

Sustainable Tourism Forum on Climate Change Towards A Carbon Neutral Sri Lanka: Building Tourism Partnerships

11th January 2008

Cinnamon Grand Colombo- Sri Lanka

PORGRAMME

- 9.00 am - Registration
- 9.30 am - Welcome and Introduction to the programme
Ms. Charmarie Maelge, Director/CEO Responsible Tourism Partnership
- 9.40 am - Opening Session
- Mr. Renton de Alwis**
Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority &
Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau
- Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, M.P.**
Deputy Minister of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism Sri Lanka

Technical Session

- 10.10 **Climate Change & Global Warming - Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainable Tourism in Sri Lanka**
Message from Prof Mohan Munasinghe
Vice-Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
Co-Winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize &
Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development (MIND)
- 10.20 **"Greener Tourism : A Perspective from the UK"**
Ms. Sue Hurdle
Chief Executive, The Travel Foundation United Kingdom
- 10.40 **Tea break**
- 11.00 **Maldives Case: An Environmentally Responsible Tourism Destination , Abdulla Naeem Mohamed**
Deputy Director, Maldives Tourism Promotions Board
- 11.20 **Global Warming: How Cool Are We?**
Moderated by Mr. Hiran Cooray,
President Tourist Hotels Association of Sri Lanka,
Co-Chairman Responsible Tourism Partnership
- Sigiriya Hotel Make Over and the Impact on the Bottom Line**
Mr. Srilal Miththapala
Director/CEO Serendib Leisure Management Ltd., Director Hemtours Pvt.Ltd.
(P.T.O.)

Heritage Kandalama Leading Aitken Spence Chain Towards the Triple Bottom Line

Mr. Ravi de Silva

Consultant Social & Environmental Management Aitken Spence Hotel Management Pvt. Ltd.

John Keells Hotels Energy Management System: A Smart Business Move

Mr. Michael Jayasekera,

Vice President John Keells Group, Head of Engineering & Projects - Hotel Sector

12.15

Responding to Climate Change: Wanted New Mindsets

Professor Sarath Kotagama Department of Environmental Science, University of Colombo.

12.30 pm

Panel Discussion

Working Partnerships for Tourism

Moderated by *Mr. Asoka Hettigoda*, Managing Director Sidhalepa Group, Executive Committee Member Responsible Tourism Partnership

Dr. B.M.S. Batagoda

Director General- Operations & Review
Lead Consultant - National Carbon Finance Strategy of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Finance and Planning

Mr. S. Kalaiselvam

Director General
Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

Mr. Anura Jayathilake

Director, Environment Economics & Global Affairs
Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources
Representing National Focal Point for United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change

Mr. Harsha Wickramasinghe

Deputy Director General – Strategy
Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority

1.20 pm

Questions & Answers

1.35 pm

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Vasantha Leelananda, Immediate Past President Sri Lanka Association of Inbound Tour Operators, Co- Chairman Responsible Tourism Partnership

1.45 pm

Lunch

The Responsible Tourism Partnership is a multi-stakeholder group working towards sustainable tourism. We work towards promoting destination specific sustainable tourism addressing key issues that our industry is facing. This is done through implementing practical solutions involving all stakeholders. Our programme is sponsored by the UK based sustainable tourism organization. The Travel Foundation is a joint collaboration of the UK government, travel and tourism industry and other related organizations such as Tourism Concern, Climate Care and Oxfam.