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Wetlands are a crucial part of our natural environment. They provide critical water-related ecosystem services, such as flood regulation, water purification, and irrigation.

However, due to the impacts of climate change, urbanization, and the prevailing “take, make, use, throw” economic model, wetland degradation and loss continue to take place at a rapid pace worldwide.

Thus, in celebration of the **World Wetlands Day**, the Climate Change Commission joins the international community in sounding the alarm on the freshwater crisis brought by disappearing wetlands.

Moreover, we call for the development and implementation of strategies and actions for the conservation and sustainable management of wetlands in the country, including the adoption of an updated National Wetlands Action Plan.

With greater collaboration among national government agencies, non-government organizations, local communities, indigenous people communities, and the private business sector, we can arrest the deterioration of wetlands for a more sustainable future for all.

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