

Regional Consultation Workshop on

“Bridging the Climate Information and Communication Gaps for Effective Adaptation Decisions: An Integrated Climate Information Management System”

Organized by

Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS), South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), Janathakshan, Department of Meteorology of Sri Lanka (DOM)

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Galadari Hotel, Colombo

Tentative Agenda

Day 1

8.30 am – 09.00 am	Registration
09.00 am – 10.30 am	Inauguration
09.00 am – 09.10 am	Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp / National Anthem
09.10 am – 09.20 am	Welcome Address <i>Dushni Weerakoon, Deputy Director, IPS</i>
09.20 am – 09.30 am	Introduction to the Workshop <i>Athula Senaratne, Research Fellow, IPS</i>
09.30 am – 09.45 am	Keynote Address <i>W.L Sumathipala, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Climate Change Mitigation and Advisor to the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka</i>
09.45 am – 09.55 am	Address by the Project Partners: Department of Meteorology <i>Lalith Chandrapala, Director General, Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka</i>
09.55 am – 10.05 am	Address by the Project Partners: Janathakshan <i>Ranga Pallawala, CEO, Janathkshan</i>
10.05 am – 10:15 am	Address by the Project Partners: SANDEE <i>Climate Change and Implications for South Asia</i> <i>Heman Lohano, Senior Economist, SANDEE</i>

10.15 am – 10.30 am	Tea/ Coffee and Group Photograph
10.30 am -12.30 pm	Session I – Climate Information and Agriculture Value Chains Chair: <i>Ranga Pallawala, CEO, Janathkshan</i>
10.30 am -11.00 am	Integrating Climate Risks in Agricultural Value Chains: Policy and Management <i>Enamul Haque, Professor, Department of Economics, East West University, Bangladesh</i>
11.00 am -11.30 am	Weather and Climate Services for Small Farmers: Connecting Service Providers and Up-scaling Best Practices <i>Nambi Appadurai, Strategy Head (Climate Resilience Practice) World Resources Institute, India</i>
11.30 am – 12.00 pm	Communicating Climate Information to Small Farmers: Innovative Approaches <i>Sheetal Sharma, Soil Scientist/ Nutrient Management Specialist- South Asia, IRRI, India</i>
12.00 pm – 12.30 pm	Floor Discussion
12.30 pm -01.30 pm	Lunch
01.30 pm – 03.30 pm	Session II – Farmers’ Local Climate Knowledge and Information Needs Chair: <i>Athula Senaratne, Research Fellow, IPS</i>
01.30 pm -02.00 pm	Assessing Farmers’ Climate Information Needs and the Role of Local Climate Knowledge and Institutions <i>Ruby Rose Policarpio, Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES)</i>
02.00 pm -02.30 pm	Integrating Farmers Local Climate Knowledge and Probabilistic Weather Forecasting <i>Alfred Opere, Head, Department of Meteorology, University of Nairobi</i>
02.30 pm -03.00 pm	Participatory Decision Support Systems and Tools to Reduce Climate Risks for Small Farmers <i>Jacob Churi, Lecturer, Deputy Director, Center for Information and Communication Technology, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania</i>
03.00 pm -03.30 pm	Floor Discussion
03.30 pm -03.45 pm	Tea/ Coffee
03.45 pm – 05.15 pm	Plenary Session : Climate Information Products (CIPs) in Sri Lanka

Chair: Manoj Thibbotuwawa, Research Fellow, IPS

03.45 pm -04.15 pm **Innovating Climate Information Products (CIPs) in Sri Lanka: DOM's Efforts to Improve the Existing CIPs**
Shiromani Jayawardena, Deputy Director , Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka

04.15 pm -04.45 pm **Innovating Climate Information Products (CIPs) for Agricultural Adaptation: The Role of the Department of Agriculture**
Aruni Abeysekera, Assistant Director of Agriculture Research, Department of Agriculture, Sri Lanka

04.45 pm -05.15 pm Floor Discussion

5.15 pm **Close of the Day**

07.00 pm – 09.00 pm **Networking Dinner**

Day 2

09.00 am- 10.15 am **Session I : Forecasting and Climate Information Products (CIPs) for Agricultural Adaptation**
Chair: Lalith Chandrapala, Director General,
Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka

09.00 am – 09.30 am **Forecasting Techniques used for Preparing Outlooks of Seasonal Forecasts**
Syed Mushtaq Ali Shah, Director, Regional Meteorological Centre, Pakistan Meteorological Department

09.30 am – 10.00 am **Dynamical Seasonal Monsoon Forecasting at IITM**
Hemant Kumar Chaudhari, Scientist, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology

10.00 am – 10.15 am Floor Discussion

10.15 am – 10.30 am **Tea/ Coffee**

10.30 am- 12.30 pm **Break-out Group Working Sessions: Identification of Climate Information Needs of Farmers and Selection of Suitable CIPs**

10.30 am- 11.30 am Group work

10.30 am- 12.30 pm Presentations

12.30 pm - 01.30 pm	Lunch
01.30pm – 3.30 pm	Breakup Group Working Sessions: Identification of Suitable Strategies of Communication and Community Mobilization
01.30 pm – 02.30 pm	Group work
02.30 pm – 03.30 pm	Presentations
03.30 pm – 03.45 pm	Summary and Concluding Remarks <i>Athula Senaratne, Research Fellow, IPS</i>
03.45 pm	Tea/ Coffee