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Realizing The Transformative Power of The Western Region Development : Opportunities and Challenges

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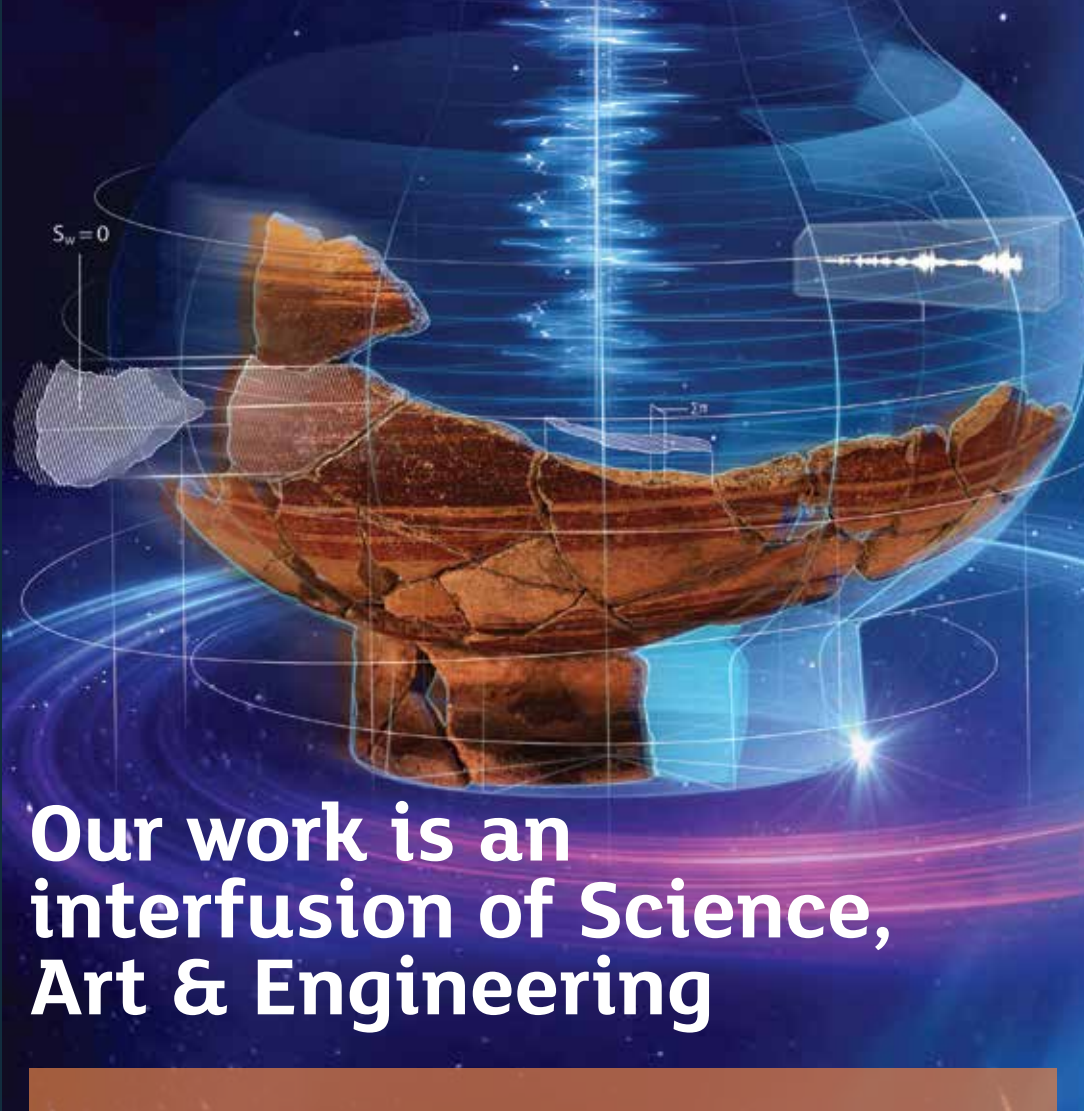
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Dear distinguished invitees, speakers, representatives from sponsors and partner organizations, panelists, session Chairs and Summit delegates,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you to the 2016 edition of LBR LBO Infrastructure Summit.

This year's edition is appropriately themed "Realizing The Transformative Power of the Western Region Development: Opportunities and Challenges".

We are on the threshold of becoming a new nation, and are poised to move to the next level of development and enhance our nation's regional and global standing.

