

Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Policy

Our Approach to Water Stewardship

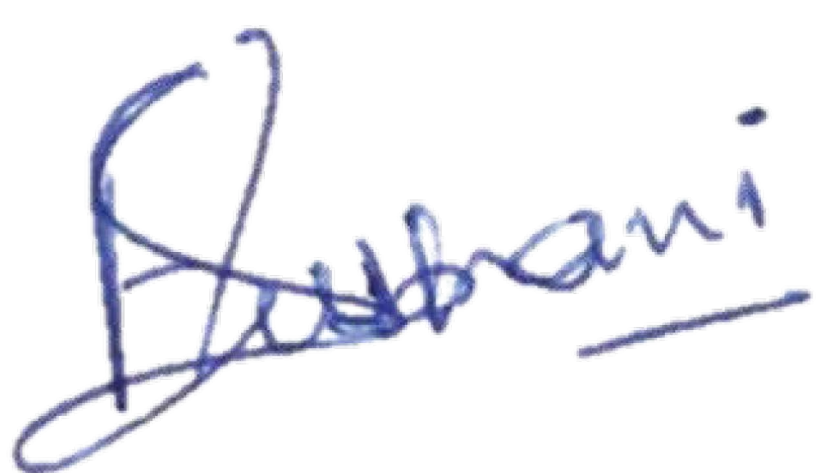
At Ceylon Tobacco Company, we understand that effective water management plays an integral role towards human and community development as well as in ensuring a sustainable business. Accordingly, we strive to drive water management efficiencies across our operations and value chain while facilitating access to clean water across communities that lack this vital resource.

In 2021, we commenced our journey towards Water Stewardship. Our commitments include good water governance, sustainable water balance, good water quality status, healthy status of Important Water-Related Areas, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). To reinforce our efforts, we ambitiously embarked on the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) certification.

In line with the above, our policy at Ceylon Tobacco Company will ensure a focused agenda towards driving the following commitments:

- Ensure responsible use and disposal of water across operations
- Continuously reduce the volume of water used annually for operations
- Commit resources to implement the AWS Standard across our manufacturing/processing sites
- Implement water stewardship programmes to achieve improvements as per the Water Stewardship plan and outcomes
- Assess the future availability of water in relevant catchment areas and eliminate or mitigate environmental and social risks linked to our use of water
- Facilitate access to water, sanitation, and hygiene for CTC employees and local communities
- Recognise national and international treaties related to the sustainability of water resources
- Engage with communities and relevant stakeholders in an open and transparent way, to increase awareness on water protection measures and foster relevant initiatives
- Seek collaborations with local/international organisations, CSOs, NGOs, to support agenda of water stewardship
- Exchange non-competitive water stewardship practices and promote the ongoing review and development of water standards and policies
- Disclose and report our activities and progress comprehensively and transparently

This Water Stewardship Policy is approved and endorsed by the MD/CEO and Operations Director of the company and is applicable to all CTC employees across its operating locations, irrespective of level and function.



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