



'Towards a Stronger, Dynamic, and Inclusive South Asia'

6th South Asia Economic Summit

2-4 September 2013 | Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo

PROGRAMME (as at 30th August)

Time	Event
DAY 1 September 2 nd (Monday)	
0815 – 0900	Registration
0900	Inauguration (Venue: Oak Room)
0900-0910	Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Saman Kelegama, Executive Director, IPS, Sri Lanka
0910-0925	Opening Remarks – H.E. Ahmed Saleem, Secretary General, SAARC
0925-0945	Address by Chief Guest – Hon. Sarath Amunugama, Senior Minister for International Monetary Cooperation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning
0945-1010	Keynote Address – Hon. Ahsan Iqbal Chowdhury, Federal Minister for Planning, Government of Pakistan
1010- 1025	Book Launches
1025-1100	Group Photo and TEA
1100 - 1230	<p>SPECIAL EVENT Expert Panel Discussion (for TV broadcast) "A Closer South Asia: Re-energizing Regional Economic Integration and Connectivity"</p> <p>Venue: Oak Room</p> <p>Moderator – Farooq Sobhan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nagesh Kumar – Lead Presentation ▪ Sham Bathija ▪ M Ramatullah ▪ Akmal Hussain ▪ Jagadish Pokhrel ▪ Sanjay Kathuria

1230 – 1330	LUNCH		
1330 – 1515	Plenary 1 – Harnessing Human Capital Potential in South Asia (Venue: Oak Room)		
1330 – 1335	Opening Remarks – Shekhar Shah (Chairperson)		
1335 – 1400	Lead Presentation - Biswajit Dhar		
1400 – 1515	Expert Panel Discussion followed by Open Q&A (moderated by the Chairperson)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mahendra Lama ▪ Rameshore Khanal ▪ Martin Rama ▪ Rafiq Dossani ▪ Riffat Ayesha Anis ▪ Rajiv Kumar 		
1515 - 1700	Parallel Sessions (with TEA served)		
	Session 1A	Session 1B	Session 1C
	'YOUTH BULGE' <i>Harnessing the Demographic Dividend</i>	'WORKING FOR GROWTH' <i>Creating Productive Employment</i>	'MIGRANT DILEMMAS' <i>Labour Migration and the South Asian Diaspora</i>
	Venue: Ivy Room [A]	Venue: Ebony Room	Venue: Ivy Room [B]
	Chair: Anura Ekanayake	Chair: Samar Varma	Chair: Dushni Weerakoon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hussain Niaz ▪ Posh Raj Pandey ▪ Ashfaq Hasan Khan ▪ Indralal De Silva ▪ Alakh Sharma ▪ Anis Chowdhury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aynul Hassan ▪ Mohammad Razzaque ▪ Rafiullah Niazai ▪ Ganga Tilakaratna ▪ Pranav Kumar ▪ Mustafizur Rahaman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irudaya Rajan ▪ Farooq Sobhan ▪ Madhu Raman Acharya ▪ Nihal Rodrigo ▪ Selim Raihan
1700-1800	SPECIAL EVENT (Venue: Oak Room) Road to Bali: South Asian Position for the 9th WTO Ministerial		
	Chair: Pradeep Mehta Presentation: Rajan Sudesh Ratna Discussants: Puspa Sharma and Mustafizur Rahaman		
1800	Close of Day 1		

1930 onwards	Cultural Evening and Welcome Dinner (Venue: Oak Room)			
DAY 2 September 3 rd (Tuesday)				
0900 – 1045	Plenary 2 – Managing Water Resources, Food Security, and Climate Change in South Asia (Venue: Oak Room)			
0900 – 0905	Opening Remarks – Abid Suleri (Chairperson)			
0905 – 0930	Lead Presentation - Posh Raj Pandey			
0930 – 1045	Expert Panel Discussion followed by Open Q&A (moderated by the Chairperson)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fahmida Khatum ▪ Dago Tshering ▪ G. K. Chadha ▪ Amrit Lugun ▪ Akmal Hussain 			
1045 – 1105	TEA			
1105 – 1250	Parallel Sessions			
	Session 2A	Session 2B	Session 2C	Session 2D
	<i>Examining Climate Change Impacts and Mitigation Across South Asia</i> Session Partner - SANDEE	<i>'GROWING GREEN' Towards a Green Growth Path</i> Session Partner - SAWTEE	<i>'FLOWING ACROSS BORDERS' Political Economy of Water Sharing</i>	<i>'SECURE SUSTENANCE' Meeting the Food Security Challenge</i> Session Partner – Oxfam Novib
	Venue: Ivy Room [A]	Venue: Ebony Room	Venue: Ivy Room [B]	Venue: Cedar Room
	Chair: Indira Devi	Chair: Athula Senaratne	Chair: Mohan Man Sanju	Chair: M. Syeduzzaman
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ R.Balasubramanian ▪ Prabath Edirisinghe ▪ Abdul Saboor ▪ Kishor Goswami ▪ Bishnu Sharma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Puspa Sharma ▪ Arabinda Mishra ▪ Shafqat Munir ▪ Sanith de S Wijeyeratne ▪ Gautam Vohra ▪ Edgard Rodriguez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arvind Kumar ▪ Nadeem Ahmed ▪ Herath Manthrithilake ▪ Azharul Haq ▪ Uttum Kumar Sinha ▪ Mahendra Lama 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathew Hamill ▪ Upali Wickremasinghe ▪ Zial Mokhta ▪ Sham Bathija ▪ Joseph George ▪ Kamalesh Adhikari
1250 – 1400	LUNCH			
1400 – 1545	Plenary 3 – Managing Intra-Country Growth Disparities in South Asia (Venue: Oak Room)			