The Megapolis Project will be a keystone initiative that has tremendous potential to transform Sri Lanka into a modern, competitive and highly livable country. The Megapolis will be more than just a megacity and a bustling commercial hub-it is conceived to be a multi-nodal urban agglomeration, the impact of which will reverberate throughout the regional and global economic landscape, with the potential to redefine and enhance the economic and social worth of the Indian Ocean Region.

As much as The Megapolis Project offers new vistas of opportunities, its implementation will face considerable challenges.

Hence, we have invited over thirty urban planners, industry representatives, public officials, financial experts, development experts, policy makers, researchers, and academics to the 2016 edition of LBR LBO Infrastructure Summit. They will engage in discussing and debating some of the vital areas of this unparalleled and peerless project.

I request you to visit www.lbo.lk/summit and/or download the mobile app either from the Apple Store or Google Play. We have posted useful content, including the speaker bios. Please feel free to interact with the Summit proceedings via SMS or social media. More details on modes of participant interaction are available elsewhere in this booklet.

Finally, I thank Hon Patali Champaka Ranawaka, Minister of Megapolis and Western Region Development, and Hon Harsha de Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, for gracing the opening ceremony and the session as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively.

I also extend my sincere gratitude to the resource personnel for their generosity, and for taking time off from their busy schedules to share their expertise, experience and perspectives.

I also thank our sponsors who made significant financial contributions to make the 2016 edition of LBR LBO Infrastructure Summit a success.

The endorsements extended by the national partners, including "The Western Region Megapolis Planning Project (WRMPP)" and facilitating organizations, is a testament to the importance of this event.

Finally, I thank all the speakers, invitees and delegates for being a part of this nationally important discourse.

I wish everyone a productive and enjoyable Summit experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Bandaranayake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Ministry of Megapolis &
Western Region Development

Hon. Ranawaka Arachchige Patali Champika Ranawaka is a Member of Parliament of Sri Lanka representing the Colombo District. He is a businessman by profession.

Presently he holds the portfolio of Megapolis & Western Region Development. Previously he has held the portfolios of Environment and Natural Resources, Power and Energy and Technology, Research and Atomic Energy. Minister Ranawaka is a member of two parliamentary committees; Committee on Parliamentary Business and Committee of Selection.

As the Minister in charge of Western Region Development, Hon. Ranawaka will lead the establishment of Western Region Megapolis which will address several social, environmental and economic challenges through revolutionary and transformative initiatives and increase economic opportunities and global competitiveness of the nation.

A prolific writer, highly skilled orator, policy and political critic and a popular national leader, Minister Ranawaka has authored many publications on issues of vital national importance.

Minister Ranawaka earned his BSc in Electrical and Power Engineering from University of Moratuwa.

Guest of Honor



Harsha de Silva PhD
Hon Deputy Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dr Harsha de Silva, MP is a Sri Lankan economist and politician. A current member of Parliament of Sri Lanka, he is the current Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the former deputy minister of Policy Planning and Economic Development in the 100 day government.

He has gained lime light as a media personality hosting several talk shows relating to development and international matters. In the recent years he voiced his opposition to the economic policies of the previous government. Educated at Royal College Colombo, he gained his BS in Business Management from Truman State University in 1988 and went on to complete his MA and PhD in Economics at the University of Missouri in 1993. He has also participated for an executive program on evaluating social programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2006 as an Eisenhower Fellow. As an

economist he worked for the DFCC Bank, going on to become its chief economist and treasurer. Thereafter he was the co-founder and Joint Managing Director of The Nielsen Company.



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LBR LBO Infrastructure Summit - Realizing the Transformative power of western region urban agglomeration development

Urban agglomeration drives the global economy

Most developing nations have been economically driven by rapid urbanization. Sri Lanka, perhaps, is the least urbanized nation among the lower middle-income economies, in the region of 40% - 45% at the highest.

The present government anchors its strategies to drive the nation to the next level of economic development on rapid urbanization. This includes developing Colombo, Kalutara, and Gampaha districts into a modern urban agglomeration and developing a number of provincial cities.

Over the last two hundred years, the world population living in cities grew from an insignificant proportion to nearly 60%.

This rapid growth of urban landscape has been dramatic and has altered the structure of societies; demographically, economically, socially, and politically. Urbanization has brought economic opportunities and public goods conveniently and economically to vast swaths of the population.

Edward Glaeser, the Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University, observes that urban agglomeration facilitates the intensification of the division of labor and knowledge, the specialization and the trade that fuel progress. Glaeser argues that globalization and technology have increased the "returns to being smart". In other words social progress, education and enterprise, manifest most in large, international metropolises.

The "Beyond GDP" article series of the World Economic Forum observes that the rise of emerging market megacities acts as magnets for regional wealth and talent. This has been the most significant contributor to shifting the world's focal point of economic activity.

