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Climate Change and Natural Disasters in Sri Lanka

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The Sri Lanka's Climate Calendar shows us the change of its climate. Air temperature has increased by 0.64 degree Celsius over the past 40 years and 0.97 degrees Celsius over the past 72 years which revealed a trend for an increase of 0.14 degree Celsius per decade according to the report of the Department Of Meteorology. In the rainfall variability, the reception patterns have changed but conclusive trends are difficult to establish.

Anyhow, as a result, we have to face to a cyclone, flood and land slide risks as well as more periods of droughts.

I hope to explain those climate change related issues and vulnerability in my country. As well as I have lined up latest natural disasters which are caused by the issue. I am going to discuss about public health concerns that are influenced by climate change and national plans and projects for reducing and controlling the issue in the country, too. I have official figures to prove all those points.

Source materials: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Meteorology Sri Lanka