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Sri Lanka Climate Summit 2024

Climate Risks and Opportunities for Sri Lankan Business

Climate change represents one of the most significant challenges of our time, affecting countries and communities across the globe. It transcends borders, impacting ecosystems, economies, and the lives of billions. The urgency to address this global crisis has never been greater, as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and rising sea-level threaten food security, water resources, and livelihoods.

Sri Lanka is also highly impacted by the Climate Crisis. The scientific consensus – a resounding "Code Red" – warns of accelerating climate change with devastating consequences to human civilization, planetary biosphere and our economies. Left unaddressed the climate crisis will erode large amounts of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and will impact businesses. There are also immense opportunities for businesses to retool themselves and benefit from the global economic transition. This Summit explores the dual reality of climate risks and opportunities facing Sri Lankan businesses. The Climate Summit is aimed at developing a deeper understanding of various aspects of the climate crisis from a global and a Sri Lankan perspective, highlighting the potential disruptions to key economic sectors. There will be conversations on policy changes required to support a transition towards a low carbon and climate resilient

economy. It will also explore the current and future technologies and solutions that are on the horizon. By embracing known and innovative solutions, Sri Lankan companies can also unlock opportunities to grow their businesses.

This Summit brings together all stakeholders to create a dialogue that will help the development of a Climate Action Plan. This plan will drive the achievement of green growth, and climate action in terms of adaptation and mitigation of climate risks.

This is the first annual Climate Summit curated by The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC), established in 1839, one of the longest-established trade Chambers in Asia. The Climate Summit will be an annual event that will deepen the dialogues, explore solutions in depth and evaluate implementation of the Climate Action Plan, and fine tune the Plan on an ongoing basis.



Background

The climate crisis is triggered by the accumulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere, due to human activities including combustion of fossil fuels and deforestation. Increased GHG concentration is trapping heat within the planetary atmosphere, increasing the temperature of air and oceans. This warming is having significant impacts on the planet, including rapid melting of glaciers, sea level rise, changes in atmospheric circulation patterns, increased temperature and acidification of oceans and increase in natural disasters, such as droughts, floods, heatwaves and cyclones.

The Paris agreement's aspirational target of holding the temperature increase to 1.5 °C compared to the pre-industrial era, is considered no longer achievable with 2023 registering a 1.45 °C increase. The rate of increase of GHG concentration in the atmosphere has not declined, and it would require a global rapid mobilization of resources to stay within the absolute target 2 °C increase set by the Paris Agreement.

The Climate Crisis is changing the business environment. The increased intensity of natural disasters such as drought, floods and cyclones are creating business disruptions across multiple sectors including agriculture, industries, tourism, finance and insurance. The intensity of events indicates that even in Europe,

USA and China, the current infrastructure is unable to manage the scale of the disasters. The increased intensity and occurrence of heatwaves are becoming a human and ecosystem survival challenge. Businesses that fail to understand and address the risks of their operations and supply chain will have adverse consequences due to the same.

As companies and governments try to address this issue, with some businesses in the forefront, it is changing the business landscape. Aggressive climate action and decarbonization is increasingly becoming the norm, and a requirement for global business – be it in supply chain, logistics, finance or trade. Global finance flows now increasingly demand climate action, while ESG linked financing mechanisms are rapidly scaling. These changes are fast-tracked through regulatory requirements imposed on businesses on decarbonization of their operations and value chains in key jurisdictions such as Europe and the USA.

Climate Crisis provides ample opportunities as well. Companies who have integrated climate action effectively into their organisations can get benefits in business and lower cost financing. Renewable energy can reduce total energy costs. Businesses will be less exposed to climate risk.

Additionally, the world is going through significant changes with respect to how energy is generated and used. Renewable

electricity is now the cheapest form of electricity and all other energy systems (industrial, domestic and transportation) are undergoing rapid transitions with the advent of electric vehicles, heat pumps and other technologies. Advances in building designs make low energy/low carbon real estate possible.