McKinsey Global Institute research suggests that from now until 2025, one-third of the world's growth will come from the key Western capitals and emerging market megacities.

Being a mega-city by scale itself does not necessarily bring social harmony and prosperity. The growth of cities has had adverse effects too. Overpopulated mega-cities are burdened with crumbling physical and social infrastructure, failed education systems, increasing environmental damage, crimes, and urban poverty. Many cities fail to get the

infrastructure right, creating immense transport congestion and pollution by vehicular emission. Most of the mega-cities in the emerging world suffer badly from such intractable issues.

On the other hand, well-planned and managed mega-cities drive growth, progress, jobs, and prosperity in the wider national economy.

The "Moonshot" of making Sri Lanka the most competitive nation in the Indian Ocean Region

Surpassing its peers in the South Asian region, Sri Lanka has now reached the status of a lower middle-income economy.

"Our objective is to make Sri Lanka the most competitive nation in the Indian Ocean and to develop the island as a mega city for the region that will go between Singapore and Dubai thus making it competitive, and the time has come for us to think how we are going to do it."

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

The "demographic dividend" was a primary driver of Sri Lanka's economic growth and structural changes during the recent past, which made youth labor abundant for mass manufacturing; competitive labor costs and a relatively educated workforce that could be easily trained for skilled work.

Sri Lanka's economy transitioned from a previously predominantly rural-based agriculture economy towards a more urbanized economy driven by services. In 2015, the service sector accounted for 62.4 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), followed by manufacturing (28.9 percent), and agriculture (8.7 percent). The country ranked 73rd in the Human Development Index in 2014, and has comfortably surpassed most of the MDG targets set for 2015.

Sri Lanka also benefitted immensely from the acceleration of the process of globalization, which facilitated increased cross-border flow of capital, goods and services, and labor.

However, the strategies that made recent economic progress a reality will no longer be useful in the context of the evolving regional and global economic landscape and the aspirations of society. Moving up

to a high-middle-income economy necessitates a new set of strategies – deploying cutting edge technology, creating business-friendly policy and institutional framework, facilitating the creation of high value industries and services, significantly improving worker productivity, and of course physical and soft infrastructure.

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister, has set a "moonshot" target for the nation – making Sri Lanka the most competitive nation in the Indian Ocean Region. This includes building an ultra modern urban center covering an area of 3,600 sq. km in the Western Region.

The Colombo Port City constructed and promoted by China Communications Construction Company Limited (CCCC) will be an integral part of the megacity and will be developed as an international financial center. (Please see the next section)

The Transformative Power of Western Region Development - Multi-generational & multi-dimensional transformative power

The government intends to undertake an ambitious development project to convert the districts of Colombo, Gampaha, and Kalutara into an integrated urban agglomeration. This will be the largest, most complex, and most capital-intensive development project Sri Lanka has ever embarked upon. This project is unlikely to have peers in the region. It will create a lasting multigenerational and multidimensional effect. The transformative impact will also be felt across the region and the globe.

The multi-dimensional transformative power of such a project will positively alter:

- 1) Physical landscape and built environment
- 2) Social fabric and livability
- 3) Business landscape
- 4) Economy
- 5) Global standing of Sri Lanka

A vital element of a competitive economy, in today's context, is a topnotch infrastructure, both physical and soft. World-class infrastructure attracts the investment and talent needed to create next-generation innovative enterprises, encompassing all modern industries and services and public services. Such infrastructure improves quality of life and minimizes damage to the biophysical environment.

Turning the Western Region into a megacity is a massive, complex, highly capital-intensive and unprecedentedly ambitious project that has the potential to transform the whole Western Region into a world-class metropolis. If executed well, this will be a model metropolis on par with those found in advanced and developed nations.

Physical landscape and built environment

The most visible aspect of the project will be the transformation of physical landscape and built environment. In addition to creating a world class Central Business District (CBD), the project will also form a cluster of satellite cities: airport, science and technology, industrial, logistics, plantation, and forest.

Sustainability and citizen centricity will both be key considerations and outcomes in altering the physical landscape and built environment. As such, due consideration needs to be paid to prevent the environmental and social degradation associated with the unplanned and unchecked growth of some of the megacities in the developing world, such as Manila, Sao Paulo, Lagos, Mexico City, Mumbai, and Kolkata.

Social fabric and livability

Transforming the Western Province into a coherent urban landscape will induce positive changes in the composite demographics of the region, which consists of its wealth, education level, and employment rate. The region will also attract world-class talent, which will provide innovative ideas for economic and social development.

