

## **Water supply, sanitation and wastewater management: Progress and prospects towards clean and healthy society**

Sanitation is vital for human health, generates economic benefits, helps the environment and contributes to dignity and social development. Irrefutably, water, health and sanitation are interrelated. Thus access to adequate and quality water supply is essential for better health and sanitation.

Urban and industrial development not only competes for the finite water resources but also pollutes the water bodies making them unusable for the competing uses including the environment. Therefore, cost effective wastewater management system is a need of the time.

To emphasize this issue the UN General Assembly declared the year 2008 the "International Year of Sanitation". Coincidentally, water and sanitation (WatSan) has emerged as the number one priority for almost all the local and international NGOs who are working on relief and rehabilitation in Sri Lanka.

Cap-Net Lanka – Capacity building Network in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), as a country partner of global Cap-Net ([www.capnet.org](http://www.capnet.org)) is mandated to impart new knowledge and disseminate the knowledge generated by

the local institutions and individuals in the field of IWRM in Sri Lanka.

With this intention, this is the second national symposium organised by the Cap-Net Lanka within the framework of IWRM.

The symposium aims to attract outcomes and lessons of applied researches and community development projects.

### **Objectives**

- ☞ Disseminating the knowledge generated,
- ☞ Providing a forum for the institutions and individuals to share the lessons learnt, and
- ☞ Visioning and a way forward.

### **Themes**

The possible WatSan related issues that could be addressed in the proposed symposium are:

- Community water supply
- Water pollution prevention
- Wastewater treatment
- Community mobilization
- Water and ecosystem
- Sustainable sanitation
- Capacity building
- Gender and water
- Institutional linkages and organizational strengthening
- Good governance
- Advocacy and policy issues
- Financing and recovery

Case studies and research papers will be accepted.

### **Dates to remember**

Submission of abstract - 24 May, 2008  
Submission of full paper - 15 June, 2008  
Symposium - 23 June, 2008

### **Sponsors**

The Cap-Net Lanka and the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), Peradeniya will partly sponsor the expenses.

### **Registration fee**

A fee of Rs.300.00 will be charged to partly cover the expenses on lunch, refreshments and the symposium proceedings.

### **Venue**

Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya.

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