The National Climate Summit in Sri Lanka aims to foster collaborative and innovative solutions, drawing on international expertise and local knowledge to mitigate these impacts. Together, we can pave the way for sustainable development and resilience against the escalating threats of climate change, ensuring a healthier planet for future generations

DAY
01
May 07

CEO Forum: (4.00PM to 6.00PM)

This invitation only session brings together the country's leading CEOs and business owners to deepen their understanding on current scientific consensus in climate science, risks and opportunities it presents to businesses, and actions required to mitigate risks and successfully achieve growth opportunities. The session is both informative and discussion based, and aims to set the path for Sri Lankan businesses to integrate climate action into their business decisions, which will be discussed in greater depth and breadth at the conference.



4.00PM - 4.10PM

Role of Business in a Planet Threatened by Climate Crisis

Dilhan C Fernando

Chairman - Steering Committee on Climate Action,
Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Chairman - Dilmah Tea



4.55PM - 5.15PM

Making Net Zero Possible and Financially Viable

Prof. Ashok Jhungjungwala

President - Indian Institute of Technology,
Madras - Research Park



4.15PM - 4.30PM

Introduction to Climate Crisis - the WHY

David Rogers, Ph.D

Hydromet Advisor - Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction
(GFDRR), World Bank



5.15PM - 5.30PM

Mobilising Funding for Green Growth

Frank Rijsberman, Ph.D

Director General - GGGI,
Sustainability Innovation Leader



4.30PM - 4.45PM

Implications for Business in Risks and Opportunities

Arunabha Ghosh, Ph.D

CEO - Council on Energy, Environment & Water/Public Policy
Specialist/Author/Advisor to Indian PM's Office



5.30PM - 6.00PM

Panel Discussion: Creating a Multi-stakeholder

Ecosystem for Climate led Growth

Dilhan C Fernando

David Rogers, Ph.D

Arunabha Ghosh, Ph.D

H.E. Julie Chung

Prof. Ashok Jhungjungwala

Frank Rijsberman, Ph.D

Yvonne Zhang

South East Asia Internal Sustainability Director - Deloitte

Moderated by Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri



4.45PM - 4.55PM

USAID's Support to Private Sector to Identify Areas for Investment to Address Climate Risks in Energy, Tourism and Agriculture

H.E. Julie Chung

United States Ambassador for Sri Lanka

DAY
01
May 07

Summit Inauguration: (6.30PM to 8.30PM)

Climate change is a pressing global issue that demands urgent attention from businesses, governments, and societies worldwide. As temperatures rise and weather patterns become increasingly erratic, it's crucial for organizations to grasp the distinction between climate and weather and recognize the scientific consensus on human-induced climate change. This session is a high-level introduction to some of the themes of the Summit and sets the stage for day two, with an opening statement by the President of Sri Lanka and a discussion with local and global specialists.



6.30PM - 6.35PM

Welcome Address -SL Biz and Climate Action

Duminda Hulangamuwa

Chairman - Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Country Managing Partner - E&Y SL & Maldives



7.25PM - 7.35PM

**How the Climate Crisis is Affecting the Business Landscape /
What is the Climate Crisis on Biz and How can Biz React?**

Arunabha Ghosh, Ph.D

CEO - Council on Energy, Environment & Water/Public Policy Specialist/
Author/Advisor to Indian PM's Office



6.35PM - 6.55PM

**The Importance of an Energy and Net Zero Plan for
Sri Lanka**

Prof. Ashok Jhungjungwala

President - Indian Institute of Technology
Madras - Research Park



7.35PM - 7.45PM

Public Private Partnerships Towards Climate Action

Azusa Kubota

Resident Representative of UNDP SL



6.55PM - 7.15PM

**Current Climate Policy context and Vision for Sri Lanka's
Green & Just Economic Transition**

Ranil Wickremesinghe

President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka



7.45PM - 8.05PM

**Panel Discussion: Creating a Multi-Stakeholder Ecosystem
for Climate led Growth**

All Speakers

Moderated by Dilhan C Fernando



7.15PM - 7.25PM

**The Identification of Climate Threats to Sri Lanka &
Implementation of Mitigation Strategies**

Rohan Pethiyagoda,

Biodiversity Scientist & Taxonomist

8.05PM - 8.15PM

Closing Remarks

Dilhan C Fernando

DAY 02 May 08

Climate Crisis: Global & Local Impacts: (9.00AM to 10.30AM)

