



# EARTH 20 SUMMIT 26

Together for Soil

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# Introduction

Earth Summit 2026 is a national environmental summit organized by Planet Protectors, in collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka, to address the urgent need for soil conservation. Soil is the foundation of life, supporting ecosystems, biodiversity, agriculture, water systems, and climate resilience. Protecting soil is essential for safeguarding both nature and human communities.



# Background

Planet Protectors has successfully organized two Earth Summits, establishing Earth Summit as a credible national platform for environmental action. Earth Summit 2024, held in Colombo, focused on forest conservation and introduced long-term initiatives such as One Million Trees, One Million Environmentalists, and A Try-A-Tree. Earth Summit 2025, held in Dambana, Mahiyanganaya, centered on wildlife conservation and human-nature coexistence, bringing together government leaders, experts, youth, and indigenous representatives. Building on this journey from forests to wildlife, Earth Summit 2026 naturally focuses on soil, the base that sustains all ecosystems.



# Why Soil Conservation in 2026

Sri Lanka recently experienced severe landslides following the Ditwah cyclone, causing loss of life, damage to infrastructure, and environmental destruction. These disasters clearly highlighted the consequences of degraded, unstable, and poorly managed soil systems. Earth Summit 2026 responds to this national reality by emphasizing soil protection, slope stability, ecosystem restoration, and disaster risk reduction, linking science, policy, and community action.

## Objectives of Earth Summit 2026

- Raise national awareness on soil degradation, erosion, and landslide risks
- Educate and empower students and youth on local ecosystem protection
- Promote science-based soil and land management solutions
- Strengthen collaboration between government, experts, and communities
- Contribute to long-term environmental resilience and disaster prevention
- Promote the connection between sports and nature through collaboration with Asia Rugby





# Pre-Summit School Competition

## Theme: Local Ecosystem & Soil Conservation

Schools are invited to produce a 4-minute documentary video based on the environment within 1 km of their school, focusing on:

- Biodiversity
- Ecosystem condition
- Soil health and threats
- Human impact
- Practical solutions for improving soil and ecosystems

### Process:

- All submissions will be reviewed and inspected
- Approved videos will be published on social and mass media platforms
- Best 20 videos will be selected for final presentation at Earth Summit 2026
- Selected student teams will present their work at the summit

# Summit Day Program

## 9.30 AM – 1.00 PM | School Session

- Screening of selected student documentaries
- Student presentations
- Educational exhibitions on:
  - Soil conservation
  - Biodiversity
  - Ecosystem restoration
  - Climate resilience

## 2.00 PM – 5.30 PM | Main Summit

### Participants:



**President of Sri Lanka**



**Ministers and government officials**



**Diplomats**



## Environmental experts



## Youth and students

### Keynote Speakers:



#### **Dr. Lionel Weerakoon**

Soil conservation & sustainable land use



#### **Prof. Sarath Kotagama**

Biodiversity & ecosystem conservation



#### **Prof. Terney Pradeep**

Ecosystem and environmental protection

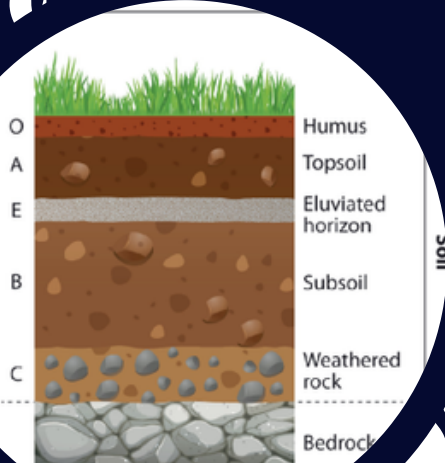


#### **Specialist from NBRO**

Soil stability, erosion control & landslide risk

# Expected Outcomes

- Increased public and policy attention on soil conservation
- Youth-led environmental awareness and action
- Knowledge sharing on landslide prevention and ecosystem stability
- Strengthened collaboration among government, academia, and civil society



# Collaboration

Planet Protectors invites government institutions, educational authorities, experts, corporate partners, media organizations, and civil society to collaborate in making Earth Summit 2026 – Life-Saving Soil a meaningful national initiative.



# Conclusion

Earth Summit 2026 is a timely response to Sri Lanka's environmental challenges. By focusing on soil, the summit addresses the root cause of ecosystem degradation and disaster vulnerability, while empowering youth and decision-makers to protect the foundation of life for future generations.

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