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Renowned Sri Lankan Scientist, Research Manager and Consultant in Agriculture. Member, Asia Pacific Coconut Committee (APCC). Coconut Genetic Resources Network (COGENT), Dr. Waidyanatha has numerous research publications as well as a large number of interventions in the public domain via newspapers and public media.

Dr. Waidyanatha has been a President of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science-Agriculture and Forestry Section.

- 2018 Chairman, R & D Review Panel, Tea Research Institute, Sri Lanka.
- 2017 Chairman, R & D Review Panel, Rubber Research Institute, Sri Lanka.
- 2010 Chairman, R & D Review Panel of the Department of Agriculture, Sri Lanka.
- 2005-2010 Chairman & Executive Director Kurunegala Plantations Limited, (Sri Lankan Government Company).
- 1996-1999 Adviser to the President of Sri Lanka on Agriculture.
- 1994-2003 Chairman, Board of the Coconut Institute.
- 1989-1997 Director, ADB Funded Perennial Crop Development.
- 1987-1988 Consultant, ADB Perennial crop production ADB project.
- 1983-1984 International Consultant to Rubber Research & Development Programs in Brazil (IICA – World Bank) and Bolivia (FAO).
- 1982-1983 Post Doctoral Fellow, Humboldt Foundation Germany (University of Hohenheim).
- 1980-1981 Consultant Agronomist, IITA- Sri Lanka Project.
- 1968-1979 Botanist, Rubber Research Institute.

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- 1964-1967 M Sc. (by Research) Tea Research Institute & University of Ceylon
- 1959-1963 B.Sc. (Botany) University of Ceylon