This session introduces the climate crisis first from a global standpoint exploring the causes and the global impacts from a scientific perspective. It will also explore the possible climate futures that are modelled and what needs to be done to achieve the implications of these choices. The session will then focus on the specific impacts faced by Sri Lanka at present and expected in the future, looking at climate biodiversity/ecology, communities and infrastructure.



9.00AM - 9.20AM

Understanding the Climate Crisis and its Impacts on a Global Scale

Mark Smith, Ph.D

Director General of IWMI



9.35AM - 9.55AM

Unveiling Local Impacts of the Climate Crisis - Implications for the Nation, Communities and Ecology

Rohan Pethiyagoda

Biodiversity Scientist & Taxonomist



9.20AM - 9.35AM

Exploring the Impacts of the Climate Crisis and Understanding Sri Lanka's Positionality - CLIMATE SCIENTIST

Lareef Zubair, Ph.D

Climate & Adaptation, Scientist & Technologist
Yale University/Peradeniya University



9.35AM - 9.55AM

Climate Action: A Blueprint from Deloitte

Yvonne Zhang

World Climate SEA Director,
Deloitte



9.55AM - 10.10AM

Panel Discussion: Climate Impacts to Communities, Ecology and Human Settlements

Mark Smith, Ph.D

Rohan Pethiyagoda

Sunimal Jayathunga

Director, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources/
Additional Secretary, Environment Development,
Ministry of Environment

Moderated by Lareef Zubair, Ph.D

DAY 02 May 08

Risks to Businesses in a Changing Climate: (10.30AM to 12.00PM)

This session explores the potential risks for businesses – first from a hydroclimatic perspective, analyzing the risks, vulnerability and exposure. Risks and vulnerability of Sri Lanka is also explored based on local studies. Subsequently, the session examines how climate action is shaping the global business environment, looking at implications to trade, tariffs, regulations and fund flows. Special emphasis is placed on the rapidly evolving regulatory frameworks in the EU and the US evolving and how it will shape the global business landscape, and implications for companies doing business with the EU.



10.45AM - 11.00AM

Overview on Assessing Climate-Related Risks/ Assessing Vulnerability and Exposure

David Rogers, Ph.D

Hydromet Advisor - Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction (GFDRR) World Bank



11.00AM - 11.15AM

Changing Business Environment - How Climate Crisis is Shaping the Global Business Environment (Regulation/Tariff, Investments, Trade)

Hitoshi Hamaguchi

President - Dentsu APAC Practices

11.15AM - 11.30AM

How Climate Related Regulation is Changing Global and European Business (regulation/tariff, investments, trade)
EU Delegate



11.30AM - 11.40AM

Risks and Vulnerability - Sri Lankan Context
Avanthi Jayatilleke

Climate Change Consultant - EML



11.40AM - 11.50AM

Climate Risks and Insurance
Chandana L Aluthgama

Group CEO - Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation
President - Insurance Association of Sri Lanka



11:50AM - 12:10PM

Panel Discussion: Turning Risks into Business Opportunities

Hitoshi Hamaguchi

Avanthi Jayatilleke

Yvonne Zhang

Sid Amalean

Head of Strategy - MAS Holdings

Rathika de Silva

Executive Director - UN Global Compact Network Sri Lanka

Moderated by David Rogers, Ph.D

DAY 02 May 08

Climate Resilience and Adaptation: (1.00PM to 2.20PM)

Climate resilience and adaptation is crucial to Sri Lanka since we are highly vulnerable to climate change with low community resilience. The session introduces climate resilience and adaptation, looking at the country's needs and regional best practices on resilience. The session then examines the national adaptation policy and plan how they are evolving to meet the needs of the future. Finally, it explores how to integrate resilience into the business context and examples of grassroots resilience and strategies.



