

## Interfaith initiative “Establishment of the Sustainability Empowerment Brigade”

*In a groundbreaking initiative during Interfaith Harmony Week, on 07th Feb 2025 SUNFO Ambassador Mr. Sachithra Jayasiri established the Sustainability Empowerment Brigade, a dynamic team of 17 leaders dedicated to addressing environmental sustainability and fostering interfaith harmony in Sri Lanka. This initiative reflects the interconnectedness of environmental stewardship and social unity, demonstrating that sustainability and harmony are two sides of the same coin. By bringing together leaders from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds, the brigade aims to create a lasting impact on both the environment and society.*

### Key Highlights of the Initiative:

#### **Formation of the Sustainability Empowerment Brigade:**

The brigade comprises 17 visionary leaders from various faiths, ethnicities, and professional backgrounds. This diverse composition ensures a holistic approach to addressing sustainability and interfaith harmony, leveraging the unique perspectives and strengths of each member.

#### **Mission and Vision:**

The brigade’s mission is to implement sustainable activities that benefit the environment while promoting interfaith harmony. Its vision is to create a Sri Lanka where environmental sustainability and social unity go hand in hand, fostering a culture of respect, collaboration, and shared responsibility.

#### **Sustainable Activities:**

The brigade plans to undertake a range of sustainable initiatives, including:

- Tree planting and reforestation projects*
- Waste management and recycling programs*
- Promotion of renewable energy and eco-friendly practices*
- Educational campaigns on environmental conservation*

#### **Interfaith Harmony Observance:**

The brigade will organize events and activities that bring people of different faiths together to work toward common goals. These include:

- Interfaith dialogues and workshops*
- Collaborative community service projects*
- Cultural exchanges and celebrations of diversity*

#### **Empowerment Through Leadership:**

The 17 leaders of the brigade will serve as role models and catalysts for change, inspiring their communities to take action for sustainability and harmony. Their leadership will empower individuals and groups to contribute to a more sustainable and united Sri Lanka.



### ***Alignment with Interfaith Harmony Week:***

The launch of the brigade during Interfaith Harmony Week underscores the importance of unity and collaboration in addressing global challenges like climate change and social division. It highlights the role of interfaith cooperation in building a sustainable future.



### ***Expected Outcomes:***

#### ***Strengthened Interfaith Collaboration:***

The brigade's diverse leadership fosters mutual respect and understanding among different religious and cultural groups, promoting interfaith harmony at a grassroots level.

#### ***Environmental Impact:***

The sustainable activities implemented by the brigade will contribute to environmental conservation, helping to address critical issues such as deforestation, pollution, and climate change.

#### ***Community Engagement:***

By involving communities in its initiatives, the brigade will raise awareness about sustainability and interfaith harmony, encouraging collective action and responsibility.

#### ***Empowerment of Leaders:***

The 17 leaders will gain valuable experience and skills in leadership, project management, and community mobilization, enabling them to drive positive change in their respective areas.

***The establishment of the Sustainability Empowerment Brigade by SUNFO Ambassador Sachithra Jayasiri is a visionary step toward a more sustainable and harmonious Sri Lanka. By addressing environmental challenges and promoting interfaith unity, the brigade embodies the spirit of Interfaith Harmony Week, demonstrating that sustainability and social harmony are deeply interconnected.***

***This initiative serves as a powerful reminder that when people of diverse backgrounds come together with a shared purpose, they can create meaningful and lasting change. Let us support and celebrate the efforts of the Sustainability Empowerment Brigade as they work toward a greener, more united future for Sri Lanka and beyond.***