

To spark global and national awareness to enhance disaster resilience and reduce vulnerability

Webinar on “Building Resilience Together”

Organized by “Youth Leadership for Environment and Resilience”, Department of Zoology and Environment Sciences/ Faculty of Science

Date - 23rd November, 2021
Starting time - 11.30 a.m.
Duration - Two and a half hours

Target audience

International and local participants including university students

Objectives

The main objective is to bring together leading academics and scientists, as well as practitioners to inspire and empower youth, specially the university students, in order to “reduce disaster risk and build resilience together”.

This virtual platform will also provide opportunities for the youth to express their views on priorities and expectations for a safe and resilient society.

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Schedule

- Welcome speech by Prof. Preethi Udagama/ HoD (5 minutes)
- Introduction by Prof. Deepthi Wickramasinghe (5 minutes)
- Speech by the Vice Chancellor/ UoC, Senior Prof. Chandrika Wijeratne (10 minutes)

• Keynote speech by Prof. Virginia Murray (15 minutes)

Head of Global Disaster Risk Reduction, Public Health, England
 Vice-chair of the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)

Topic - Disaster preparedness and health

Panelists and speakers

- Major General Sudantha Ranasinghe (15 minutes)
 Director General, Disaster Management Center, Sri Lanka
 Topic - Disaster management in the Sri Lankan perspective
- Prof. Mahua Mukherjee (15 minutes)
 Department of Architecture and Planning, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee, India
 Topic - Disaster preparedness for a better future
- Prof. Michael Patterson (15 minutes)
 School of Biology, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand
 Topic –Towards a resilient society: the role of youth
- Dr. Stephen Woroniecki (15 minutes)
 Department of Thematic Studies and Environmental Change, Linköping University, Sweden
 Topic - Nature based solutions for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Q and A session (20 minutes)
 Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi, Research Fellow, WWF, Switzerland
- A short video reflecting youth (university students’) voices of Asia- Pacific region (15 minutes)
- Presentation by Youth Leaders/ UoC on “Building a safe future together” (5 minutes)
- Concluding remarks (5 minutes)