1.00PM - 1.20PM

Building Climate Resilience from the Ground Up at National Level

Lalanath De Silva, Ph.D

Environmental Lawyer/ MD Transparentem & Panel Member of Independent Complaints Mechanism of International Climate Initiative



1.40PM - 1.50PM

Case Study on Climate Adaptation technological support to increase farmer resilience in reducing crop damage

Amal Gunarathne

Senior Manager - Ceylon Biscuit Limited (CBL)



1.20PM - 1.30PM

National Adaptation Policy Evolution in Sri Lanka

Sonali Senaratna Sellamuttu, Ph.D

Country Representative - GGGI SL



1.50PM - 2.00PM

Local Case Study: Grassroot Resilience Building: Lessons Learned and Tips for Success

Vinod Malwatte

Director - Lanka Environmental Fund



1.30PM - 1.40PM

Integrating Climate Resilience into Business and Policy

Ravi Fernando, Ph.D

Independent Director



2.00PM - 2.20PM

Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing Climate Resilience

Sonali Senaratna Sellamuttu, Ph.D

Ravi Fernando, Ph.D

Sampath Abeyratne

Climate Change Adaptation Specialist - USAID Climate Adaptation Project, Sri Lanka and Maldives

Moderated by Lalanath De Silva, Ph.D

DAY 02 May 08

Decarbonization: (2.20PM to 3.40PM)

Decarbonization, the process of reducing or eliminating carbon dioxide emissions from human activities, is a critical component of climate action and presents significant business opportunities. Advancements in technology, costs and materials have opened up capabilities for a rapid energy transition to shift to net-zero energy futures, particularly advantageous for a country like Sri Lanka rich with renewable energy sources. The session begins with an exploration of global energy transition touching on electricity, transportation, industrial and domestic energy needs. The session will also examine the role of buildings within this transition. Lastly, it will tackle the policy frameworks needed for energy transition, along with an overview of the current approach adopted by Sri Lanka.



2.20PM - 2.40PM

**Energy and Net Zero Policy to aid Sri Lankan
Decarbonization and Promote Economic Growth**

Prof. Ashok Jhungjungwala

President - Indian Institute of Technology
Madras - Research Park



2.40PM - 2.50PM

**Energy Transition Pathways and Technologies -
Electricity, Transportation, Buildings and Thermal**

Bimal De Silva

Senior Consulting Engineer - Manitoba Hydro International



2.50PM - 3.10PM

**Buildings - A Case Study of Decarbonization, Climate
Resiliency and Adaptation**

Rohan Parikh

Head of Sustainability - nurture.farm



3.10PM - 3.20PM

Policy Frameworks and Incentives for Decarbonization

Sulakshana Jayawardene

Director - Ministry of Power & Energy



3.20PM - 3.40PM

**Panel Discussion: Decarbonization Opportunities for
Sri Lanka Across Sectors**

All Speakers

Moderated by Lakmal Fernando

Chairman - Power & Energy Council,
National Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka

DAY 02 May 08

BR1: Climate Justice & Equity: (4.00PM to 5.30PM)

Climate crisis is expected to further worsen global inequalities both at nation state level as well as within the nation state. The current climate crisis is driven by historical emissions of the Global North, while the much poorer countries in the Global South bear a larger brunt of it while not contributing to the problem. The session explores the concepts on climate justice and equity, and the current and emerging challenges and opportunities at a global level including the concepts of Loss and Damage.



