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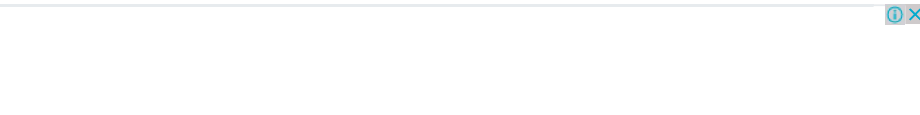
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Sri Lanka has developed a comprehensive policy for waste management which has also received Cabinet approval, State Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment Ajith Mannapperuma said addressing the third sub-regional workshop on the preparation of status report and sub-regional roadmap for implementing the Global Waste Management Goals towards addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in South Asia in Colombo yesterday.

"Humankind has forgotten how to deal with waste. The entire world is facing issues in waste management. Sri Lanka is keen on sustainable development and our initial step is to refuse, reuse, reduce and recycle in the waste management process," he said.



He also added that we are victims of illegal trafficking and a proper mechanism should be brought up to address this. Sustainable development and resource management based on waste disposal is increasingly gaining attention for achieving sustainable development goals. Therefore, the Institute for Global Environment Strategies (IGES) Centre with the UNEP on the Environmental Technologies and the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) have been collaborating with governments of South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka ) and other regional stakeholders towards the development of a report on the current state of waste management as well as a sub-regional roadmap which would amplify regional voices, enhance regional co-operation and guide implementation towards sustainable waste and resource management.

As a part of these sub-regional co-operation activities, two sub-regional workshops have already been held in Nepal and Bangladesh.

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