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The Report of
One day Capacity Building & Awareness Development Programme on
Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) for
Sabaragmuwa University of Sri Lanka

On 06th January 2016

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UNEP/UNITAR Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Asia

E-learning, 2nd Edition

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Action Plan Activity 1: Conducting One day Capacity Building & Awareness Development Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

One day Capacity Building & Awareness Development Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) for Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was successfully held on 06th January 2016 at Faculty of Applied Science, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya.

The objective of conducting this workshop is to raising awareness and capacity building on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) of undergraduate students, academic staff and non academic staff of the university.

According to the project plan we started to organize this workshop targeting 50 participants from faculty of applied sciences. But the high commitment of the faculty of applied Sciences to communicate the action plan with other four faculties (Faculty of Management Studies, Faculty of Agri Culture, Faculty of Social Sciences, and Faculty of survey sciences) and Vice chancellor of the University.

Accordingly they have interested to release their student from the regulator lectures to to participate to the workshop on SCP. In order to that we conducted the workshop for 250 participants including students, academic staff and non academic staff of the university.

The workshop is started at 10.00 am with 30 minutes Inaugurations session . Dr. L. V. Ranaweera on behalf of Dr. Chandramali ,Head-Department of Natural Resource Management, Faculty of Applied Sciences, welcome us warmly and appreciated the support of UNEP and UNITAR on providing guidance and financial support to conduct such valuable programmes for the university community in Sri Lanka.



Prof. Chandana P.Udawatte, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Udaya Rathnayake, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka also expressed their commitment and support to the project of Strengthening the Education for Sustainable Development through Greening the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Eng V R Sena Peiris, founder, former Chief Executive Officer, National Cleaner Production Centre, Sri Lanka was explained the objectives of the project of Strengthening the Education for Sustainable Development through Greening the University of Sabaragamuwa and the role of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Institute for Training & Research implementing this project in the university.

After the end of the inauguration session Mr. Nimal Perera, President, Sri Lanka Energy Managers Association (SLEMA) started his presentation on **“Global Scenario of Resource over Consumption & Stress on the Eco Systems”**. He talked to open the eyes of participants for global scenario of resource over consumption and resource scarcity, Issues of rapid population growth, rapid economic development and its negative impacts to the environment ,environment pollution and Climate change impacts, poverty and hungry, resource waste etc. The Participants were very interesting on this presentation and due to that it was conduct for 1hr and 45 minutes instead of 1, 1/2 hrs mentioned in the programme schedule. The lecture was more interactive by playing the video of Minamata issue of Japan in 1960’s



As next session, Eng V R Sena Peiris took the floor by discussing under the topic of **“Formulation of Policy support for ensuring SCP & Application of different tools and techniques”**. Here he expressed clearly about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), what is SCP, Key Principles of SCP, SCP concepts, Life cycle thinking, , Eco Innovation ,policy tools, Sustainable consumption policies, sustainable products ,Eco Labeling , instruments for SCP policy formulation, strengthening SCP, international organizations

and frame works for promote SCP (role of UNEP,UNITAR,EU,10YFP,etc), National policy formulation for SCP ,Sustainable public procurement, etc.



Mr. Gamini Senanayake, Key Expert 2, Switch Asia National Policy Support component, supported us by sending prepared informative presentation on "Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and production" to give more information on SCP policy component to the participants .

According to the programme agenda, the 3rd presentation was "**Achieving Sustainable development through Resource Efficiency the way forward**" again delivered by Eng. V R Sena Peiris. Here he has discussed about Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production, Linear and Circular Economic models, Resource decoupling, Life Cycle Assessment and D4S,clean technologies etc.

After the finishing all scheduled lectures there were panel discussion handled by Mr. Nimal Perera and Mr. Sena Peiris who are the resource persons of the programme.



The floor is open to the questions and answers and participants were enthusiastically joined with the discussion. They discussed about the waste management system of the country and weaknesses of the existing system, how it should be improved, problem of facing resource scarcity to implement sustainability projects, climate change and its impacts to the country, etc. Finally discussions is ending with the motivation of implementing sustainability projects (Energy, Material, water) in the university and build a model Green University in Sri Lanka. Because of the enthusiasm of the participant for learning SCP, we extend the scheduled time of 4.00 pm till 5.00 pm to winding up the programme.



After the discussion, Dean- Faculty of Applied Sciences, Prof Udaya Rathnakumara took time to explain SCP and implement SCP in the Univeristy.He has shown his full commitment to the implementation of this project in the university and he thankful to UNEP and UNITAR to fullest support and selecting the University of Sabaragamuwa for small grant projects. The last but not least Ms. Deepchandi Lekamge, Lecturer, Department of Natural Resource Management was winding up the workshop with vote of thanks. On behalf of Sabaragamuwa Univeristy of Sri Lanka She expressed her sincere thanks to all of us for conducting such timely important workshop to University of Sabaragamuwa Sri Lanka.



Successful ending of One day Capacity Building & Awareness Development Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP).

