



Workshop on Service Delivery for Pro-Poor Growth in Sri Lanka

*Lighthouse Hotel, Galle
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DAY 1: Tuesday 16th January

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00 – 09:45 | Inauguration

Welcome Address: Saman Kelegama , <i>Executive Director, IPS</i>
Opening Remarks: Buddhadasa Hewavitharana , <i>Chairman, IPS</i>
Inaugural Address: Nimal Bandara , <i>Director General, Sri Lanka Institute of Local Government</i> |
| 09:45 – 12:30 | SESSION I: MACRO FRAMEWORK & POVERTY ALLEVIATION: CURRENT STRATEGIES, CHALLENGES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Chairperson: Budhadasa Hewawitharana , <i>Chairman, IPS</i> |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | Presenter 1: Objective of the Workshop and an Overview of the Current Economic Situation
Saman Kelegama , <i>Executive Director, IPS</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | Presenter 2: Macroeconomic Framework of Sri Lanka and Provincial Poverty
Raj Nallari , <i>Lead Economist, WBI</i> |
| 11.15 – 11:30 | Tea |

- 11:30 – 12:30 **Floor Discussion**
- 12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 16:30 **SESSION II: PROVINCIAL BUDGET**
Chairperson: **Willie Mendis**, *Senior Professor of Town & Country Planning, University of Moratuwa*
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Presenter 1:** Detailed Presentation on Provincial Council Budgets & Fiscal Decentralization
M.A. Chandrapala, *Revenue Commissioner, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council*
- 14:45 – 15:30 **Presenter 2:** Performance Budgeting
Migara De Silva, *Senior Economist, WBI*
- 15:30 – 16:30 **Floor Discussion**
- 16:30 – 16:45 **Tea**
- 16:45 – 18:15 **SESSION III: GROUP WORK**
Participants from the Provincial Council will prepare a budget framework based on the recommendations provided in the lectures and a team leader will make the presentation.

DAY 2: Wednesday 17th January

- 09:00 – 11:00 **SESSION IV: IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY AT LOCAL LEVELS**
Chairperson: **Raj Nallari**, *Lead Economist, WBI*
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Presenter 1:** Improving Service Delivery: Concepts, Lessons of Experience and Implications for Sri Lanka
Migara De Silva, *Senior Economist, WBI*
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Presenter 2:** Local Experience of Service Delivery at Provincial Levels
Willie Mendis, *Senior Professor of Town & Country Planning, University of Moratuwa*
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Floor Discussion**
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Tea**

- 11:15 – 15:15** **SESSION V: SERVICE DELIVERY AT LOCAL LEVELS: HEALTH, EDUCATION, FINANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE (TELECOM)**
- Chairperson:** **Rajiva Wijesinha**, *Professor, Department of English, University of Sabaragamuwa*
- 11:15 – 11:45** **Presenter 1:** Health Services at Provincial Level
S.M. Samarage, *Deputy Director General- Planning, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition*
- 11:45 – 12:15** **Presenter 2:** Financial Services
M.M. Attanayake, *Advisor, SME Bank*
- 12:15 – 13:45** **Lunch**
- 13:45 – 14:15** **Presenter 3:** Status of Education at Provincial Level
Tara De Mel, *Former Secretary of Education*
- 14:15 – 15:00** **Presenter 4:** Tools for Performance Evaluation
Raj Nallari, *Lead Economist, WBI*
- 15:00 – 16:00** **Floor Discussion**
- 16:00 – 16:15** **Tea**
- 15:30 – 17:00** **SESSION VI: GROUP WORK**
Participants from the Provincial Council will design local health/education service program under a hard budget constraint.

DAY 3: Thursday 18th January

- 09:00 - 12:00** **SESSION VII: THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN SERVICE DELIVERY AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL**
- Chairperson:** **Migara De Silva**, *Senior Economist, WBI*
- 09:00 – 09:45** **Presenter 1:** Transport Infrastructure at the Provincial Level
Saman Bandara, *Head, Department of Transport & Logistics Management, University of Moratuwa*
- 09:45 – 10:30** **Presenter 2:** Issues Faced by the Private Sector in Service Delivery at the Provincial Level
Jayantha Abhayarathna, *Manager Projects, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce*
- 10:30 – 10:45** **Tea**
- 10:45 – 11:45** **Floor Discussion**
- 11:45** **Close and Proceed for Lunch**