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# National Policy Conference on Women's Access to Decent Work in Sri Lanka

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**National Policy Conference**  
**WOMEN'S ACCESS TO DECENT WORK IN SRI LANKA**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31 2023 | 3.00 PM ONWARDS

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f The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) is hosting a National Policy Conference on Women's Access to Decent Work in Sri Lanka on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at the Dr Saman Kelegama Auditorium, IPS. This conference aims to facilitate a policy discussion among



relevant stakeholders and policymakers to improve women’s access to decent work, recognising its critical role in advancing gender equity and economic growth.



The concept of “decent work” goes beyond mere employment and includes a comprehensive evaluation of job quality. It emphasises factors such as employment opportunities, social protection, workers’ rights, and social dialogue. These factors align with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) eight, which underscores the importance of ensuring decent work for all. Sri Lanka, with its long-standing issue of low female labour force participation, faces specific challenges, which necessitate tailored strategies for promoting decent work.

This national conference will provide a platform for diverse stakeholders to deliberate on strategies aimed at enhancing decent work opportunities for women in Sri Lanka.

Furthermore, the event will provide an opportunity to disseminate the findings of a recent study conducted by IPS, titled “Women’s Access to Decent Work in Sri Lanka: Addressing Context-Specific Barriers.” This study highlights that Sri Lankan women, particularly those in the estate and rural sectors and those with lower skills and education levels, face the most challenges in accessing quality jobs.

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*IMF's Senior Mission Chief, Peter Breuer*

Sri Lanka is showing first signs of recovery as it finds itself in an election year, and therefore, what happens before the elections as well as after them will be crucial for the economic recovery in Sri Lanka, IMF's Senior Mission Chief, Peter Breuer said on Friday.

He said so at a press briefing held at the conclusion of the IMF Staff Visit to Sri Lanka.

“This year is expected to be an election year. During our visit, we listened to political parties, their perspectives and angles of their economic policy perspectives. So, of course, what takes

place in Sri Lanka in the run up to the elections and afterwards will have an impact on the country's recovery and growth path and how it extricates itself from the ongoing crisis." he

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# German Ambassador hails 'reliable partnerships' that attract investments to Sri Lanka

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*German Ambassador, Dr. Felix Neumann and Chief Delegate of AHK Sri Lanka, Marie Antonia von Schönburg speak at the reception event held at Taj Samudra Colombo recently*

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Reliable and trustworthy Sri Lankan businesses that share the same ethical and compliance standards with German industry leaders have the potential of attracting more German investments to Sri Lanka, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Colombo, Dr. Felix Neumann said in Colombo recently.

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# **ComBank wins Platinum for Jaffna branch at Green Building Council Awards**

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*Commercial Bank's Assistant General Manager – Services Chinthaka Dharmasena accepts the Platinum award on behalf of the Bank from GBCSL Director Lionel Nawagamuwa in the presence of other officials*

The Jaffna branch of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon has been awarded a Platinum rating by the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka (GBCSL), according it the highest available award in Sri Lanka for Green Buildings.

The accolade was presented at the 2023 awards of the GBCSL, at which Commercial Bank also received an Honourable Mention in the Banking Sector for the Council's Green Business Leadership Award 2023.

Jaffna is the third Commercial Bank branch to receive a GBCSL award. In 2022, the Bank's Trincomalee branch received a Gold rating. and in 2020. the Commercial Bank building in the

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