

Sri Lanka is endowed with natural resources which sustained its people over millenniums. The deterioration of this natural capital has been exponentially increased over last few decades due to deforestation, soil erosion, siltation, loss of natural wetlands, loss of biodiversity etc. It is reported that the productivity of 34% of the land area of the country is either declining or under stress. Among the most important impact of land degradation are the increased poverty, reduced land productivity and loss of biodiversity. Therefore, it is important to reverse this trend of land degradation to sustain the resource base to ensure ecosystem services and food security of the nation.

In order to arrest this land degradation, the Government of Sri Lanka as a signatory to the UNCCD reaffirmed its commitment to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 15 and Target 15.3 by undertaking Land Degradation Neutrality –Target Setting Programme (LDN-TSP). The Land Resources Division of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MMD&E), the National Focal Point of the UNCCD in Sri Lanka, is the lead institution to coordinate and monitor activities to achieve the LDN. The land resources cannot be separated from water resources and, therefore, it is logical to consider watershed as a basis for planning the interventions.

To review the status and interventions to be made to arrest land resources and watershed degradation, the Land Resources Division of the MMD&E is planning to hold a symposium on “Sustainable Land Management and Watershed Management from 23-24 October 2019.

Considering Themes

- ♣ Sustainable land & Water Management.
- ♣ Watershed Management.
- ♣ Forest & Ecosystem Services.
- ♣ Institutions, Strategy & policy gaps.
- ♣ Land use planning in Development.
- ♣ Climate change, Sustainable land & water management.
- ♣ Land & water pollution.
- ♣ Land restoration & Rehabilitation.
- ♣ Economics of Land Degradation.
- ♣ Development burden on Land Resources.

For Whom:

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| ♣ Abstract Submission
30 th June 2019 | ♣ Scientific
community |
| ♣ Notification of
Acceptance:
15 th July 2019 | ♣ Research
Student |
| ♣ Submission of Full
Papers:
30 th August 2019 | ♣ Investors
Stake |
| ♣ Last date for
Registration:
30 th September 2019 | holders of
Land
Resource |

The symposium will consist of oral and poster presentations. The accepted papers will be published as symposium proceedings. Attractive prizes will be given to best presentations during the symposium. Those who are willing to make a presentation is requested to send an abstract (300-400 words) to the following address on or before 30th June 2019.

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