4.00PM - 4.15PM

Global Systemic Inequities and the Need for Climate Justice and Equity

Hemantha Withanage

ED/Senior Environmental Scientist - Centre for Environmental Justice



4.15PM - 4.35PM

Empowering Communities: Community-Driven Approaches to Climate Justice

Lalanath de Silva, Ph.D

Environmental Lawyer/ MD Transparentem & Panel Member of Independent Complaints Mechanism of International Climate Initiative



4.35PM - 4.50PM

Climate and Gender

Kusum Athukorala

Regional Chair - Global Water Partnership, South Asia, Chair at NetWwater, Steering Committee, Women for Water Partnership



4.50PM - 5.30PM

Panel Discussion: Role of Climate Justice and Equity in Climate Conversations

All Speakers

Moderated by Lalanath de Silva, Ph.D

DAY 02 May 08

BR2: Climate Financing: (4.00PM to 5.30PM)

Climate action requires significant investment by the state as well as the corporate sector. There is keen interest in sustainable finance, including climate finance, in Sri Lanka. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), has led with several regulatory initiatives in creating the ecosystem for sustainable finance. The session will explore the climate financing landscape, and then look at the specific instruments that are available for businesses for climate action, with a focus on Asian and global contexts.



4.00PM - 4.20PM

Overview of the Climate Financing Landscape

Jean Marc Champagne

Managing Director - Seneca Impact Advisors



4.20PM - 4.40PM

**Leveraging Financial Instruments for Climate Action
as Business Leaders**

Dhruba Purkayastha, Ph.D

Director - Climate Policy Initiative India



4.40PM - 4.50PM

**Beyond Debt : The Funding Decarbonization with Innovative
Instruments in the Fashion Industry**

Revan Wickramasuriya

Financial Market Specialist



4.50PM - 5.10PM

Impact Investing for Adaptation and Resilience in Developing Asia

Joost Bilkes

Managing Partner - Impact Advisory Services



5.10PM - 5.30PM

**Panel Discussion: Climate Finance as Mechanism to Drive
Innovation and Impact**

Jean Marc Champagne

Dhruba Purkayastha, Ph.D

Revan Wickramasuriya

Romani De Silva

Deputy Chairman/Managing Director of
Alliance Finance Company PLC

Moderated by Nalin Karunatileka

Vice President-Sustainability & Consulting,
DFCC Bank

DAY 03 May 09

Policy & Climate Action the Need to Harness Business: (9.00AM to 10.00AM)

Enabling policy frameworks are crucial for effective climate action for both state and private sectors. The session will first explore the National Climate Action Policy, strategic plans and actions followed by regional best practices in policy frameworks, and explore the role the business community can/should play in shaping policies to support climate action.



9.00AM - 9.15AM

National Climate Action Policy, Strategic Plans and Action

Prabath Chandrakeerthi

Secretary to the Ministry of Environment,
Sri Lanka



9.15AM - 9.30AM

Climate Policy Approach & Implementation with Business in the Global Context

Lalanath De Silva, Ph.D

Environmental Lawyer/ MD Transparentem & Panel Member of Independent
Complaints Mechanism of International Climate Initiative



9.30AM - 9.45AM

Private Sector Engagement in Climate Action Policy

Thilan Wijesinghe

Investment Banker,
Chairman - TWCorp



9.45AM - 10.00AM

Panel Discussion: Review of Current National Policy Landscape

Prabath Chandrakeerthi

Lalanath De Silva, Ph.D

Uchita De Soya

Chairman/ Managing Director - Global Sustainability Solutions

Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri

Advisor to the President on Environment,
Climate Change & Green Finance

Moderated by Thilan Wijesinghe

DAY 03 May 09

Developing Sri Lanka as a Center of Excellence for Climate Action: (10.00AM to 3.00PM)

Sector/Industry sessions are designed to take a more intimate approach to climate action that are unique to the specific industry. The initial presentations will provide global and local context, and then move into panel and roundtable discussions to set the stage to create local strategic plans that can be executed by businesses with the support of government and other stakeholders.

