Building Rainwater Harvesters Community of Practice- Sri Lanka to South Asia

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Aim & objectives of the programe

- Establish a demonstration site on RWH and water recycle at a prominent location
- Organize and conduct a training program for Engineers, architects for Water Reuse and Recycling in Delhi India.
- Organise and Conduct a training program for Engineers, architects, project managers on rain water harvesting and ground water recharge in Sri Lanka jointly with CSE
- Support to set up the South Asian network to promote RWH in the region, following the meeting/ workshop held in Kandy (2006) and Kathmandu (2009)
- Establish the Rain Center premises at Battaramulla
Description of the program

- Conduct 08 training in New Delhi and Sri Lanka
- Establishment of Rain center
- Establish SARNET South Asian Network for Rain water harvesting
CSE training contribution in knowledge building & skill development

- 2010, Attended by 12 persons, New Delhi
- 2011, Attended by 35 persons, SL
- 2012 (Jan), Attended by 25 persons, SL
- 2012 (Dec), 4 days, Attended by 20 persons, SL
- 2013, 4 days, Attended by 28 person, Kandy, SL
- 2015, In Colombo International participants. 40 persons
Learning’s and outcome

Establishment of Rain Center

Training 260 persons (municipality Officials, Project momagers, Engineers, Architects, Plantation sector, Pvt sector) on RWH and GWR

Establishing SARNET

Theory to implementation: 17 professionals trained via online in 2020, 4 project proposals developed and been implemented
Establish Rain Center

- Land leased for 30 years in the New Capital of SL (near Parliament)
- First stage of the building constructed Feb. 2014
- Rain Center:
  - Exhibition,
  - Training center
  - Demonstrating and
  - R&D center
SARNET
Our Journey –

• Established with 30+ members in the region
• Supported by the Governments, donors, practitioners, researchers, Institutes, NGO
• Launch of web site, social media pages
• 4 webinars focusing, Gender, Climate Change, Disasters and country specific
• What we aim
  • To function as a repository of information and experience on RWH, networking with RWH promoting organizations/institutions, private sector, and individual experts in the South Asia Region,
  • To strength a regional rainwater network to coordinate the identification and evaluation for RWH technologies with the purpose of promoting best practices in rainwater management
  • To support effective advocacy towards governments and donor agencies.
  • To promote a People’s water management program based on rainwater harvesting.
SARNET First International Conference

- Scheduled for 14th – 16th September 2021
- Steering Committee members from the regional countries
- Hybrid mode Virtual and cluster meeting at country level

International Conference on Looming Water Crisis and Climate Change in South Asia: Rainwater Harvesting as an Adaptation Strategy

Call for Abstract/Posters/Cartoons/Videos
Share your research findings, success stories, and innovations related to the following main broader thematic areas:
01. Rainwater harvesting for water supply (urban and rural)
02. Rainwater harvesting for home gardening and small scale agriculture
03. Rainwater harvesting for disaster situations
04. Rainwater harvesting technology innovations
05. Business opportunities in RWH for SMEs
06. Rainwater harvesting for health and water quality

Abstract Submission Deadline
20th August 2021
Notification of Acceptance
1st September 2021
Full paper/Presentation/Poster Submission
10th September 2021

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