

# International Climate Change University

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- 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

Science-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**

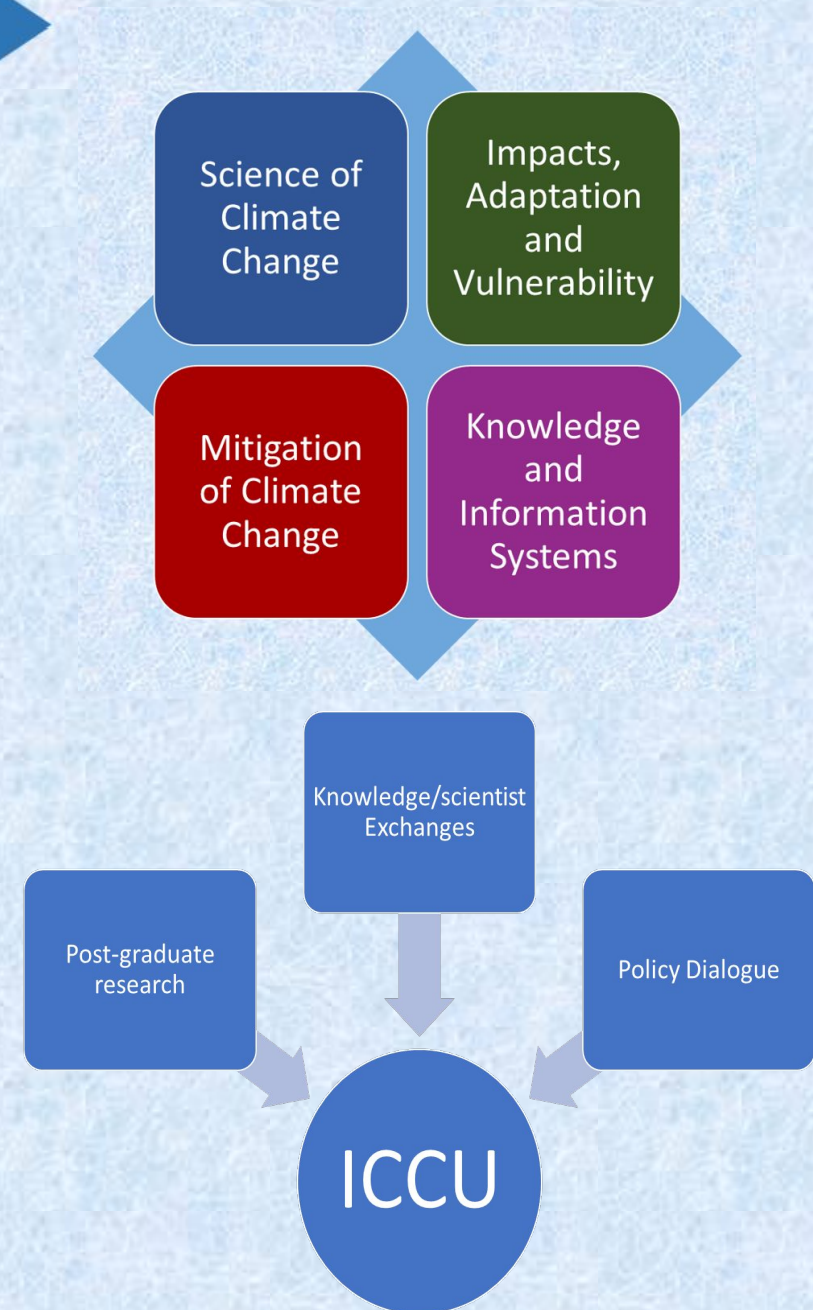
**Neural in  
geopolitics –  
leadership in  
climate  
prosperity and  
climate justice**

