

# CLIMATE RESILIENT KERALA ROUNDTABLE

Second consultation in 'Building a Climate Resilient Kerala'

Integrating climate action and disaster risk reduction in the State's flagship missions: concerns and challenges

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Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

## Background:

In September 2016, Thanal, UNICEF and Climate Action Network South Asia, hosted 'Climate Resilient Kerala', a 2-day workshop in Thiruvananthapuram for policy makers, government officials, civil society organisations, scientists, academicians and media, with the objective of strengthening Kerala's State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plans.

The three main recommendations of the workshop were: *a-* total revision of the SAPCC with a more participatory planning process, *b-* integration climate action and disaster risk reduction plans across all the developmental missions of the state government and *c-* to prioritise the needs of women, children and the most vulnerable peoples in planning and implementation of all programs .

Last month, the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoECC) announced that the Kerala SAPCC is open for revision and has invited inputs from the citizens of the state. Thanal has submitted the outputs and key recommendations from the Climate Resilient Kerala workshop on behalf of the participating experts to the DoECC.

This second consultation in the Climate Resilient Kerala initiative will once again bring together experts, policy makers and governmental representatives to assess options and opportunities to integrate climate action and disaster risk reduction, particularly from the perspective of women and children in the Kerala Government's Nava Keralam Mission launched in November 2016. The initiative seeks to address problems faced in four key social sectors, namely, health, education, housing with focus on energy and water, with the help and involvement of local self-governments.

Proposed date: January 12 2017, Thiruvananthapuram

Venue to be finalized shortly.

## Organizers:

Thanal, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

UNICEF South Region, Tamil Nadu

Climate Action Network South Asia, New Delhi

PHIA Foundation, New Delhi

## Partners:

Haritha Keralam Mission, Kerala

Suchitwa Mission, Kerala

Agency for Non-conventional Energy and Rural Technology, Kerala