BR: 01 Agriculture & Food/Farming Session: (10.15AM to 12.00PM)



10.15AM - 10.35AM

Climate Impacts & Agriculture

Prof. Buddhi Marambe

Agriculture Education Unit,
University of Peradeniya



10.35AM - 10.50AM

Climate Crisis & Agriculture

Ranil Senanyake

Chairman - Earthrestoration Sri Lanka



10.50AM - 11.05AM

Case Study: Climate Action and Sustainability in the
Plantation Industry

Roshan Rajadurei

Managing Director - Plantations Hayleys Group



1.05AM - 11.20AM

The Ocean State and the Role of Biz

Aban Marker Kabraji

Senior Advisor - UN Environment (Biodiversity and Climate Change)



11.20AM - 11.30AM

Sustainable Fishing; Local

Prof. Upali Amarasinghe,

Emeritus in Zoology, University
of Kalaniya



11.30AM - 11.40AM

Sustainable Fishing; Global

Yvonne Zhang

South East Asia Internal
Sustainability Director,
Deloitte



11.40AM - 12.20PM

Panel Discussion: Improving Sustainability in the Value Chain

Prof. Buddhi Marambe

Ranil Senanyake

Roshan Rajadurei

Aban Marker Kabraji

Prof. Upali Amarasinghe

Amal Gunarathne

Senior Manager - CBL Group

Nalin Munasinghe

Programme Associate, FAO of the United Nations/
National Programme Manager, Sri Lanka UN-REDD Programme

Moderated by Bernhard Stefan

Managing Director - Nestlé Lanka Limited

DAY
03
May 09

BR: 02 Sustainable Tourism Session: (10.15AM to 12.00PM)



10.15AM - 10.40AM

Biodiversity Conservation and Ecotourism Opportunities

Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne

Wildlife Author



10.40AM - 11.00AM

Climate Change Impacts on the Tourism Industry and Management Strategies

Chitral Jayatilleke

Head of Eco Tourism - Cinnamon Hotels



11.00AM - 11.20AM

How Climate Change is Going to Affect Marine Tourism and How to Manage it

Nasheed Mohamed

Secretary-General,
Climate Vulnerable Forum & V20
(Former President of Maldives)



11.20AM - 11.35AM

Case Study: Vil Uyana. Climate Resilience Built Environment & Rewilding

Sunela Jayawardena

Partner - Environmental Design (Pvt.) Ltd.



11.35AM - 12.00PM

Panel Discussion: Collaborating for Sustainable Tourism Development

Chitral Jayatilleke

Mohamed Nasheed

Shiranee Yasaratne

President - Institute of Environmental Professionals
Sri Lanka/ CEO/Managing Director, Sustainability Agenda
(Pvt) Ltd/ Senior Advisor, Biodiversity Sri Lanka

Charles Conconi

Project Director - EU-funded Tourism Resilience Project
(part of the YouLead family of projects)/ Founder,
The Pekoe Trail

Moderated by Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne

DAY
03
May 09

BR: 03 Construction and Infrastructure Session: (10.15AM to 12.00PM)



10.15AM - 10.40AM

**Keynote Speech 1: Building for Resilience:
Climate-Conscious Building Design**

Rohan Parikh

Head of Sustainability - nurture.farm



10.40AM - 11.00AM

**Keynote Speech 2: Urban Design for Climate
Resilience**

Prof. Rohinton Emmanuel

Sustainable Design & Construction,
Glasgow



11.05AM - 11.25AM

Driving Transformation of the SL Building Industry

Ashley De Vos

Architect



11.25AM - 11.40AM

Case Study: on a Successful/Fail Project in SL/Overseas

Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake

President - Institute of Engineers, Senior Professor
Dept. of Civil Engineering University of Peradeniya
Chairman Greenbuilders Council of Sri Lanka



11.40AM - 12.00PM

**Panel Discussion: Tools and Instruments for Climate Friendly
Construction and Infrastructure**

Prof. Rohinton Emmanuel

Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake

Ashley De Vos

Moderated by Rohan Parikh

DAY
03
May 09

BR: 04 Mobility & Logistics Session: (1.00PM to 2.45PM)