**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**

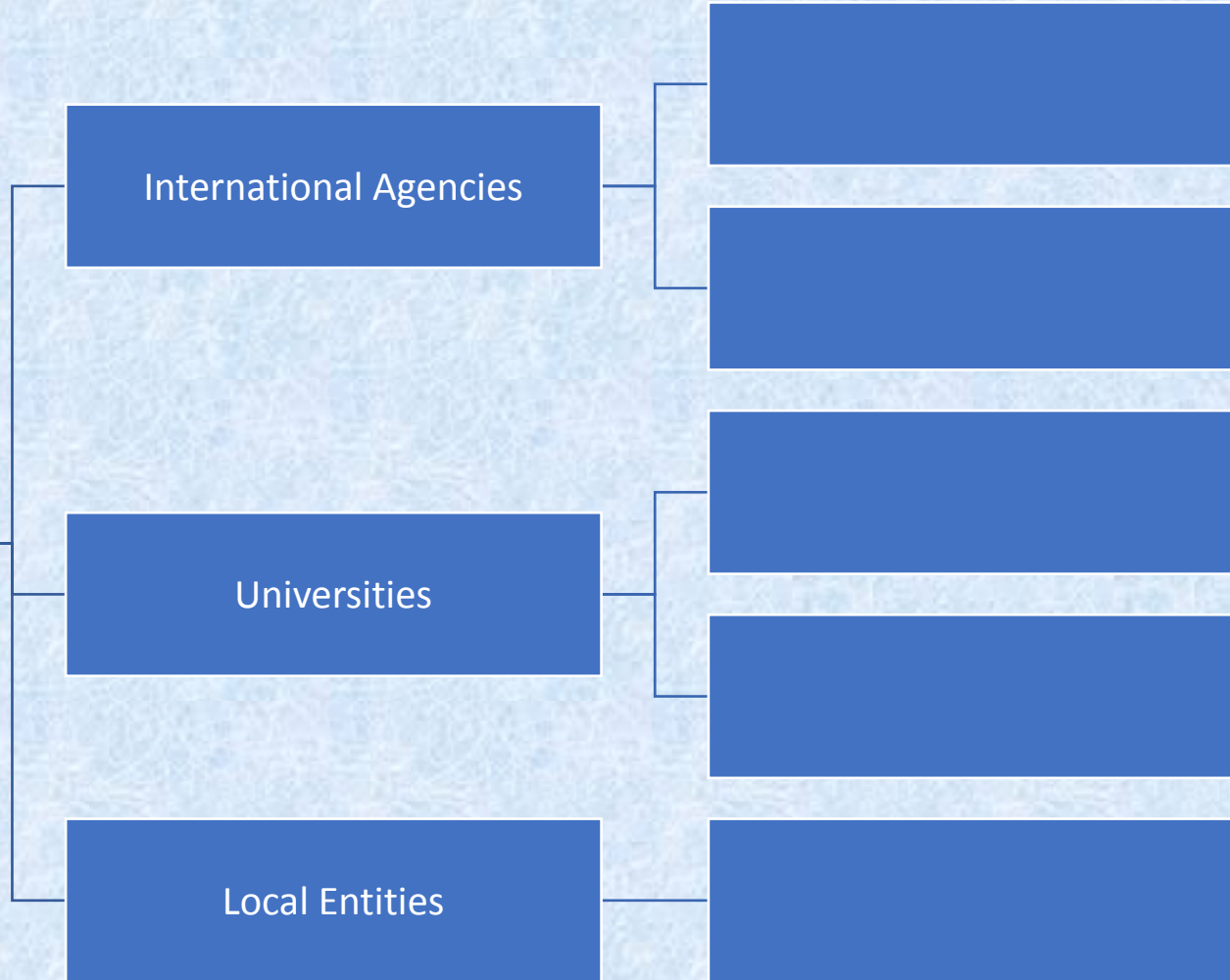
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- ICCU initial phase planned as a graduate research, extensive scholar exchanges, policy engagements, lessons / issue related engagements – focusing on global south, particularly covering Indian Ocean Rim Countries.
- Expected Infrastructure assistance 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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## Partnership Development



