

Method of Training

The training course includes lectures, PowerPoint presentations, computer based practical sessions and field visit.

Entrance Requirements

All applicants must be a Srilankan. Applicants required to have a B.Sc. Degree and should be registered to follow a postgraduate degree at a recognized University or Institution.

Certificate of Attendance

After satisfactory completion of the course, a certificate of attendance will be awarded.

About the Organizers

South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1982 by eight member countries of South Asia namely; Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka with Secretariat in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The main objectives of the organisation are protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.

The Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS) is the Belgian National Focal Point for the Convention on Biological Diversity. www.naturalsciences.be

Introduction

Since the inception in 1982, SACEP is conducting a number of capacity building programmes on various environment related areas including biodiversity conservation for different target groups in its member countries. The aim of the programme is to help our member countries to meet its capacity building needs which are necessary to manage the region's environment sustainably.

This particular project on "Capacity Building for the Clearing House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity in South Asia: A Case Study for Sri Lanka" has been designed to train post graduate students on various issues related to biodiversity conservation, related international conventions and clearing house mechanism.

Target Group

Students who have registered for a Post Graduate Degree (Master Degree or Ph.D.) at a recognized local (Sri Lanka) University or Institution in the field related to biodiversity conservation.

Objective

The objective of this programme is "to create awareness among post graduate students on Clearing House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity and build their capacity on how to make use of it for conservation and research activities".

Access to Information on Biological Diversity Related Conventions

Capacity Building for the Clearing House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity in South Asia:
"A Case Study for Sri Lanka"

19 – 22 March 2007
and
26 - 29 March 2007

Organised by

South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)



In close collaboration with
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources



Secretariat of the Convention on
Biological Diversity



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About the Programme

This programme intends to train 60 Post Graduate students. The participants will be divided into two groups (30 students in each) and training courses will be conducted separately.

Dates

Batch I

19 - 22 March 2007

Batch II

26 - 29 March 2007

Venue

Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, 114, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07.

Accommodation

The programme is a residential and full board accommodation will be arranged at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute for all participants.

All participants of Batch I and Batch II must report to the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute by 6.00 pm on 18th March 2007 and 25th March 2007 respectively.

Working Language

All sessions will be conducted in English

Programme

Day 1

- ◆ Inauguration
- ◆ Introduction to the Information Systems and its use
- ◆ Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Day 2

- ◆ Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)
- ◆ Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)
- ◆ Practical Session

Day 3

- ◆ Field Trip

Day 4

- ◆ How to get use Internet for Conservation and Research Work
- ◆ Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- ◆ Implications of the CBD to the Country

Course Coordinator: Prof: Sarath Kotagama

How to Apply

Students who would like to participate in this training programme should fill the application form and get endorsed from respective course coordinator/supervisor of your Institute and send to the following address on or before 28 February 2007.

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