



Ministry of Environment and Forestry

PRESS STATEMENT

SUSPENSION OF THE ROLL-OUT PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGNS

The season stretching March- April -May usually coincides with the national tree planting season. For this year, the Ministry of Environment and Forestry had scheduled a roll-out plan for the national tree planting campaigns commencing with the celebrations of the International Day of Forests on 21st March 2020.

However, in the light of prevailing circumstances regarding the Corona Virus pandemic and the Presidential Directive issued on 15th March 2020 on a series of measures intended to address the spread of the virus, the Ministry has decided to postpone the roll-out program for a period of 30 days. In addition, the planned national and county level celebrations for the International Day of Forests have been cancelled. Further communication will be provided on suitable dates for the campaigns informed by a review of the Government directive and the weather conditions.

Meanwhile, individuals are encouraged, where circumstances allow and within the measures prescribed by Government, to take advantage of the current rains to plant trees privately in their homes.

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