



MRS SHIRANEE E YASARATNE



Ms. Shiranee E. Yasaratne has demonstrated success in promoting environmental and social sustainability in the business sector, with a particular focus on sustainable consumption and production, strategic and environmental impact assessment and integrating biodiversity considerations into corporate practices of businesses at the local, national, and multinational levels. She possesses a rare mix of working in international, public sector and nonprofit organizations.

She has leadership and management experience as Deputy Director General of the Central Environmental Authority of the Government of Sri Lanka, Country Representative of IUCN Sri Lanka and Head of the Regional Business and Biodiversity Programme of IUCN Asia, Bangkok, Thailand. During a career spanning thirty-five years, Ms. Yasaratne has provided vision and strategic leadership in developing the Business and Biodiversity Programme for IUCN Asia, worked with multi-disciplinary project teams focused on evaluating environmental impacts of large-scale development projects at international, national and SME levels and establishing and enforcing legal regimes for supporting the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources.

She currently functions as the Senior Technical Advisor to Biodiversity Sri Lanka and is on the Board of Advisors to the Conservation arm of the Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company, Dilmah Conservation. She is the Immediate Past President of the Institute of Environmental Professionals Sri Lanka, is a Chartered Environmental Professional and a Fellow of the Institute. She is a past winner of the Zonta Woman of Achievement, Environment Award.