

This conference was organized by the Centre of Governance and Public Policy of the Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Land, Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Product & Health, and Agrarian Development, Western Province, Sri Lanka, NAPSIPAG, Special Centre for Disaster Research (SCDR), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India and the Alumni Association of Public Administration (AAPA) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.

More than 150 participants including national and international authors, policy makers, administrators, politicians, Journalists, and academics joined the conference. After the inaugural session, brainstorming session on ***“Governance for Sustainable Development- Lessons learned from MDGs & a way forward to SDGs”*** and four parallel technical sessions were held.

For the Second day, another two brainstorming sessions on ***“Public Policy on Disasters and Agriculture”*** and ***“Gender, Disasters and SDGs”*** were held at Gannoruwa Agriculture Research Institute, Kandy.

The conference is over with a great success. Thanks to all participants, contributors, collaborative partners, and the organizing team