International Climate Change University

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International Climate University





 President of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe highlighted the need for the "International Climate University" with a satellite in Maldives.

The announcements came at:

- Asian Development Bank Board Meeting (September 30, 2022)
- Climate COP27 held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt (November 08, 2022)

Identity of ICCU

Knowledge Dissemination

Knowledge Generation

Research

Knowledge Exchange

Policy Dialogue

Knowledge Utilization

ICCU

Evidence- based
Solutions and
Transformational
Thinking

Competent Graduates & Empowered Experts Sciene-based
Innovative Policies
and Policy
Instruments

Vision and Mission

Vision

"International Climate Change University that serves as a global beacon of excellence in climate education, research, and collaborations. We envision a world where climate change is met with science, innovation, knowledge, and collective action, fostering a resilient, equitable, and sustainable planet for current and future generations."

Mission

"To lead in the global fight against climate change by providing world-class education, advancing groundbreaking research, and fostering international partnerships. We aim to empower the next generation of climate leaders, facilitate interdisciplinary solutions, and promote inclusive, evidence-based decision-making. Through our dedication to science-based approaches, knowledge, advocacy, and collaboration, we aspire to drive a meaningful change and address the urgent climate challenges facing our planet."

Business Proposition to base ICCU in Sri Lanka

Climate Prosperity – Climate Justice – Global South- Tropical Belt – Indian Ocean Rim- Climate Finance

Connectivity in Travel,
Communications and Logistics

Traditional knowledge and practices on adaptation integrated water management

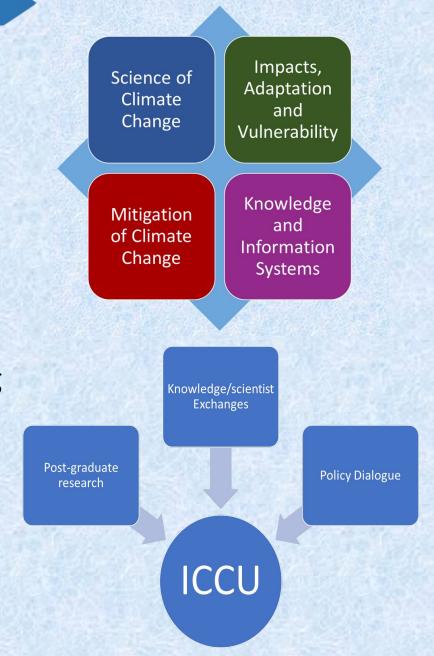
Neural in geopolitics – leadership in climate prosperity and climate justice

Diverse
ecological zones
and geographical
conditions for
research in Ridge
to Reef and
Ocean
configurations

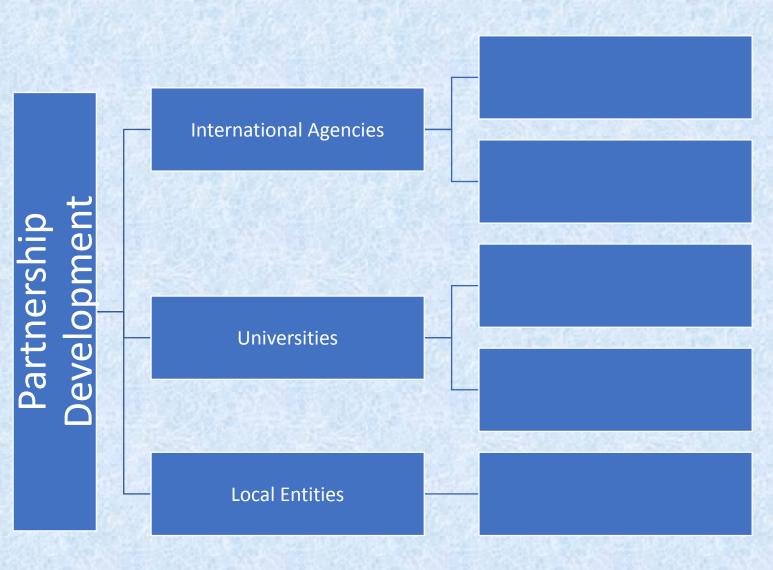
Number of
Universities/
experts
engaged in
subjects related
to climate
change with
global links

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- ICCU initial phase planned as a graduate research, extensive scholar exchanges, policy engagements, lessons / issue related engagements – focusing on global south, particularly covering Indian Ocean Rim Countries.
- Expected Infrastructure assistance to International Climate Change University (ICCU) by Ex-IM Bank Korea. Site identification completed and land acquisition to be initiated.
- About 100 Sri Lanka Scientists have been identified working on the Climate Change different aspects by State Ministry of Higher Education and University Grant Commission.
- Discussions ongoing with international agencies, leading universities and foundations.



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- Joint Ownership of ICCU and involvement in the management
- Inputs for Grant Making;
 Technical Support; Joint
 Programmes; short-medium
 term Exchange Programmes
- 3. Sites for Research Collaborations
- Joint Resource Mobilizations and Research
- Inputs for Policy dialogues and partnerships

