

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

*Riverina Hotel, Beruwela*

*January 25-27, 2006*

*Organized by*

**Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka**

*in collaboration with*

**Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Department of Economics- University of Colombo and  
World Bank Institute**

**Day I: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**09:00 – 09:45          Inaugural**

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

**Inaugural Address:**   **Nivard Cabraal, Economic Advisor to H.E. the  
President of Sri Lanka and Secretary, Ministry  
of Plan Implementation**

**09:45 – 12:30          SESSION 1: EQUITABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT: KEY  
CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES**

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

**09:45 – 10:45          Presenter:    Kamal Karunanayake**

*Advisor to H.E. the President on Performance  
Monitoring*

- 10:45 – 11:00**      **Tea**
- 11:00 – 11:30**      **Discussants:** Anila Dias Bandaranaike (Central Bank), Rosio Castro (World Bank Colombo Office), Chandra Embuldeniya (Uva-Wellassa University)
- 11:30 – 12:15**      **Floor Discussion**
- 12:15 – 13:30**      **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 15:30**      **SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY WITHIN A SUSTAINABLE FISCAL POLICY FRAMEWORK: A MULTILATERAL DONOR PERSPECTIVE**
- Chairperson:** **Buddhadasa Hewavitharana**  
*Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Peradeniya*
- 13:30 – 14:15**      **Presenters:** **Peter Harrold**  
*Country Director, World Bank Colombo Office*
- 14:15 – 14:45**      **Discussants:** V. Sivagnanasothy, (Ministry of Plan Implementation), M. Ganeshamoorthy (University of Colombo), Patricia Alailima (Centre for Poverty Analysis)
- 14:45 – 15:30**      **Floor Discussion**
- 15:30 – 15:45**      **Tea**
- 15:45 – 17:45**      **SESSION 3: INCREASING COMPETITIVENESS OF EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES**
- Chairperson:** **Ravindra A Yatawara**

*Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies*

- 15:45 – 16:30      **Presenter:**    **H.N. Thenuwara**  
*Director-Economic Research, Central Bank*
- 16:30 – 17:00      **Discussants:** George Perera (Export Development Board), Anura  
Herath (Dept of Export Agriculture), Tuley Cooray (Joint  
Apparel Associations Forum)
- 17:00 – 17:45      **Floor Discussion**

**Day II: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

- 09:00 -11:00      **SESSION 4: DELIVERING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GROWTH  
AND EQUITY**
- Chairperson:** **R.S. Medagama**  
*Advisor, Ministry of Education*
- 09:00 – 09:45      **Presenter:**    **Harsha Aturupane**  
*Senior Economist, World Bank Colombo Office*
- 09:45 – 10:15      **Discussants:** Jagath Wickremasinghe (National Institute of  
Education), Swarna Jayaweera (CENWOR), Nisha  
Arunatilake (Institute of Policy Studies)
- 10:15 – 11:00      **Floor Discussion**
- 11:00 – 11:15      **Tea**
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- 11:15 – 13:15      **SESSION 5: OVERCOMING STAGNANCY IN INFRASTRUCTURE  
DEVELOPMENT FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND  
GROWTH**
- Chairperson:** **Lloyd Fernando**  
*Chairman, Marga Institute*
- 11:15 – 12:00      **Presenter:**    **Willie Mendis**  
*Senior Professor of Town & Country Planning,  
University of Moratuwa*

- 12:00 – 12:30*      **Discussants:** Priyantha Wijetunga (PUCSL/ University of Moratuwa),  
Sumedha De Silva (BOI), Rohan Tudawe (Tudawe  
Brothers), Rohan Abeywickreme (Sathsindu)
- 12:30 – 13:15*      **Floor Discussion**
- 13:15 – 14.30**      **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 16:30**      **SESSION 6: MAKING STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES SUPPORT  
PRO-POOR GROWTH**
- Chairperson: Ravi Senanayake**  
*Director-General, Public Finance, Ministry of Finance  
and Planning*
- 14:30 – 15:15*      **Presenter: Malathy Knight-John**  
*Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies*
- 15:15 – 15:45*      **Discussants:** Sirimal Abeyratne (University of Colombo), Leel  
Wickremaarachchi (PERC), V. Kanagasabapathy  
(Ministry of Finance and Planning)
- 15:45 – 16:30*      **Floor Discussion**

**Day III: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

- 09:00 – 11:00**      **SESSION 7: REVIVING AGRICULTURE FOR POVERTY  
REDUCTION**
- Chairperson: Raj Nallari**  
*Lead Economist, World Bank Institute*
- 09:00 – 09:45*      **Presenter: T. Jogaratnam**  
*Emeritus Professor of Agricultural Economics,  
University of Peradeniya*
- 09:45 – 10:15*      **Discussants:** Terrance Abeysekera (World Bank Colombo Office),  
Senaka Abeyratne (Peace Secretariat), S.M.P.  
Senanayake (University of Colombo)
- 10:15 – 11:00*      **Floor Discussion**

*11:00 – 11:15*

*Tea*

**11:15 – 13:00**

**SESSION 8: PANEL DISCUSSION: KEY ELEMENTS OF A PRO-POOR STRATEGY AND NEEDED REFORMS**

**Moderator: Ravindra A Yatawara**

*Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies*

**Panel:** Sirimal Abeyratne (University of Colombo), Raj Nallari (World Bank Institute), Migara De Silva (World Bank Institute), Wimal Hettiarachchi (Institute of Policy Studies)

*13:00*

*Close and Proceed to Lunch*