1.00PM - 1.20PM

Keynote Speech 1: Driving Sustainability: Sustainable Transport Solutions

Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala

President - Indian Institute of Technology,
Madras - Research Park



1.20PM - 1.40PM

Sustainable Marine and Shipping

Romesh David

CEO - South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt.) Ltd



1.40PM - 1.55PM

Transitioning Sri Lanka to E-Mobility

Sheran Fernando

Mobility Specialist,
Founder - Innosolve Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd



1.55PM - 2.10PM

Global Mobility: From ICE to ACE

Yvonne Zhang

South East Asia Internal Sustainability Director,
Deloitte



2.10PM - 2.45PM

Panel Discussion: Connectivity and Innovation in Mobility & Logistics

Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala

Sheran Fernando

Yvonne Zhang

Ashley De Vos

Moderated by Romesh David

DAY
03
May 09

BR: 05 Energy System Transition: (1.00PM to 2.45PM)



1.00PM - 1.20PM

Keynote Speech: Energy Efficiency as a Necessary Element of Decarbonization

Prof. Rahula Attalage

Professor,
University of Maratuwa



1.20PM - 1.40PM

Shaping the Future of Energy grid modernization, renewable energy deployment

Niro Cooke

Director - Capital Maharaja Group,
Vice Chair - Energy Sector, European Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka,
Board Member - Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council



1.40PM - 2.00PM

Renewable Energy Development

Priyantha Wijeyetunga, Ph.D

Senior Director,
Energy Sector Office, Asian Development Bank



2.00PM - 2.15PM

Barriers for Local RE Development

Lakmal Fernando

Chairman,
Power & Energy Council,
National Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka



2.15PM - 2.45PM

Panel Discussion: Policy Framework, Planning and Investment

Prof. Rahula Attalage

Bimal De Silva

Priyantha Wijeyetunga, Ph.D

Moderated by Lakmal Fernando

DAY 03 May 09

BR: 06 Industrial Energy – Transition to Net Zero: (1.00PM to 2.45PM)



1.00PM - 1.20PM

**Keynote Speech: Path to Net Zero: Principles, Risks,
and Opportunities**

E. Nandgopal

Director - Climate & Energy,
Grant Thornton Bharath, Bangalore India



1.20PM - 1.40PM

Efficiency and Innovation in Industrial Energy

Anson Sando

Head - Energy Programs at IIT,
Madras Research Park (IITMRP)



1.40PM - 1.55PM

Sri Lankan Transition

Mudith Witharama

Assistant Lecturer - University of Moratuwa



1.55PM - 2.15PM

Case Study on a Successful/Fail Project in SL/Overseas

Jagathdeva Vidanagama,

UNIDO SL



2.15PM - 2.45PM

Panel Discussion: Strategies for Industrial Energy Transition

E. Nandgopal

Mudith Witharama

Jagathdeva Vidanagama,

Moderated by Anson Sando

Closing Plenary Session (2.45PM-4.45PM)

The closing plenary serves as the culmination of the discussions, offering an opportunity to recap the key insights and takeaways that have emerged. This session aims to bring together the pre-event insights gained through the public interaction phase, and the deliberations through the conference into a Climate Action Plan that is implementable.



2.45PM-3.05PM

Proposed Road Map of Climate Action

Dr. Ananda Malawatantri, Ph.D

Advisor to the President on Environment,
Climate Change & Green Finance



3.05PM-3.10PM

Closing Remarks and Summit Conclusion

Shahid Sangani

CEO of co-energi (Pvt) Ltd



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Bodilima, a lizard native to Sri Lanka, symbolizes the uniqueness of the island's biodiversity. A symbolic guardian of mother and child, Sri Lankan folklore considers her sound as a warning and an emotional cry for help - alerting society of the impending threats and consequences of inaction on our mother Nature.