Envisaged project components to establish ICCU

Component 1: Academic and Exchange Programmes

 Component 2: Research and Policy Advocacy towards a Transformational Change

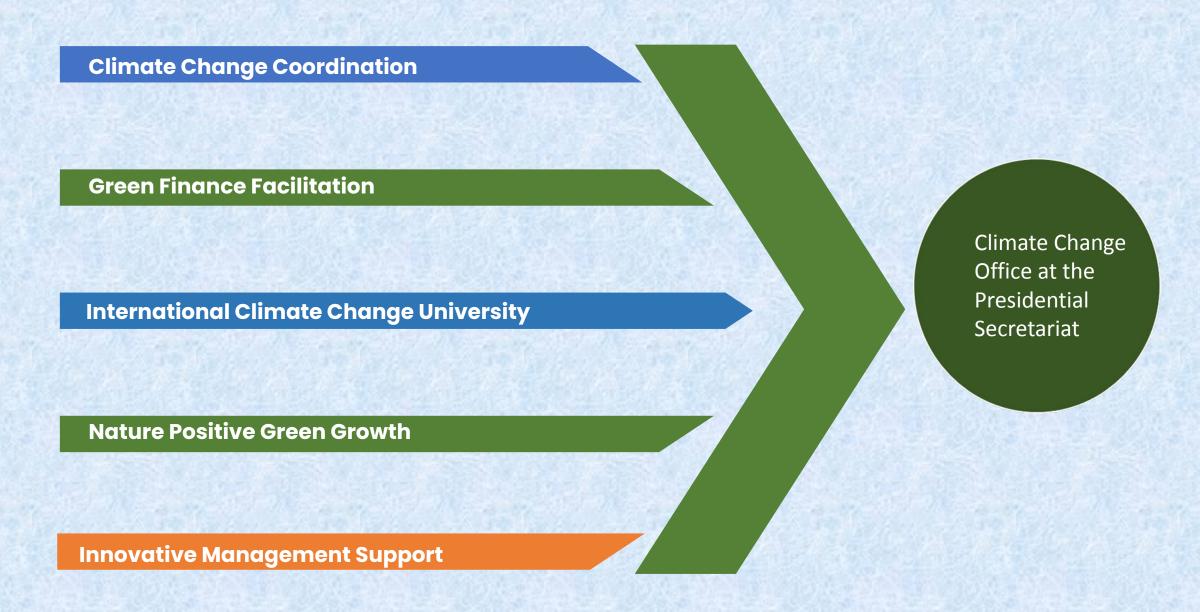
 Component 3: Database and Information Management Support Services

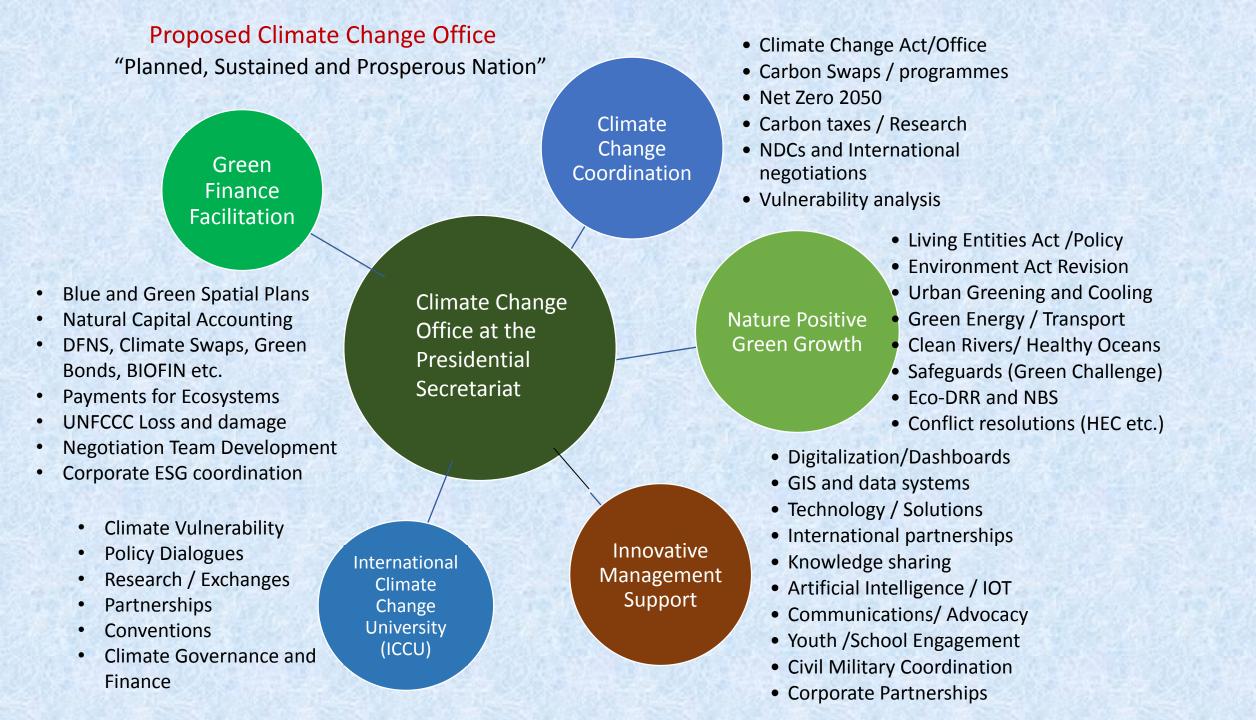
Component 4: Finance, Administration and Sustainability

Cabinet Decision - January 09, 2023 Sri Lanka Advisory Group - Augst 09, 2023)

- Prof. Ranjith Senaratne (Chair)
- Prof. Buddhi Marambe
- Prof. Chaminda Ratnayake
- Ms. Sharika Senanayake
- Dr. Jagath Alwis
- Dr. Anil Jasinghe
- Mr. Wernon Perera
- Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri (Secretary)

Proposed Climate Change Office





Looking for inputs on ... but not limited to..

- Innovative ideas to add value towards the ICCU setting up process including potential partnerships and mechanisms based on global and local experiences.
- Ideas on the programming content given the current climate change challenges and capacity building needs.
- Options available for an innovative Governing system that includes board of management (different layers) and how to attract partners to take part.
- Strategic inputs for resource mobilization and to assure the ICCU sustainability and relevance.

