

World Habitat Day

The United Nations has designated the first Monday in October each year as World Habitat Day

Theme 2009: *Planning Our Urban Future*

Objectives of the World Habitat Day 2009 “*Planning Our Urban Future*”

- To raise awareness of the need to improve urban planning to deal with new major challenges of the 21st century
- To reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic of all right to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat

Main Thematic Areas Identified by the Government

- Shelter needs
- Climate change
- Resource depletion
- Population growth
- Economic challenges

Focal Ministries

Ministry of Housing and Common Amenities

Ministry of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development

Stakeholder Institutions

Urban Development Authority

University of Moratuwa

Sri Lanka Land Reclamation & Development Corporation

Environmental Authority

Municipal Council (Negombo)

Urban Council (Katunayake)

Road Development Authority

Coastal Resources Management Project

National Housing Development Authority

National Water Supply & Drainage Board

HDFC Bank

Divisional Secretary (Negombo)

Divisional Secretary (Katana)

Paradeshiya Sabha (Katana)

Cost Conservation Department

National Physical Planning Department

Engineering Research & Development Centre (NERD)
 Road Passenger Transport Authority (WP)
 Sevanatha (Urban NGO)

Provincial Education Department (WP)
 Department of Health Services (WP)
 Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Programme Highlights

Programme	Activities
Urban Planning – Urban Plan for Greater Negombo	Consultative process
	Presentation of Conceptual Plan
Awareness Campaign	School programmes
	Exhibition
Settlement Development	Shelter projects
	Drainage improvement projects
	Community infrastructure projects

Programme Details

Commencing from August 2009

Urban Planning	Activities	
Urban Plan for Greater Negombo	Consultative process with Three Local Authorities, and other partners	Month of September
	Presentation of Conceptual Plan to the Public	5 October 2009

Awareness Campaign	Activities	
School programmes	Art & Essay Competition for School Students (all Island)	August , September
	Seminars & Awareness Programmes for School Children (Negombo)	24 September 2009 1 October 2009
	School Wall Painting Competition	15 September 2009
	School Drama & Speech Competition	21 September 2009
Public awareness programmes	Technical Awareness Workshop on housing construction (Negombo)	30 September 2009

Settlement Development	Activities	
Shelter construction	Construction of new housing units in 15 Districts	August, September October
Ensure tenure rights	Granting title deeds 14 Districts	September
Issuing of Housing Loans		August, September October
Upgrading Community infrastructure	Road network, community centers, children's parks in public housing schemes	September October

World Habitat Day Main Event
5 October 2009

Event	Thematic Areas
Exhibition	Theme Exhibition with the participation of development partners
	Winning Entries of Art Exhibition - 200 entries
Main Conference	Key Note Address
	Cultural Activities
	Award Presentation for School Competition Winners