

National Symposium on Groundwater Availability and Use in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka - 22 July 2016, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

The symposium was organised by the CapNet Lanka in collaboration with the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA) and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) on the 22nd July 2016 at the R.R. Appadurai Auditorium of the Faculty of Agriculture, Peradeniya. Mr. Ian Makin of the IWMI graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. S. Pathmarajah of the Board of Study in Agricultural Engineering coordinated the event. More than 75 leading groundwater professionals from various institutions such as Water Resources Board, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Irrigation Department, Department of Agriculture, IWMI and Universities attend the event.

The symposium included a panel discussion on “Groundwater Policy and Governance”, an invited speech on “Water Quality and Health” by Prof. R.L. Rohana Chandrajith of the Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, Peradeniya and 11 Papers grouped under three Technical Sessions, namely Groundwater Policy and Governance, Groundwater Availability and Suitability and Remedial Measures for Groundwater Related Issues.



Opening session (Left to Right); Dr. S. Pathmarajah (Symposium Coordinator), Prof. Nimal Gunawerdena (Coordinator, CapNet Lanka), Prof. S. Samita (Director, PGIA), Prof. Gamini Pushpakumra (Dean, Faculty of Agriculture) and Mr. Ian Makin (Chief Guest, IWMI)



High profile panelists (Left to Right); Mr. R.S. Wijesekera (Director, DoA), Mr. R.S. Wijesekera (General Manager, WRB), Dr. H. Manthrilake, (IWMI), Prof. Atula Senaratne (UP) and Eng. Ms. Janaki Meegastanna (Director, ID)



Section of the audience



Symposium Coordinator addressing the audience