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MIND Group News Bulletin

Prof Mohan Munasinghe interviewed on Climate Change by BBC World Programme

Professor Mohan Munasinghe, 2021 Blue Planet Prize Laureate and co-winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace, was recently interviewed by The BBC Global Questions Program and responded to audience questions during a live panel session recorded on 13 January 2023. The event focused on climate change impacts in Sri Lanka.



30 Minute Program will be broadcast by BBC as follows:

BBC World TV

Sat. 21 Jan.

01:30 & 15:30 (UK time)

07:00 & 21:00 (Sri Lanka time)

Sun. 22 Jan.

09:30 & 20:30

15:00 & 02:00 (23 Jan. SL time)

BBC World Service Radio

Sat. 14 Jan.

11:32 (UK time)

17:02 (Sri Lanka time)

Sun. 15 Jan.

05:32 & 19:32 (UK time)

11.02 & 01:02 (16 Jan. SL time)

Prof. Munasinghe explained how the best option would be to integrate climate change solutions within an overall sustainable development strategy, with youth playing a key role -- as set out in the 'Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision' report issued in 2019 by the Presidential Expert Committee, which he chaired. He emphasized the importance of 'climate justice', since global warming was caused primarily by greenhouse gas emissions of rich countries, whereas the main harmful impacts would fall disproportionately on the poor countries. He mentioned that under the 'Loss and Damage' Fund concept agreed at COP27 in Egypt in 2022, the rich countries would owe the poor countries an 'environmental debt' estimated at US\$47 trillion, based on past excess GHG emissions. This was over four times the US\$11 trillion financial debt owed by the poor countries, which therefore should be written off immediately.

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Professor Munasinghe is Chairman of the MIND Group in Colombo, which includes the non-profit Munasinghe Institute for Development (MIND), a UN recognized centre of excellence working globally on all aspects of sustainable development, and MIND AM focusing on data analytics and management. He is Chairman of the Board of Climate & Conservation Consortium (CCC). He is also Board Director of the Eureka Group and Distinguished Guest Professor at Peking University, China. He was Chairman of the Presidential Expert Committee on Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision.

He received the 2021 Blue Planet Prize (also called 'Environmental Nobel Prize'); and shared the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace (as Vice Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). A globally recognized expert, his work has contributed to key international agreements like the 1992 Agenda 21 & UNFCCC, 1997 Kyoto Protocol, 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and UN 2030 Agenda & Sustainable Development Goals.

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