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## Sri Lanka 2048 looks at living with climate change: how challenges can become opportunities

Climate change is no longer a theory; it's already happening. What awaits Sri Lanka - and how best can we adapt to live with extreme weather events, disrupted rainfall, sea level rise and other projected impacts? How can Sri Lanka play a meaningful role in mitigating further damage to the world's climate?

These and related questions will be raised in this week's *Sri Lanka 2048*, the series of TV debates exploring Sri Lanka's prospects for a sustainable future in the Twenty First Century. The one-hour debate, in English, will be shown on **Channel One MTV from 8 to 9 pm on Saturday, 26 July 2008.**

Titled *Race Against Time*, this week's debate brings together concerned Sri Lankans from academic, corporate, civil society and government backgrounds to discuss the many challenges of living with climate change. The debate looks at aspects such as promoting renewable energy to reduce our carbon emissions, and emerging opportunities for individuals, communities and businesses to adopt low carbon lifestyles and practices.

This week's panel comprises (L to R in photo): **Dr. W. L. Sumathipala** Director, National Ozone Unit, Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources; **Dr. Suren Batagoda**, CEO, Sri Lanka Carbon Fund; **Dr Ray Wijewardene**, Eminent engineer and specialist in renewable energies; and **Darshani de Silva**, Environmental Specialist, World Bank Office in Colombo. The debate is moderated by TVE Asia Pacific's Director **Nalaka Gunawardene**.



The debate also seeks answers to questions such as: What niche can Sri Lanka occupy in the fast-growing global carbon market? How much money can we make from this market? What is the role of the recently established Sri Lanka Carbon Fund? Is the Clean Development Mechanism the right way forward?

The debate concludes with the recognition that climate Change is not just an environmental concern, but also has economic, social, political and security implications. While the philosophical and political debates over climate change will continue for a long time, everyone has to learn fast to live with it. This calls for consuming less, sharing more, living simply and pursuing smart solutions that reduce carbon emissions without compromising the quality of living.

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This 10th debate marks the end of the current series. For more information, visit: [www.srilanka2048.com](http://www.srilanka2048.com)

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