



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

*Hotel Chaaya Village, Habarana  
January 11-13, 2007*

*Organized by*  
**Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)**  
*in collaboration with*  
**World Bank Institute (WBI)**

### ----- Agenda -----

#### DAY 1: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 09:00 – 09:45 | <b>Inauguration</b>   |
|               | <b>Welcome Address:</b> <i>Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, IPS</i>  |
|               | <b>Opening Remarks:</b> <i>Buddhadasa Hewavitharana, Chairman, IPS</i>  |
|               | <b>Inaugural Address:</b> <i>Nimal Bandara, Director General, Sri Lanka Institute of Local Government</i>   |
| 09:45 – 12:30 | <b>SESSION I: MACRO FRAMEWORK &amp; POVERTY ALLEVIATION: CURRENT STRATEGIES, CHALLENGES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS</b>         |
|               | <b>Chairperson:</b> <i>Prof. Budhadasa Hewawitharana, Chairman, IPS</i>   |
| 09:45 – 10:30 | <b>Presenter 1:</b> Objective of the Workshop and an Overview of the Current Economic Situation<br><i>Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, IPS</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | <b>Presenter 2:</b> Macroeconomic Framework of Sri Lanka and Provincial Poverty<br><i>Migara De Silva, Senior Economist, WBI</i>                  |
| 11.15 – 11:30 | <b>Tea</b>  |

11:30 – 12:30	<b>Floor Discussion</b>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 16:30	<b>SESSION II: PROVINCIAL BUDGET</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> <b>Buddhadasa Hewavitharana</b> , <i>Chairman, IPS</i>
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Presenter 1:</b> Detailed Presentation on Provincial Council Budgets & Fiscal Decentralization <b>M.A. Chandrapala</b> , <i>Revenue Commissioner, Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council</i>
14:45 – 15:30	<b>Presenter 2:</b> Performance Budgeting <b>Migara De Silva</b> , <i>Senior Economist, WBI</i>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Floor Discussion</b>
16:30 – 16:45	<b>Tea</b>
16:45 – 18:15	<b>SESSION III: GROUP WORK</b> 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: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

09:00 – 11:00	<b>SESSION IV: IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY AT LOCAL LEVELS</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> <b>Rajiva Wijesinha</b> , <i>Professor, Department of English, University of Sabaragamuwa</i>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Presenter 1:</b> Improving Service Delivery: Concepts, Lessons of Experience and Implications for Sri Lanka <b>Migara De Silva</b> , <i>Senior Economist, WBI</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Presenter 2:</b> Local Experience of Service Delivery at Provincial Levels <b>Janaki Hettiarachchi</b> , <i>Director, Urban Development Authority, Central Province</i>
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Floor Discussion</b>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Tea</b>

- 11:15 – 15:45**      **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:** Telecommunication infrastructure in Provinces  
**Malathy Knight-John**, *Research Fellow, IPS*
- 14:15 – 14:45**      **Presenter 4:** Status of Education at Provincial Level  
**Tara De Mel**, *Former Secretary of Education*
- 14:45 – 15:45**      **Floor Discussion**
- 15:45 – 16:00**      **Tea**
- 16:00 – 17:30**      **SESSION VI: GROUP WORK**  
Participants from the Provincial Council will design local health/education service program under a hard budget constraint.

**DAY 3: Saturday 13th January**

- 09:00 - 11:30**      **SESSION VII: THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN SERVICE DELIVERY AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL**
- Chairperson:** **Malathy Knight-John**, *Research Fellow, IPS*
- 09:00 – 09:30**      **Presenter 1:** Issues Faced by the Private Sector in Service Delivery at the Provincial Level  
**Jayantha Abhayarathna**, *Manager Projects, Ceylon Chambers of Commerce*
- 09:30 – 10:15**      **Presenter 2:** Tools for Performance Evaluation  
**Raj Nallari**, *Lead Economist, WBI*
- 10:15 – 10:30**      **Tea**
- 10:30 – 11:30**      **Floor Discussion**
- 11:30**              **Close and Proceed for Lunch**