

**Workshop on
National and Provincial Service Delivery and Infrastructure for
Promoting Pro-Poor Growth and Development in Sri Lanka**

Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy

February 1-3, 2006

Organized by

Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

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Day I: Wednesday 1st February

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:45 **Inaugural**

Welcome Address: **Saman Kelegama**, *Executive Director, Institute of
Policy Studies of Sri Lanka*

Chief Guest Address **Tikiri Kobbekaduwa**, *Governor, Central Province*

Inaugural Address: **Kamal Karunanayake**
*Advisor to H.E. the President on Performance
Monitoring*

09:45 – 12:15 **SESSION 1: EQUITABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT: KEY
CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES**

Chairperson: **Saman Kelegama**
Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

09:45 – 10:30 **Presenter:** **B. Abeygunawardena**
*Director General/National Planning, Ministry of Finance and
Planning*

10:30 – 10:45	Tea
10:45 – 11:30	Discussants: W.M. Thilakaratne (University of Peradeniya), Raj Nallari (World Bank Institute), Kitsiri Wanigasekera (Singhaputra Finance), O.G. Dayaratna Banda (University of Peradeniya)
11:30 – 12:15	Floor Discussion
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 15:15	SESSION 2: PROVINCIAL POVERTY- MAIN ISSUES AND STRATEGIES Chairperson: Buddhadasa Hewavitharana <i>Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Peradeniya</i>
13:15 – 14:00	Presenter: Suresh de Mel <i>Senior Lecturer, University of Peradeniya</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Discussants: Wimal Nanayakkara (Department of Census and Statistics), S. Vijesandiran (University of Peradeniya)
14:30 – 15:15	Floor Discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Tea
15:30 – 17:30	SESSION 3: REVIVING AGRICULTURE FOR POVERTY REDUCTION Chairperson: T. Jogaratnam <i>Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Peradeniya</i>
15:30 – 16:15	Presenter: Nimal Sanderatne <i>Former Senior Visiting Fellow, Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya</i>
16:15 – 16:45	Discussants: Kamal Karunagoda (Dept of Agriculture), Nimal Ranaweera (fmr. Dept of Agriculture), Parakrama Samaratinga (Institute of Policy Studies)
16:45 – 17:30	Floor Discussion
20.00- 21.00	Cocktails Hosted by the Institute of Policy Studies

Day II: Thursday 2nd February

- 09:00 -11:00 **SESSION 4: DELIVERING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GROWTH AND EQUITY**
- Chairperson: Ravindra A Yatawara**
 Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies
- 09:00 – 09:45 **Presenter: R.S. Medagama**
 Advisor, Ministry of Education
- 09:45 – 10:15 **Discussants:** Charitha Ratwatte (SLBDC), M. Sinnathamby (University of Peradeniya), M.U.A. Tennakoon (Consultant)
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Floor Discussion**
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Tea**
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- 11:15 – 13:15 **SESSION 5: MICRO-FINANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE POVERTY REDUCTION**
- Chairperson: Nimal Sanderatne**
 Former Senior Visiting Fellow, Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Chairman, CEPA
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Presenter: W. A. Wijewardena**
 Deputy Governor, Central Bank
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Discussants:** Krishan Spencer (National Development Trust Fund), Ganga Tilakaratna (Institute of Policy Studies), P.V. Pathirana (People’s Bank)
- 12:30 – 13:15 **Floor Discussion**
- 13:15 – 14.15 **Lunch**
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- 14:15 – 16:15 **SESSION 6: IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY AND PROVINCIAL FINANCE**
- Chairperson: W.M. Thilakaratne**
 Professor, University of Peradeniya
- 14:15– 15:00 **Presenter: Migara De Silva**

Economist, World Bank Institute

- 15:00 – 15:30* **Discussants:** D.D.M. Waidyasekera (Institute of Policy Studies),
P. Pathberiya (University of Peradeniya)
- 15:45 – 16:15* **Floor Discussion**
- 16.15- 16.30** **Tea**
- 16.30-18.00** **SESSION 7: ROUNDTABLE ON “INFUSING SPATIAL PLANNING INTO
POLICY MAKING”**
- Leader:** **Willie Mendis**
*Senior Professor of Town & Country Planning, University of
Moratuwa*
- Members:** Lal Kumara Gamage (Ministry of Enterprise Development
and Investment Promotion), Priyantha Wijetunga
(PUCSL/University of Moratuwa), P.G. Amarakoon
(Provincial Council Central Province)

Day III: Friday 3rd February

- 09:00 – 11:00** **SESSION 8: OVERCOMING STAGNANCY IN INFRASTRUCTURE
DEVELOPMENT FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND
GROWTH**
- Chairperson:** **Willie Mendis**
*Senior Professor of Town & Country Planning, University of
Moratuwa*
- 09:00 – 09:45* **Presenter:** **Loverny Fernando**
Engineering Planner, Colombo Municipal Council
- 09:45 – 10:15* **Discussants:** Priyantha Wijetunga (PUCSL/University of Moratuwa), Rohan
J. Abeywickrema (Sathsindu), D.G. Munasinghe (Board of
Investments)
- 10:15 – 11:00* **Floor Discussion**
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Tea**

11:15 – 12.45

SESSION 9: PANEL DISCUSSION: KEY ELEMENTS OF A PRO-POOR STRATEGY AND NEEDED REFORMS

Moderator: Ravindra A Yatawara

Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies

Panel: TBA

12:45

Close and Proceed to Lunch