizations that have provided unique contributions to the field of environmental conservation.

#### For more information:

- *Mrs. Sukitha Ranasinghe*  
Tel: +94 11 2 87 2 278 (ext.249)/ Email: [sukitha@cea.lk](mailto:sukitha@cea.lk)

### 3. Environment Exhibition

Expose the entrepreneurs to green/organic products, environmental friendly alternative technologies for plastic and polythene, and green services to encourage and promote investing towards a blue green economy.

#### For more information:

- *Mr. Anura Jayathilake*  
Tel: +94 71 803 8598/ Email: [anurajayatilake@hotmail.com](mailto:anurajayatilake@hotmail.com)
- *Mrs. Sepali De Silva*  
Tel: +94 71 815 2328/ Email: [sepalisilva@yahoo.com](mailto:sepalisilva@yahoo.com)

#### 4. Research Symposium

The Research Symposium will raise interest by sharing the knowledge to promote the blue green economy and environmental conservation. This will provide a platform for international and local researchers, engineers, academics and professionals to present their research outputs and recommendations that could be applied in future development activities of Sri Lanka.

##### **Selected Main Themes:**

- **Land Resources - Geology;** Mineral Resources of Sri Lanka: Prospects and Challenges
- **Marine Resources - Ocean;** Harnessing Oceanic Resources: Facilitating Blue Green Economy

##### **For more information:**

- *Prof. W.L. Sumathipala*  
Tel: +94 77 776 5057/ Email: [wsumathipala@hotmail.com](mailto:wsumathipala@hotmail.com)
- *Mrs. Dakshini Perera*  
Tel: +94 71 535 3229/ Email: [dakshini\\_perera@yahoo.com](mailto:dakshini_perera@yahoo.com)

#### 6. SAARC - ADB Climate Change Workshop

SAARC - ADB workshop of the Inter-governmental Expert Group on climate change aims to finalize the study on climate risks in the Region: Ways to Address the Social, Economic and Environmental Challenges.

Representatives of eight countries of the SAARC Region (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) are expected take part in the workshop.

##### **For more information:**

- *Dr. Sunimal Jayathunga*  
Tel: +94 71 857 4058 / Email: [sunimal68@hotmail.com](mailto:sunimal68@hotmail.com)
- *Mr. Ruwan Weerasooriya*  
Tel: +94 71 440 3015 / Email: [dammika100@yahoo.com](mailto:dammika100@yahoo.com)

#### 8. Awareness Campaign for School Children

An awareness programme for school children will be organized with the participation of 500 school children in the Colombo district. They will be engaged in interactive sessions on air quality, ozone layer depletion, forestry & urban canopy and soil degradation; and also be provided with a valuable environment related book-pack aiming to improve their knowledge on environment and sustainable development.

##### **For more information:**

- *Mr. Ajith De Silva*  
Tel: +94 71 442 1506 / Email: [koralage2001@yahoo.com](mailto:koralage2001@yahoo.com)

#### 9. "Soba Chalana Sithuwam" Short Film Award Ceremony

"Soba Chalana Sithuwam" will appreciate and felicitate the efforts of young film producers. The winners of the short film competition will be rewarded on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.

##### **For more information:**

- *Mrs. K.S. Apsara Mendis*  
Tel: +94 11 203 4171 / Email: [pedudivision@yahoo.com](mailto:pedudivision@yahoo.com)

#### 5. Youth Forum on Climate Change (YFCC)

The forum will raise awareness on climate change among the youth. Youngsters from the international and local arena will be actively involved in dialogues with experts on topics such as mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, gender and multi-stakeholder mobilization to promote climate change awareness creation, and communicating climate change. The forum will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.

##### **For more information:**

- *Ms. Vositha Wijenayake*  
Tel: +94 77 757 9387  
Email: [slycan.network@gmail.com](mailto:slycan.network@gmail.com)
- *Mr. Leel Randeniya*  
Tel: +94 71 442 1689  
Email: [leelr2001@yahoo.com](mailto:leelr2001@yahoo.com)

#### 7. Expert Dialogue on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka endorsed the Paris Agreement in 2016 and worked to preparing its Readiness Action Plan on Intended Nationally Determined Contributions and Nationally Determined Contributions.

The Ministries responsible for the implementation of the Readiness Action Plan and experts in the field will be brought together to discuss the issues arising from the implementation of the plan, and to initiate recommendations for its second phase.

The event will be conducted 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 UNFCCC".

Further Information: <https://ndcdialogue.wordpress.com/>

##### **For more information:**

- *Mr. Sujith Rathnayake*  
Tel: +94 71 269 7959  
Email: [champikakariyawasam@yahoo.com](mailto:champikakariyawasam@yahoo.com)
- *Mrs. Hasula Wickramasinghe*  
Email: [hasulaw@yahoo.com](mailto:hasulaw@yahoo.com)

#### 10. Environmental Film Show

Films on environment will be screened on projection screens within the conference area throughout the programme.

##### **For more information:**

- *Mrs. R.H.M.P. Abeykoon*  
Tel: +94 11 203 4208 Email: [biodiversitysl@gmail.com](mailto:biodiversitysl@gmail.com)

#### 11. Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Utilization of Conventional Wisdom

Discussion on Climate Change Adaptation Techniques Implemented through the Project Learning process to ascertain the way forward and to address policy advocacy with the participation of 200 implementing officers from peripheries – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

##### **For more information:**

- Mr. W.T.H.Ruchira withana* Tel: +94 71 424 3029  
Email: [hruhiraewithana@yahoo.com](mailto:hruhiraewithana@yahoo.com)

**Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka.**

**Address:** 416/C/1, "Sobadam Piyasa", Robert Gunawardhana Mawatha, Battaramulla.

**More Information:** [www.environmentmin.gov.lk](http://www.environmentmin.gov.lk) / [www.climatechange.lk](http://www.climatechange.lk)