The improved physical and soft infrastructure, which will bring together the features of world-class modern cities including sustainable housing, will augment the livability of the region.

Business landscape

Taking the Western Province to the level of a world-class urban center will make the region one of the most competitive urban centers in Asia.

The ease of conducting business will be parallel to those of advanced economies and global financial and business centers. The region will be a magnet to regional and global businesses, which seek environments conducive to business growth defined by the geographic location and the availability of high-quality infrastructure, talent, and facilitating governance and institutional framework.

Economic impact

A project of such scale and scope will create an intense, rapid, and lasting economic impact, which will reverberate throughout the region. As mentioned earlier, urbanization is the key driver in propelling the nation into the level of a high-income economy.

Global standing of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has been a regional trading hub for millennia. Historical chronicles, going back over 2000 years, reveal the value of the nation in regional trade in ancient times.

The Western Region Development will reposition Sri Lanka as a modern nation, which is seamlessly integrated into the global supply chain. It will be a regional and international gateway.

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Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe,
Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

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Day 1 1800 - 2130 on the 20th September at Liberty Ballroom, Ramada

1800 - 1815 pm

Opening Remarks

Lakshaman Bandaranayake - Summit Curator & Host Founding Publisher
Director / Conference Curator - LBO

1815 - 1830

Chief Guest's Speech

Hon Patali Champaka Ranawaka - Chief Guest / Opening Address
Minster - Ministry of Megapolis & Western Region Development

1830 - 1845

Feature Presentation on "Port City Colombo"

Liang Thow Ming
Chief Sales & Marketing Officer - CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt) Ltd.

1845 - 2030

Opening Session : (Session 1)

The transformative power of the Western Region Development Project: Physical landscape, built environment, economy, livability and country reputation

Keynote 1 Emerging global role for Sri Lanka "The New Window of Opportunity"
Transforming nation's global standing

Harsha de Silva PhD - Economics, international relations
Hon Deputy Minister - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keynote 2 Dimensions of transformation

Nayana Mawilmada
Head of Investments - Western Region Megapolis Planning Project

Keynote 3 Technology: next new frontier for Sri Lanka

Muhunthan Canagey
Chief Executive - Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)

Keynote 4 "New form of urbanization - Impact on business sector"

Samantha Ranatunga
CIC Holdings PLC

Panel discussion

Chair Nishan de Mel PhD

Executive director - Verite research

Panelist Jagath Munasinghe PhD

Director General - National Physical Planning Department / Senior Lecturer - University of Moratuwa

All the keynote speakers will join the panel

Networking Reception



Day 2 0830 - 1745 on the 21st September at OAK ROOM, Cinnamon Grand

0845 - 1045

Session 2

"Bridging the Gap Between Vision and Action" – governance, institutional framework, talent, innovative ideas and technology.

Keynote 1 Executing to win – a vision for managing greenfield infrastructure life cycle & inclusive development

Kumudu Gunasekera PhD

Director - Stax Inc

Keynote 2 What makes large scale infrastructure development success

Sumedha Rathnayake

Director General - Urban Development Authority of Sri Lanka

Keynote 3 Friction-free interagency collaboration

Damitha Kumarasinghe

Director General - Public Utility Commissioner of Sri Lanka

Keynote 4 Facilitating governance structure

Harsha Fernando

Lawyer, Consultant and Lecturer - Seachange Partners, Singapore

Keynote 5 Digital transformation

Brian Kealey

Country Manager / Managing Director - Microsoft Sri Lanka

Keynote 6 Acquisition of world class talent & innovative ideas

Dinusha Panditaratne JSD

Executive Director - Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies

Panel discussion

Chair Thilan Wijesinghe

Founder, Chairman - TWC Corp

Panelist Ajay Singh

Senior Management Positions in design and managing mass transit systems

New York City Transit Authority & Various institutions

Panelist Nayana Mawilmada

Head of Investments - Western Region Megapolis Planning Project

All the keynote speakers will join the panel

1045 - 1100

Tea / Coffee



1100 - 1300

Session 3

Building an adaptive, demand-supply optimized and service-oriented public transport network

Keynote 1 Evaluating Transport Infrastructure Investment Risks

Amal S. Kumarage PhD

Senior Professor Dept Transport & Logistics Management- Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa

Honorary Professor - University of Wollongong, Australia

Keynote 2 Designing intelligent, viable, and sustainable mobility solutions

Dorothy Chan PhD

Head of Centre for Logistics & Transport - School of Professional and Continuing Education,

University of Hong Kong / International President - Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport 2013-14