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

## Envisaged project components to establish ICCU

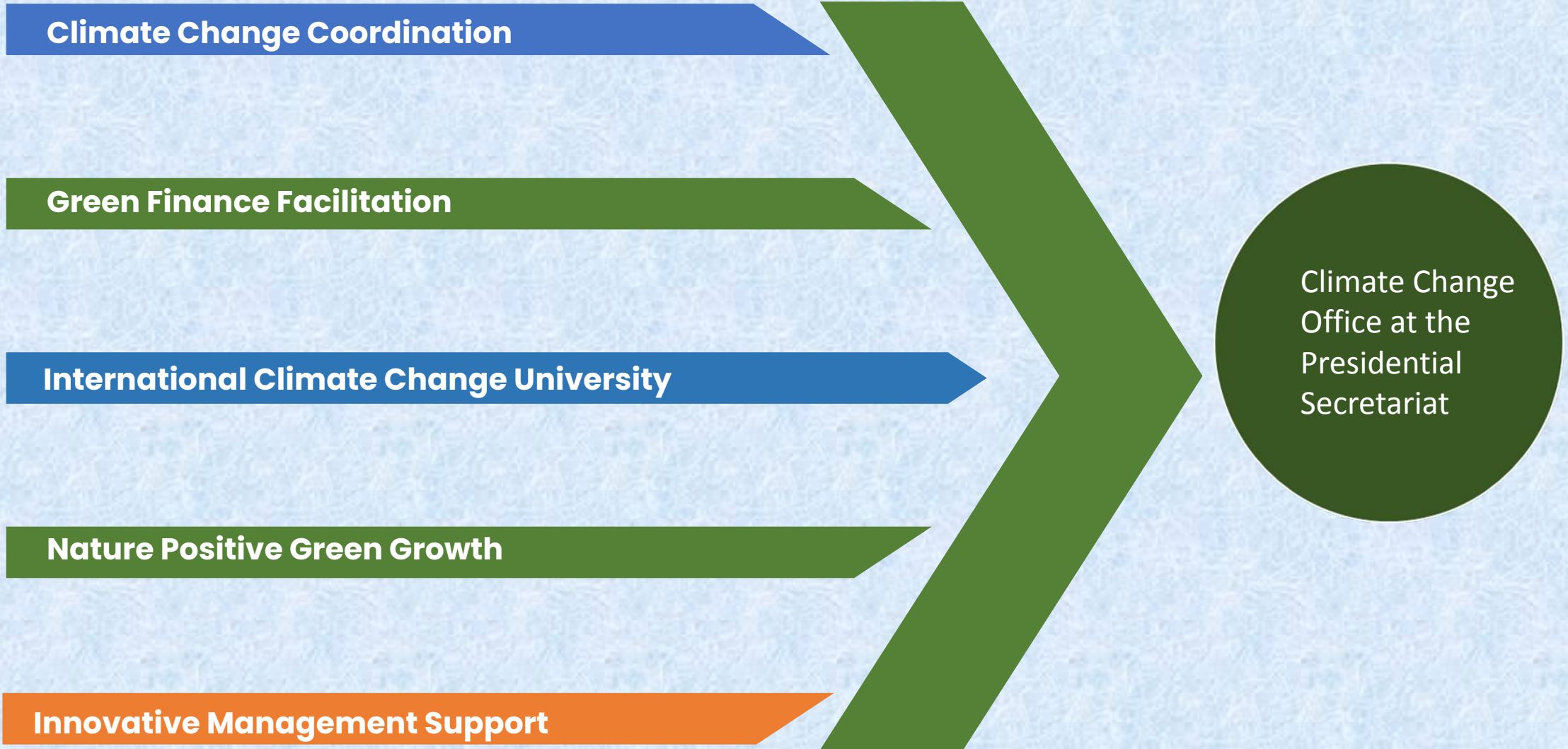
- Component 1: Academic and Exchange Programmes
- Component 2: Research and Policy Advocacy towards a Transformational Change
- Component 3: Database and Information Management Support Services
- Component 4: Finance, Administration and Sustainability