1400 – 1405	Opening Remarks – Debapriya Bhattacharya (Chairperson)			
1405 – 1430	Lead Presentation - Vaqar Ahmed			
1430 – 1545	Expert Panel Discussion followed by Open Q&A (moderated by the Chairperson)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ahsan Iqbal Chowdhury ▪ Muchkund Dubey ▪ Rehman Sobhan ▪ Indrajit Coomaraswamy ▪ Jagdish Pokhrel ▪ Anis Chowdhury 			
1545 – 1600	TEA			
1600 – 1745	Parallel Sessions			
	Session 3A	Session 3B	Session 3C	Side Event
	'BETTER CITIES' Managing Urbanization Inclusively	'MIND THE GAP' Addressing Gender Disparities	'FINDING THE MONEY' Mobilizing Finances to Address Disparities	ESCAP Policy Dialogue: 'Building Resilience to Natural Disasters and Major Economic Crises'
	Venue: Ivy Room [A]	Venue: Ivy Room [B]	Venue: Ebony Room	Venue: Oak Room
	Chair: Martin Rama	Chair: Rounaq Jahan	Chair : Koshy Mathai	Chair: Ravi Ratnayake Chief Guest: Hon. Sarath Amunugama
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dilli Raj Khanal ▪ Priyanthi Fernando ▪ Nitya Nanda ▪ Mohini Datt ▪ Ashfaq Hasan Khan ▪ Aynul Hasan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aradhna Agarwal ▪ Nisha Arunathilake ▪ Selima Ahmed ▪ Akmal Hussein ▪ Cyrene Siriwardhana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zaidi Sattar ▪ Bishwamber Pyakural ▪ Mick Moore ▪ David Gould ▪ Daniyal Aziz ▪ Sham Bathija 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mia Mikic ▪ Kanchana Wickramasinghe ▪ Debapriya Battacharya ▪ G K Chadha
1745	Close of Day 2			
1930 onwards	Cocktails, Guest Talk and Dinner (Venue: Kingsbury Hotel - By invitation only) Guest Talk – Ghower Rizvi – 'Finding the South Asian Spirit'			

DAY 3 | September 4th (Wednesday)

0900 – 1045	Plenary 4 – Improving the Climate for Private Enterprise in South Asia (Venue: Oak Room)		
	Opening Remarks – Rajiv Kumar (Chairperson)		
	Lead Presentation - Golam Moazzem		
	Expert Panel Discussion followed by Open Q&A		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arif Zaman ▪ Pradeep Mehta ▪ Iqbal Thabish ▪ Babar Ali ▪ Suresh Shah ▪ Bishwamber Pyakural 		
1045 – 1100	TEA		
1100 – 1245	Parallel Sessions		
	Session 4A	Session 4B	Session 4C
	'STRENGTHENING THE SMALL' <i>Inclusive Private Sector Development through SMEs</i> Session Partner – The Asia Foundation	'MADE IN SOUTH ASIA' <i>Global and Regional Competitiveness of South Asian Enterprises</i> Session Partner – GIZ (SAARC TPN)	'MAKING TRADE EASIER' <i>Overcoming Tariff, NTBs and Improving TF</i>
	Venue: Ivy Room [A]	Venue: Ebony Room	Venue: Ivy Room [B]
	Chair: Dinesha Wickramanayake	Chair – Shekhar Shah	Chair: Ravi Ratnayake
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manab Majumdar ▪ Golam Moazzem ▪ Pradeep Kumar Shrestha ▪ Anushka Wijesinha ▪ Suraya Rahman ▪ Edgard Rodriguez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rashmi Banga ▪ Dev Nathan ▪ Sunil Wijesinha ▪ Mia Mikic ▪ Edward Archibald ▪ Mohammad Razzaque ▪ Shiro Armstrong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nisha Taneja ▪ Selim Raihan ▪ Prabir De ▪ Khalid Mahmood ▪ Indra Nath Mukherji ▪ Ram Sharan Mahat
1245 – 1345	LUNCH		
1345 - 1445	SPECIAL EVENT (Venue: Oak Room) 'Igniting Innovation and Entrepreneurship in South Asia' Ann Lavin, Director - GOOGLE Asia-Pacific Moderated Q&A (with Anushka Wijesinha)		

1445 – 1545	<p>SPECIAL EVENT (Venue: Oak Room) "IN 60 MINUTES" <i>Six speakers give incredibly short yet insightful talks on their view of South Asia's future (No Q&A)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debapriya Bhattacharya - <i>Southern Development Goals?</i> 2. Nadeem Ul Haque - <i>Restructuring South Asia?</i> 3. S.D. Muni - <i>Shape Politics to Shape South Asia</i> 4. Raja Menon - <i>Securing the Indian Ocean</i> 5. Rafiq Dossani - <i>Navigating the Global Rebalancing</i> 6. Ram Sharan Mahat – <i>Rhetoric vs Reality: Political Impediments to South Asian Co-operation</i>
1545 – 1630	<p>Closing Session (Venue: Oak Room) Chairperson - Rehman Sobhan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary Presentation of the Summit – Anushka Wijesinha ▪ Valedictory Address – Hon. Prof. Gamini Lakshman Peiris, Minister of External Affairs ▪ Vote of Thanks and naming the host of the 7th SAES ▪ Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson
1630	<p>TEA <i>Close of Summit</i></p>

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