

Environmental Impact Assessment

Annual Interactive Short Course 2026

Institute of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka (IEPSL)

2–6 November 2026 | GAP HQ, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07

Day 1 2 November 2026

Moderator: Dr. Udayagee Kumarasinghe, Chair, Academic & Examination Standing Committee/IEPSL

TIME	SESSION AND RESOURCE PERSONS
08.30 – 09.00 am	Opening Remarks Prof Thilak Hewawasam, Chairman, CEA Mr Asela Iddawella, President, IEPSL Prof Ranjith Dissanayake, Founder GAP HQ
09.00 – 09.15 am	Aims and Objectives of the Course by the Course Coordinator Mr Ajith Ethugala FIEPSL, CEnvP, Senior Vice President, IEPSL
09.15 – 09.45 am	Need for integration of EIA in the Project Planning Cycle Ms. Shiranee Yasaratne FIEPSL, CEnvP, Immediate Past President IEPSL
09.45 – 10.30 am	Policies, Laws, and Institutional Arrangements for EIA in Sri Lanka Dr. Jagath Gunawardene, AAL, Environmental Lawyer and Legal Consultant CEA, Honorary Member of the IEPSL
10.30 – 10.45 am	Q&A
10.45 – 11.00 am	Tea Break and Group Photograph
11.00 – 11.45 am	Recent Amendments to Parts IV C & D of the National Environmental Act Mr. Kapila Mahesh Rajapaksha CEnvP, Director General CEA
11.45 - 12.30 pm	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) practices in Sri Lanka and recent changes introduced through amendments to the National Environmental Act (NEA) Ms Kusala Mahalekama, Deputy Director General, Environmental Management and Assessment, CEA
12.30 – 1.45 pm	The Environmental Assessment Process of Sri Lanka Ms Kusala Mahalekama, Deputy Director General, Environmental Management and Assessment, CEA
01.45 – 02.30 pm	Lunch Break
02.30 – 03.30 pm	Importance of Screening, Scoping and drafting of Terms of Reference Ms. Nilmini Attanayake, Former Director (EIA), CEA
03.30 – 04.00 pm	Q & A Session
04.00 pm	Tea and end of first day

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Day 2 3 November 2026

Moderator: Prof. Kasunthi Amerasinghe, CEnvP, MIEPSL, Member, Academic & Examination Standing Committee/IEPSL

TIME	SESSION AND RESOURCE PERSONS
08.45 – 09.45 am	Physical Impact Assessment & Mitigation Eng. Anura Ranwala FIEPSL, CEnvP, Hydrologist & EIA Consultant
09.45 – 10.45 am	Social Impact Assessment & Mitigation in EIA Mr. Jayantha Gnanesh, CEnvP, MIEPSL, Social Safeguard Consultant for the World Bank
10.45 – 11.00 am	Q&A
11.00 – 11.15 am	Tea break
11.15 – 12.15 pm	Ecological Impact Assessment & Mitigation Prof Mayuri Wijesinghe, Department of Zoology & Environmental Science, University of Colombo
12.15 – 12.30 pm	Q&A
12.30 – 01.30 pm	Assessing Climate Impacts in Environmental Assessment Mr Rohan Cooray, Climate Change and Financial Risk Analyst
01.30 – 01.45 pm	Q&A
01.45 – 02.30 pm	LUNCH
02.30 – 03.45 pm	Quantification of impacts & Determination of significance Emeritus Professor Eng. (Mrs.) Niranjanie Ratnayake, CEnvP, FIEPSL, Former President of IEPSL & IESL
03.45 – 04.00 pm	Q&A
04.00 – 04.45 pm	Identification and Review of Alternatives in EIA Mr. Anura Ranwala, FIEPSL, CEnvP, Council Member & Member of Membership Standing Committee, IEPSL
04.45 – 05.00 pm	Tea and end of 2nd day

