**Interactive workshop on Water and Wetlands for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

**Date: 22 March 2017**

**Venue : Yellow River Auditorium (IWMI)**

Organized to mark World Water Day 2017

by

**Sri Lanka Water Partnership**

**In collaboration with Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation**

**Rationale**

Building on the UN Millennium Declaration and its eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) (2000-2015), the 2030 Agenda has now expands to cover many aspects of sustainable development in the globe with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), calling for peace and partnership, and the need to leave no one behind.

The SDGs covers a wide range of drivers across the three pillars of sustainable development, and include specific goals which are directly and indirectly related to water and wetlands with goal 6 specific to water..

**Goal & Expected Longer-Term Outcome**

The overall goal of this activity is to develop a platform to discuss the relationship of and issues in water and wetlands in order to achieve SDG’s at the local level, since nations will need to build the SDG’s into their national policies and plans if we are to achieve them.

**Expected Output**

Sri Lanka Water Partnership together with Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation have colloboated earlier on wetlands and expects to create a discussion forum to share some experience and thoughts on different issues related to water, wetlands and development with a special focus on understanding the role of each institute and to discuss the way forward.

**Agenda**

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| **TOPIC** | **SPEAKER/FACILITATOR** |  |
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| **Registration 8.30-9.00 am** |  |  |
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| Time | Resource Persons | Topic |
| 9.00-9.20 | Prof. Deepthi Wickramasinghe | Water, Wetlands and SDGs – an introduction |
| 9.20-9.40 | Eng. Badra Kamaladasa | Water, Wetlands and Irrigation |
| 9.40-10.00 | Dr. Nimal Wijeratne | Wetlands for Transportation and Recreation |
| **Tea Break(10.00am -10.15 am)** | | |
| 10.15-10.35 | Ms. Chethika Gunasiri | Wetlands and Biodiversity |
| 10.35-10.55 | Ms. Damithri Chandrasekara | Wetlands for Disaster Risk Reduction |
| 10.55-11.15 | Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi | Wetlands, water and sustainable development - Challenges |
| 11.15- 12.30 | Group Discussion |  |
| 12.30 | Vote of Thanks |  |

**Lunch – 12.30 onwards**