

Sri Lanka Institute of Architects committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture.

Country report – 2019 (By Ar. Damith Premathilake)

1. The Green building certification process for building approval.

Urban Development Authority of Sri Lanka introduced a new regulation making compulsory to obtain green building certificate for all the buildings above 4000 sq. ft. (400 sq.m).

The process for building approval mainly categorizes in to 4 sections with parallel to the Urban Development Authority general regulations.

- Stage I – Registration for Green Building Approval
- Stage II – Design Assessment (In parallel with acquiring the development permit)
- Stage III – Construction Monitoring
- Stage IV – Completion and Verification Assessment

These documents/ plans are evaluated by the technical committee and after the supervision and approval of the Accreditation Board the final certification level is issued for the building.

- Marks 40-49 ---- Certification Level
- Marks 50-59 ---- Silver Level
- Marks 60-69 ---- Gold Level
- Marks 70+ ---- Platinum Level

The building projects that can obtain above 70 marks will qualify to get an additional 15% plot coverage.

2. Green Building certificate course.

The Green Building Certification course to be conducted by University of Moratuwa in collaboration with Urban Development Authority (UDA). This Certification Course provides an opportunity for members of SLIA to become Qualified Persons, authorized to certify Green Buildings in Sri Lanka.

3. Continuous Professional Development (CPD) event on Sustainable building design certification.

The Professional Affaires Board of SLIA organized a CPD program on sustainable building certification to give awareness to the membership about the certification and certification process.



4. Green Building Council of Sri Lanka

- Green building council of Sri Lanka organized a lecture on the topic "Greenovation of Lighting for a Sustainable Future"
- Also the have conducted series of seminars and workshops related to Green and sustainable architecture.

5. Climate smart city forum: Sri Lanka next: “a blue green era programme 2019”

Sri Lanka Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment with collaboration of UN Habatat conducted a forum on smart cities, future technologies and climate resilience.

6. SLIA Green Award

The SLIA Green Award aims to recognize buildings -related (Architectural) Projects and Organizations with significant contribution and outstanding performance on sustainable built environment.

It also attempt to mainstream sustainable planning, designing, construction, management, operation, maintenance, renovations and decommissioning of buildings and it is to be awarded at the Annual Award Ceremony of SLIA.

7. Green Talk – Awareness Program

The Awareness Program, “Green Talk” will be organized by Sri Lanka Institute of Architects by end of November 2019 with the participation of local and foreign speakers to give awareness to the members about latest trends and issues on green and sustainable architecture.