



TO MOVE ON WITH SHARED EXPERIENCES

YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS' EXPERIENCE SHARING PROGRAM

14TH OF September 2017

AT RSC (UVA) NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD, BADULLA, SRI LANKA



Being an extremely water sensitive area, Badulla district is highly vulnerable for perennial water problems and environmental related issues. Within the past couple of years people living in Badulla district have suffered from both severe droughts and floods due to its bi-modal rainfall pattern and extreme rainfall received. Also it is now identified as 90% landslide prone. The magnitude as well as the frequency of these water related issues are tend to be increase in its trend. With this scenario Young Water Professionals (YWP) Uva cell , the future intellectual assets of the country, have a vital role to play. It is clear that shared experiences will bring a huge positive impact for ensuring the sustainability of the water related sector as well as supporting network building which is an important factor mainly in the environmental and water related sectors.

With this understanding Sri Lanka Water Partnership and Water Forum of the Institute of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL) in collaboration with YWPs group Uva province initiated a Young Water Professionals program in the Badulla region which is highly focused on experience sharing and network building. The theme of the program was “To move on with shared experiences”. The program was held on 14th of September, 2017 at Regional Support Center (Uva), National Water Supply & Drainage Board, Badulla, Sri Lanka.

The foundation laid by Ms. Kusum Athukorala, Senior Advisor to the Sri Lanka Water Partnership (SLWP) created strong pillars for success of the program which helped to formulate a strong network within YWPs in the region. Her participation and support for the program as the Chief Guest added value to the program.

Dr. Kamal Laksiri, Chairman of the Water Forum, IESL sent his regards to the program on behalf of the Water Forum, IESL. His initiative ideas and support for the program were highly emphasized and appreciated.

Deputy General Manager (Uva) of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board and the Project Director to the Badulla, Haliela and Ella Integrated Water Supply Project, Engineer Ruwan Liyanage delivered the key note speech to the program. His support and direction for YWPs led the program to a highly successful level.

More than 45 Young Water Professionals, representing National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Badulla, Haliela and Ella Integrated Water Supply Project, Urban Development Authority, National Building Research Organization, Central Environmental Authority, Central

Engineering Consultancy Bureau, Irrigation Department, Uma oya project, Tetra Tech and Viharamahadevi School, Badulla participated in the activity.



Figure. 1: Chief Guest Ms.Kusum Athukorala, Senior Advisor, SLWP and Deputy General Manager (Uva) NWSDB and Project Director to the BHEIWSP, Eng.Ruwan Liyanage

Agenda of the Program

Welcome Speech by Ms.Thamashi Upeksha, Tetra Tech

Opening Remarks by Mr. Aravinda Karunarathna, NWSDB

Key note speech by Eng. Ruwan Liyanage, Deputy General Manager (Uva) NWSDB

Speech by Chief Guest Ms.Kusum Athukorala, Senior Advisor - SLWP

Presentation on YWPs by Mr.Chathura Sanjeewa, NWSDB

Water and Rural Development by Mr.Mishel Maathotaarachchi, NWSDB

Water and Urban Development by Ms.Oshani Abegunawardhana and Ms.Chamali Liyanage,
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Experience Sharing from Uma Oya project by Mr.Bandara, CECB

Water & Social Empowerment by Mr.Starlin Devraj, NWSDB

Status quo of drinking water in Uva Province by Ms.Anuththara De Silva, BMMV

Land Slides, Badulla by Mr.Nipuna, NBRO

Indigenous knowledge on Water Management by Ms.M. Lakmali, NWSDB

Experience Sharing in Conflict Resolution by Mr.Nuwan Gunasekara, NWSDB

Vote of thanks by Ms.Chesmi Chanika, NWSDB



Figure 2: Eng. Thamashi Upeksha delivering the welcome speech



Figure 3: Opening remarks by Eng. Aravinda Karunaratne



Figure 4: Key note speech by Eng. Ruwan Liyanage, Deputy General Manager (Uva) NWSDB and Project Director (BHEIWSP)



Figure 5: Speech by the Chief Guest Ms.Kusum Athukorala, Senior Advisor to the SLWP



Figure 6: Eng.Chathura Sanjeewa presenting YWPs role in Sustainable development



Figure 7: Presentation on Water and Rural Development by Eng.Mishel Mathotaarachchi



Figure 8: Presentation on Water and Urban Development by Ms.Chamali Liyanage



Figure 9: Presentation on Water and Urban Development by Ms.Oshani Abegunawardana



Figure 10: Presentation on Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project by Mr.Dishan Bandara



Figure 11: Presentation on Water and Social Empowerment by Mr.Stalin Devraj



Figure 12: Presentation on Status Quo Of Drinking Water in Uva province by Ms. Anuththara De Silva



Figure 13: Presentation on Landslides and Water by Mr. Nipuna Weerasekara



Figure 14: Presentation on Indigenous Knowledge on Water Management by Ms.Madushika Lakmali



Figure 14: Presentation on Conflict Resolution in Water Sharing by Eng.Nuwan Gunasekara



Figure 15: Vote of thanks by Eng.Chesmi Chanika

Photo Gallery









- Collaboration is the key -

