



## **Provincial Climate Unit- Western Province**

In 2016, Sri Lanka signed and ratified the Paris Agreement, which identified “mitigation, adaptation and mitigation” as key areas of focus for Sri Lanka to contribute to global climate change mitigation.

As a preliminary step in dealing with climate change in the Western Province, several workshops to prepare a road map have been conducted by the Ministry of Environment during the period 2021-2023 and the Western Provincial Council has also participated as a stakeholder.

Based on the needs identified in these programs, the preparation of a climate change adaptation plan for the Western Province has started and the consultancy for this is provided by Professor Hemanthi Ranasinghe of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura.



## Role and Responsibilities of Provincial Climate Board:

- Taking relevant decisions to launch measures to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the province in close coordination with relevant stakeholders.
- Making decisions related to the integration of measures to adapt to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions into provincial development planning.
- Focusing on national commitments such as national environmental policies, Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contribution.
- Identifying the shortcomings/limitations in the implementation of climate change related measures in the province and making relevant decisions to solve them.
- Making decisions on the financial, technical and capacity building needs identified by the Provincial Climate Unit for the successful implementation of Provincial Climate Actions.
- Making decisions about the optimal use of existing resources (human and physical) in the province for environmental protection and conservation.
- Provide guidelines for identifying climate risks in relevant areas and taking appropriate adaptation measures to build resilience.
- Provide guidelines for promoting climate change awareness and communication strategies.
- Provide guidelines on climate change data collection, analysis, data sharing and presentation.
- Decision making on climate change research needs in the province.
- Acting as the project steering committee related to climate change in the province in relevant cases.





## **Role and Responsibilities of Provincial Climate Unit:**

- To act as the decision implementation unit of the Provincial Climate Board and implement the decisions taken by the Provincial Climate Board.
- Coordinate the implementation of the Provincial Climate Adaptation Plan.
- Facilitate integration of climate action into provincial development plans.
- Decision-making on financial, technical and capacity building needs to implement climate action in the province.
- Preparation of project proposals for obtaining climate facilities.
- Maintaining and updating the provincial climate data system.
- Update the Provincial Climate Change Adaptation Plan as appropriate in collaboration with relevant stakeholders in the province.
- Establish mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the impact of climate action.
- Creating a discourse in the province on climate change issues.
- Organizing training programs on climate change.
- Identify innovations to improve climate action in the province.
- Conducting programs for knowledge exchange between provinces.
- Conducting climate change awareness programs and information dissemination and communication activities.
- Assist the Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning) in convening Provincial Climate Panel meetings, preparing discussion notes, and distributing them.
- Coordinate and collaborate with Secretariat on Climate Change
- Performing other activities as assigned by the Provincial Climate Board.

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