# Bionews

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## Other events that took place in August

#### August 04-05

A workshop on biogas promotion was held for 120 livestock development officers and science and technical officers on August 04-05, 2016. The promotion workshop was conducted at the Wakwella Training Centre, which already has a biogas unit constructed during the project period.

#### August 29

Meeting of the North Western Provincial Biogas Promotion (PBP) Committee. This was an important one as it commemorated the service of the outgoing Commissioner of Local Government who also was the Chairman of the PBP. The meeting also discussed the action plan for the next few months and details of an upcoming exhibition that will be held during October 2016.

#### From masons to SMEs

In Eastern Province, the trained masons took upon themselves the task of locating new biogas construction sites for cattle farmers in Chenkaldi. This initiative truly marks the first step towards a long-term sustainable transformation in their journey from masons to SMEs.

#### Eastern Province PBP

The Eastern Provincial Biogas Programme (PBP) Committee met in August to discuss and take a decision on the provincial energy plan, to assign a field-level PBP representative in the three districts and to receive an update from the field promotional





We conducted a designing and promotion training programme on August 11 and 12 2016, at the Sarvodaya Training Centre in Trincomalee. The inaugural session was attended by the Eastern Province Department of Local Government Commissioner Mr MY Saleem, Eastern Province Department of Local Government Chief Secretary Mr Abeygunawardena, Provincial Office Animal Production and Health Director Mr. AM Mohamad Fazil.

## Designing and Promotion Workshop in Eastern Province

The training programme had a total of 36 participants including 20 technical officers and engineers participating the first day and 16 livestock development officers partaking on the second.

The training was based around the designing and promotion of biogas technology while simultaneously assisting in building relationships between the livestock development officers and the local governments and department of animal production and health. The training also presented the first batch of biogas promotional material that would be given out to the biogas promotion officers.



Eastern Province Department of Local Government Commissioner Mr MY Saleem handing over the first batch of biogas promotional material to Eastern Province Department of Local Government Chief Secretary





### Coming up in September

Southern Provincial Biogas Programme (PBP) Committee meeting.

#### **06** SEPTEMBER

Awareness programme for the domestic sector residing in Kuliyapitiya. There will also be an awareness programme that will be conducted for *Grama Niladharis* and Provincial Officers prior to the programme.

#### 30 SEPTEMBER - 02 OCTOBER

Biogas service providers from the Eastern Province will present at the "Batticaloa International Trade Exhibition (BITE 2016)" at Shivananda Vidyalaya Grounds Batticaloa.

The EU SWITCH-Asia initiative on "Up-scaling Biogas Technology for Sustainable Development and Mitigating Climate Change in Sri Lanka" is a joint partnership between People in Need, Cz and local partner Janathakshan. The project is focused on up-scaling biogas technologies for sustainable development, responsible tourism, economic growth contributing to poverty reduction and climate change mitigation in Sri Lanka.