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Dr. Saman Kelegama's passing



The ARTNeT community is deeply saddened by the too early passing of Dr. Saman Kelegama, Executive Director of the Institute of Policy Studies, prominent Sri Lankan economist, policy advisor and a founding member of ARTNeT. Saman left us on 23 June 2017 in Bangkok, at the age of 58.

Saman was born and grew up in Colombo, completed his masters degree (1983) in Mathematics at the Indian

Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, India, M.Sc (1985) and D.Phil (1990) in Economics at St Catherine's College, Oxford University, UK. He had worked at IPS since 1990, and led it as Executive Director since 1995. He also served on numerous government commissions and advisory boards, which included contributing to the last Presidential Tax Commission in Sri Lanka. He was also a member of the editorial boards of various journals, including Asia Pacific Development Journal from ESCAP, and he regularly contributed to ESCAP and ARTNeT dialogues and analytical work. Saman has always been a passionate supporter of ARTNeT since its establishment in late 2004.

The ARTNeT community will greatly miss his guidance, humility and contributions. Our deepest condolences to Saman's family and IPS staff.

You can find out more Saman's legacy with IPS [here](#) and [here](#).