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Welcome to the latest edition of the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities' (FSLGA) monthly newsletter!

FSLGA is the National Association of Local Councils in Sri Lanka. Our work focuses on strengthening the capacities of elected councilors and administrators, providing technical assistance to councils to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery, strengthening the councils' legal and policy framework, and conducting research and studies to assess further improvements to local governance systems in Sri Lanka.

Recent Programs

FSLGA Conducts a One-day Training Program at the Seethawakapura Urban Council

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At the request of the Seethawakapura Urban Council, FSLGA held a one-day training on the *rules and regulations related to provincial governance and meeting procedures* for officers and members. Through the FSLGA Academy, FSLGA offers training to ensure local government laws are upheld and proper protocol is followed. These trainings provide a valuable learning experience not only for newly appointed officers and councilors but are also useful to refresh the knowledge of existing officials.

Capacity Building Programme in the North Central Province on Legal Proceedings in Local Councils



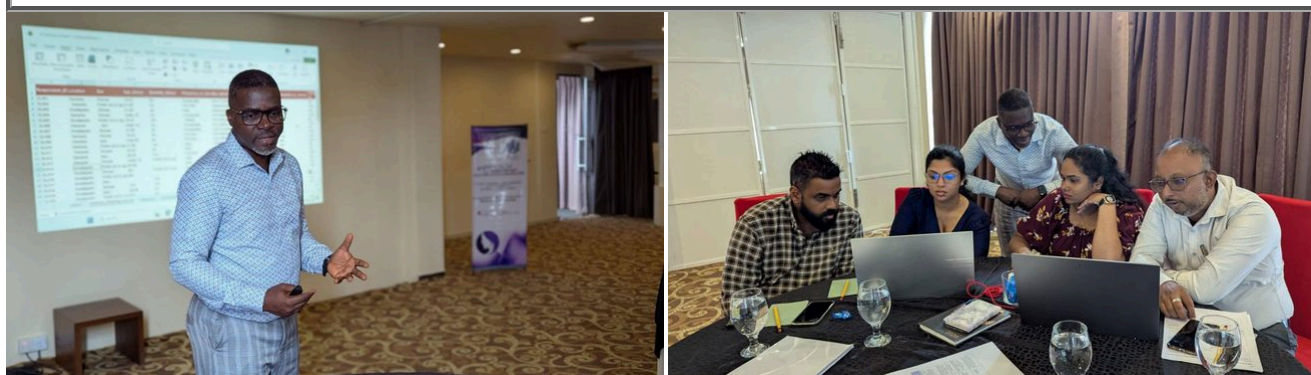
A training program on '*Streamlining Legal Proceedings in Local Authorities*' was recently held at the Auditorium of the North Central Provincial Council for the officers of the Local Councils in the NCP. This program was organised by the Department of Local Government, with financial support from FSLGA. The session covered the litigation procedures and practical issues relevant to local government authorities. The event was attended by Mayors, Chairpersons, Commissioners and other Senior Officers of Local Councils.

Grants awarded for Women councilors' district caucuses

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Following the completion of interactive sessions with the women councilors' district caucuses, fourteen district networks were granted LKR 50,000/- to improve their fundraising and networking capacities. This grant could be used by the caucuses to conduct projects to further enhance women's political participation, networking, leadership, and communication skills. This initiative enhances the mandate of the caucuses to interact, network, and to ensure the sustainability of caucuses even after the completion of the PMI-WILL project. This initiative was supported under the Partnerships for Municipal Innovations – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project with support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

Capacity Building Program for Partner Councils on Service Initiative Reporting



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management for the partner councils of the PMI-WILL Project conducted by an international technical expert. The workshop focused on ensuring that reporting on the service initiatives is carried out efficiently and in adherence to protocol. Each year, a capacity-building workshop is conducted by FCM to enhance different technical capabilities of officials under the PMI-WILL project. Previously, training has been done on proposal writing, budget drafting, methods of mapping community vulnerabilities, etc. These trainings provided valuable guidance to Local Government Officers to improve their efficiency and skills to transform the existing practices. *This initiative was supported under the Partnerships for Municipal Innovations – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project with support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC).*

Enhancing the Capacities of Women Councilors through the WINGS Project



Under the WINGS (Women in Governance and Services) Project, a training programme on community engagement and project management for women councilors of local government authorities in the Nuwara Eliya District was successfully conducted in the Tamil medium. The training session provided participants with valuable knowledge on effective community engagement, identifying community needs, and promoting responsive local government services through meaningful community participation. It also enhanced participants' practical knowledge and skills in project planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. This initiative is implemented by FSLGA with the financial support from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Conducting Capacity Building Workshops for Local Authorities in the Eastern Province

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Under the “Preparing Sri Lanka’s Local Governments for Fiscal Transition Project” funded by the European Union and facilitated by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), capacity-building sessions were conducted for council members of the Manmunai Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampara Urban Council and Kalmunai Municipal Council in the Eastern Province. The program was aimed at strengthening their knowledge and capacity on legal aspects related to local government financial administration and budgetary processes. These capacity-building initiatives are part of a broader programme aimed at enhancing good governance, institutional effectiveness, and financial management capacities of local authorities while preparing them for future fiscal transition processes.

Introductory session of Youth Climate Action Fund Project



FSLGA held an introductory session for councilors and stakeholders about the upcoming Youth Climate Action Fund 2.0. The discussions outlined the initiatives that will take place in

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looks forward to empowering youth to bring forward innovative ideas and practical solutions to address the climate challenges of the city of Gampola. This initiative is supported under Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Upcoming Events

September 2026

- Final session of the inter-council debate tournament to be held on the 23rd of September at Hotel Janaki, Colombo 05
- Closing event of the PMI-WILL project to be held on the 25th of September 2026 at Water's Edge Hotel, Battaramulla

Thank you!



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