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

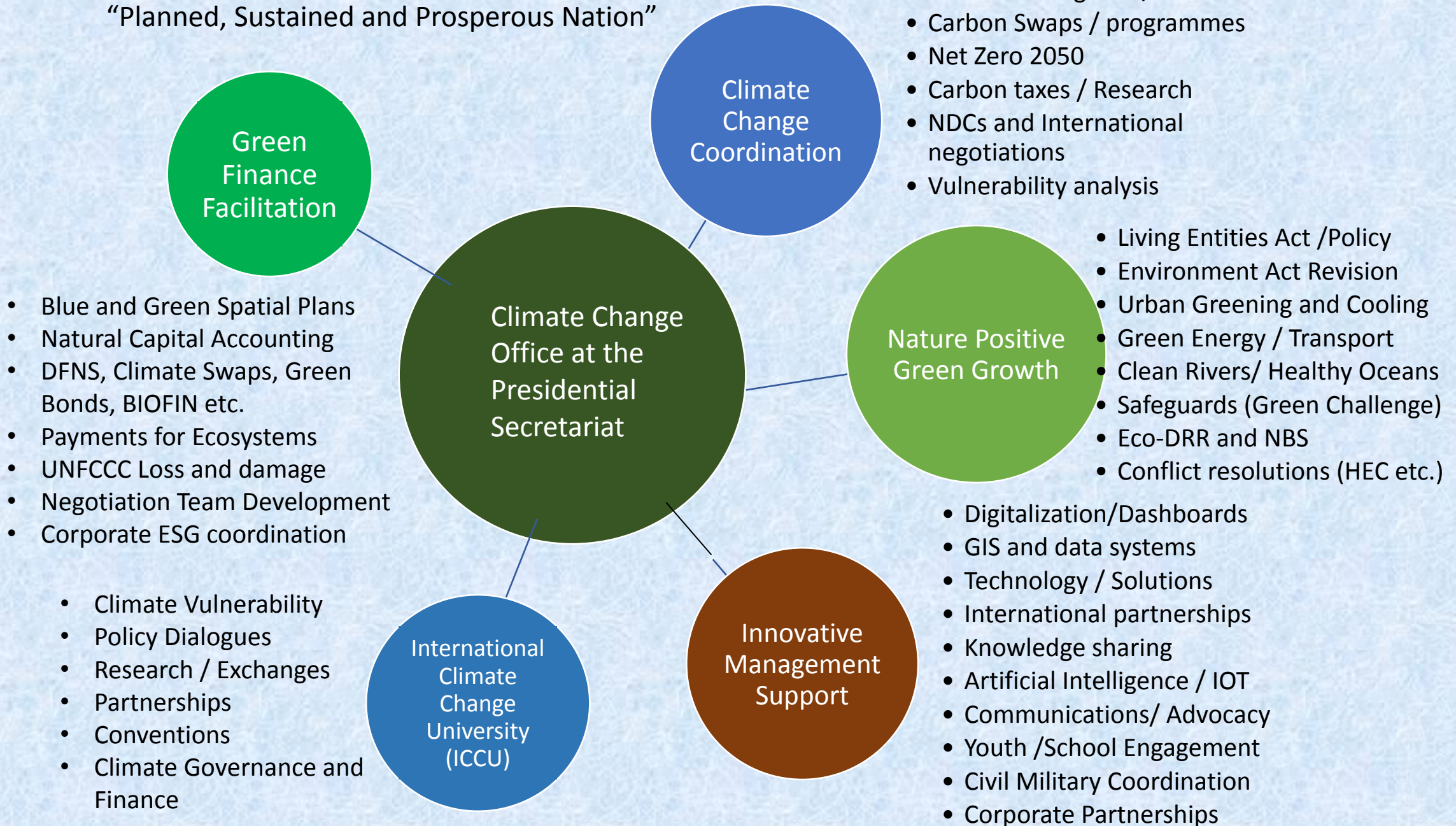
- Prof. Ranjith Senarathne (Chair)
- Prof. Buddhi Marambe
- Prof. Chaminda Ratnayake
- Ms. Sharika Senanayake
- Dr. Jagath Alwis
- Dr. Anil Jasinghe
- Mr. Wernon Perera
- Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri (Secretary)

# Proposed Climate Change Office



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“Planned, Sustained and Prosperous Nation”



## 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.

A dense forest of tall, green trees with a misty background. The trees are mostly tall and thin with rounded, green canopies. The background is a soft, greyish mist, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. The overall scene is a lush, green landscape.

# Thank you!

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