

“Sri Lanka Climate Fund launched One Million Tree Programme today in Kongahawela near Moragahakanda new road in Matale. This Program will support to achieve Nationally Determined Contribution of Sri Lanka in forest sector (increasing forest over from 29% to 32%) that we agreed under Paris Agreement. This is a national initiative that we started in collaboration with Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment, Forest Department. We are already informed by five private sector organizations (banks, power companies, tea companies, etc) that they will support this national effort.”

“This National programme will be crucial to achieve national forest sector target under “Punarudaya” programme of Mahaweli Development & Environment, and to achieve mitigation targets agreed under Paris Agreement (Increasing Forest Cover from 29% to 32%)”

*-Secretary, The Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment-*

## Objectives

To support government to expand national forest cover from current extent of 29% to 32%.

To assist government achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs)



To generate emission reduction certificates through Sri Lanka Carbon Crediting Scheme to facilitate Sri Lankan investors to offset the carbon footprint

To support government to achieve Paris Agreement (COP 21)

To generate foliage to be used as cattle feed to support the government in achieving self sufficiency in milk and produce organic fertilizer for minimizing application of artificial fertilizer.



*Mr. Buddika Hemashantha, CEO of SLCF is signing MoU with Mr. Anura Sathurasinghe, Conservator General of Forest*

“We will support this national effort by contributing our technical expertise to choose suitable seedlings in the identified lands”

*Conservator General of Forest,  
Forest Department*

## Benefits

To improve the quality of life by beautifying the environment

To improve air quality by removing atmospheric carbon dioxide, absorbing air pollutants and producing oxygen

To prevent runoff and erosion, resulting in improved water quality and reduced storm water runoff or flooding





To mitigate the damages for existing habitats due to construction

To contribute ensuring energy self-sufficiency by producing sustainable fuel wood

To produce organic fertilizer with the intention of reducing chemical fertilizer application.

To act as carbon sinks towards the combat of Climate change

**“We aim to develop this initiative as a flagship private public partnership initiative in tackling climate change issues in Sri Lanka**

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*Preparing Land for Planting*



*Planting the seedlings*



*Crew participated in the planting program*



