

Journey to a Greener Future: Zero Waste Day

An Initiative by the Central Environmental Authority, Supported by USAID Ocean Plastics Reduction Activity

Venue: Waters Edge, Battaramulla

Date: 30th March 2023

Time: 09:00 – 15:00

Agenda

	9:00 – 9:30	Registration
INAUGURAL SESSION 9:30 - 10:45	9:30 – 9:40	Lighting of the Oil Lamp
	9:40 – 9:45	Welcoming Address by Mr. Supun S. Pathirage, Chairman, Central Environmental Authority
	9:45 – 9:50	Opening Remarks by Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Secretary of Environment, Ministry of Environment
	9:50 – 9:55	Address by Christopher Powers, Director/ Office of Economic Growth for USAID Mission in Sri Lanka and Maldives
	9:55 – 10:00	Speech by Guest of Honor Her Excellency . R. Demet Şekercioğlu, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye
	10:00 – 10:05	Captivating Visual Presentation showcasing Central Environmental Authority's Zero Waste Initiatives
	10:05 – 10:35	Keynote Address on "Fostering Responsible Consumption and Production for a Zero Waste Future" by Prof. Ajith de Alwis, Acting Chief Innovation Officer, National Innovation Agency and Professor of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Moratuwa
	10:35 – 10:40	Speech by Honorable Chief Guest Mr. Naseer Ahamed M.P, Minister of Environment
	10:40 – 10:45	Vote of Thanks by Mr. P.B. Hemantha Jayasinghe, Director General, Central Environmental Authority



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10:45 – 11:10		Photo session and close of inaugural session with refreshments and tea
TECHNICAL SESSION 11:10 – 13:15	11:10 – 11:15	Video Presentation– Transforming Waste into Energy by Mr. Janitha Ekanayake, General Manager of Western Power Company (Pvt.) Ltd.
	11:15 – 11:25	Presentation on Transforming Policy for Zero Waste by Mr. Senarath Mahinda Werahera, Director (Environment Pollution Control and Chemical Management), Ministry of Environment
	11:25 – 11:30	Video Presentation –PET Collection Network: Material Recovery Facility and Recycling by Mr. Malindu Liyanage, Managing Director, EKO Plascopvt.Ltd,Wadduwa.
	11:30 – 11:45	Presentation on Implementing a Strategic Approach for Local Authorities to Achieve Zero Waste by Ms. M Kodippiliarachchi, Additional Secretary, State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs
	11:45 – 11:50	Video Presentation – Clinical and Sanitary Waste Management by Chinthaka Abeysekera, Chief Executive Officer, Sisili Hanaro Encare(Pvt) Ltd.
	11:50 – 12:00	Presentation on the Journey of USAID Ocean Plastics Reduction Activity by Mr. Roshan Narasinghage, Deputy Chief of Party, USAID Ocean Plastics Reduction Activity
	12:00 – 12:05	Video Presentation – Efficient Waste Traps by Ms. Sharika Senanayake, Director of Environmental Sustainability at MAS Foundation for Change,Katunayaka
	12:05 – 12:20	Presentation on Fostering Public and Community Participation in Zero Waste Initiatives by Mr. Namal Disanayaka, Chief Engineer, Kandy Municipal Council
	12:20 – 12:25	Video Presentation – Reducing Food Waste in the Hotel Sector by Mr. Ishanda Senavirathna, Sustainability Manager, Waters Edge



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12:25 – 12:40	Presentation on Local and International Partnerships for Waste Reduction and Management by Mrs. S.G. Sriyani Perera, Deputy Municipal Commissioner (Acting), Kaduwela Municipal Council
12:40 – 12:45	Video Presentation – Responsible Disposal of Residual Waste by Arosha Hemali, Business Development and Marketing Manager, INSEE Ecocycle Lanka
12:45 – 12:50	Presentation on Effective Resource Management for Waste Reduction by Hon. P H M Asfer, Chairman, Kaththankudi Urban Council
12:50 – 12:55	Video Presentation - "Waste to Fashion Concept " By Ms. Leonie Vaas, Head of Sustainability, and innovation Hayleys Fabric PLC
12:55 – 13:10	Presentation on Research Insights: Microplastics - The Invisible Threat by Dr. A A D Amarathunga, Snr. Scientist, National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency
13:10 – 13:15	Video Presentation on Innovative Solutions: Reserves Vending Machines by Himesh Fernando, Founder/ CEO Chakra Suthra Pvt. Ltd
13:15 – 14:00	End of Technical Session followed by lunch



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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">PANEL DISCUSSION 14:00 – 14:45</p>	<p>14:00 – 14:45</p>	<p>During the panel discussion, five distinguished panelists will explore various aspects of achieving zero waste and its impact on the environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Rangika Halwatura, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa • Mr. Samantha Kumarasena: CEO, National Cleaner Production Centre – <i>“Cleaner Production Approach Towards Zero Waste”</i> • Dr. Turny Pradeep Kumara: Senior Lecturer, University of Ruhuna – <i>“Zero Waste Concept in Reduction of Ocean Pollution”</i> • Mr. Hemantha Vithanage: CEO, Centre for Environmental Justice – <i>“Role of Civil Society in Zero Waste”</i> • Mr. Ajith Weerasundara: Deputy Director General (Waste Management), Central Environmental Authority– <i>“Role of CEA and Regulatory Bodies in Implementing Zero Waste Concept”</i> • Mr. K S K Rupasinghe Director, Environmental Protection Division, Sri Lanka Police – <i>“Role of Department of Environmental Police in Enforcement”</i> <p>The panel discussion promises to be informative and thought-provoking, with contributions from experts in various fields.</p>
	<p>14:45 – 15:00</p>	<p>Wrap-Up Session: Charting the Way Forward and Recommendations - Presented by Prof. Hemanthi Ranasinghe, Institute of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka and Former Board Member of the Central Environmental Authority</p>
<p>15:00 onwards</p>	<p>Program conclusion followed by a photo session and refreshments with tea</p>	