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Day 3 4 November 2026

Moderator: Prof. M G G Awanthi MIEPSL, Member of Academic & Examination Committee

TIME	SESSION AND RESOURCE PERSONS
08.30 - 08.45 am	Welcome and overview of the Proceedings so far
08.45 -09.45 am	Case study Briefings 1. Mr. W A D D Wijesooriya - Environmental Specialist, Port City Project & Former Director EIA, CEA 2. Ms. Sankaja Uggalla CEnvP Solid Waste Management Specialist
10.45 - 01.45 pm	Field Visits and Back to Venue
01.45 – 02.15pm	Lunch
02.15 – 05.00 pm	Group work Facilitated by Mr. W A D D Wijesooriya, Environmental Specialist, Port City Project
05.00 pm	Tea and end of third day

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Day 4 5 November 2026

Moderator: Mr. Janaka Wijesekara, FIEPSL, CEnvP, Hony. Treasurer of the IEPSL

TIME	SESSION AND RESOURCE PERSONS
08.30 - 08.45 am	Welcome and overview of the Proceedings so far
08.45 – 09.45 am	Writing the EIA Report Prof Mrs. Hemanthi Ranasinghe FIEPSL, CEnvP, former President, IEPSL and former Senior Professor, University of Sri Jayawardenapura
09.45 - 10.45 am	Public Participation, Consultation, and Information Disclosure in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): Effective Tools for Public Communication and Engagement Throughout the Assessment Process Mr. Hemantha Withanage, Chairperson/ Co-founder, Centre for Environmental Justice, Honorary Member of the IEPSL
10.45 – 11.00 am	Q&A
11.00 – 11.15 am	Tea
11.15 - 12.15 pm	Technical Review of EIA Reports and Decision Making Mrs. Kanthi de Silva FIEPSL, CEnvP, President Elect IEPSL and Former DDG, Environmental Management and Assessment, CEA
12.15 – 12.30 pm	Q & A Session
12.30 – 01.30 pm	Lunch
01.30 – 02.30 pm	Impact Management & Monitoring – Preparation of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) Mrs. Kanthi de Silva FIEPSL, CEnvP, President Elect IEPSL and Former DDG, Environmental Management and Assessment, CEA
02.30 – 02.45 pm	Q&A
02.45 – 03.30 pm	Environmental Economics and its Application in Extended Cost Benefit Analysis in EIA Dr Shamen Vidanage, Env Economist and Country Representative, IUCN Sri Lanka
03.30 – 05.30 pm	Continuation of Group work
05.30 pm	Tea and end of 4th day

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TIME	SESSION AND RESOURCE PERSONS
08.30 – 11.00 am	Continuation of Group Work
11.00 – 11.15 am	Tea Break
11.15 – 12.15 pm	Continuation of Group Work
12.15 – 01.00 pm	Lunch
01.00 – 02.00 pm	Presentation Group 1
02.00 – 03.00 pm	Presentation Group 2
03.00 – 03.30pm	Comments on Case Study Presentations Panel: Prof. Emeritus Niranjani Ratnayake FIEPSL, CEnvP Ms Nilmini Attanayake, MIEPSL, Former Director EIA, CEA Ms Kanthi de Silva FIEPSL, CEnvP Former DDG, CEA Mr. Thushara Peiris, MIEPSL, Director EIA, CEA Observer: Mr. W A D D Wijesooriya, Environmental Specialist, Port City Project & Former Director EIA, CEA Concluding Session jointly chaired by the President of IEPSL, and Director (EIA), CEA
03.45 – 04.00 pm	Awarding of Certificates
04.00 - 04.20 pm	Concluding Remarks by - Participants - CEA – Mr. Thushara Peiris Director (EIA) - IEPSL –Mr. Asela Iddawela, President
04.20 – 4.30 pm	Vote of Thanks – Mr. Prasad Jayaweera, CEnvP, Hony. Secretary (IEPSL)
04.30 pm	End of the Programme