Keynote 3 Customer centric transportation - Learning from international experiences

Ajay Singh

Senior Management Positions in design and managing mass transit systems - New York City Transit Authority & Various institutions

Keynote 4 Western Region Transportation Master Plan

Dimantha de Silva PhD

Senior Lecturer - Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa / Consultant - Western Region Megapolis Planning project

Keynote 5

Highways Master Plan

Namalie Siyambalapitiya

Director / Planning - Road Development Authority of Sri Lanka

Panel discussion

Chair Gayani de Alwis

Management Consultant

Chairperson - Women in Logistics & Transport (WiLAT)

Panelist Ruwan Waidyaratne

Managing Director - Hayleys Advantis

Panelist Kentatsu Ito

International Marketing - Hitachi Railway Systems

All the keynote speakers will join the panel

1300 - 1345

Lunch



1345 - 1530

Session 4

Housing for cohesive urban communities.

Keynote 1 'Future of Urbanisation in SL and inclusive housing in megapolis'

Shankar Arumugham MRICS

National Director & Head of Operations - Strategic Consulting/Urban Solutions - JLL India & Sri Lanka

Keynote 2 Megapolis strategy to address housing challenge

Nayana Mawilmada

Head of Investments- Western Region Megapolis Planning Project

Keynote 3 Capitalizing the People's Housing Process

Lalith Lankatilleke

Senior Advisor - UN-HABITAT

Keynote 4 Improving equitable access to housing in Colombo port City

Nihal Fernando

Deputy Director General (Projects) - UDA / Project Director/ Colombo Port City Development Project

Keynote 5 Ensuring equitable access to housing through public-centered market based mechanism

Senerath Bandara

Deputy General Manager-Finance - Ocean View Development Company (Pvt) Limited

Panel discussion

Chair Helani Galpaya

Chief Executive - LIRNEasia

Panelist Shivanka De Zoysa

Management Consultant

Panelist Senior Executive from Dialog Enterprise - TBN

All the keynote speakers will join the panel

1530 - 1545

Tea / Coffee



1545 - 1745

Session 5

Making USD 40 Billion Plus funding a reality (Sources of funding, innovating financial tools and promoting Sri Lanka as a prime investment destination)

Keynote 1 Marketing Sri Lanka as a prime investment destination

Anupam Yog

Strategy Director - The Partners / WPP, Singapore

Keynote 2 Improving ease of doing business and facilitating capital flow

Anarkali Moonesinghe

CEO Sri Lanka - CMIB Bank

Keynote 3 Innovative funding solutions & International experience

Kamal Dorabawila

Principal Investment Officer - IFC, World Bank Group

Keynote 4 Country Risk - facing the reality of credit worthiness

Jim McCabe

Chief Executive Officer - Standard Chartered Bank Sri Lanka

Keynote 5 PPP & innovative business models

Thilan Wijesinghe

Founder, Chairman - TWCorp

Keynote 6 Managing risks in large scale infrastructure development

Gordon Lee

Risk Consultant- Allianz Insurance Global Corporate, Hong Kong

Panel discussion

Chair Kumudu Gunasekera PhD

Director - Stax Inc

Panelist Rohan Paulus

Head of Project Management - London Stock Exchange Group

Panelist Liang Thow Ming

Chief Sales & Marketing Officer - CHEC Port City Colombo (Pvt) Ltd

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1745 - 1755

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1755 - 1900

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The transformative power of the Western Region Development Project: Physical landscape, built environment, economy, livability and country reputation

The Western Region Development Project will create a modern urban agglomeration. The challenges posed in its design and execution, and the opportunities that will be opened up by an urbanization project of this nature, are numerous. The project is unprecedented in Sri Lankan history and peerless in the region. The session will primarily focus on the multi-dimensional, multi-generational impact "The Western Region Megapolis Project" will create, including physical landscape and built environment; economy; business landscape; livability and the nation's standing in the global arena. The discourse of this session will also attempt to identify potential opportunities for the business community, policy makers, government officials, academics, researchers and other related parties.



Nishan de Mel PhD

Verite research
Session Chair

Nishan de Mel, Executive Director and Head of Research, is an economist with extensive academic, policy and private sector experience. Nishan taught and researched economics at Oxford and Harvard universities. In the 1990s, he sat on multiple Presidential Task Forces in Sri Lanka, playing an instrumental role in designing national policies on Health Sector Reform, Social Security and Tobacco & Alcohol. He also served as the Executive Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies and the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. He sits on multiple private sector boards and consults regularly as a strategist for some of the region's largest firms. Nishan completed his undergraduate studies at Harvard University, and his graduate studies at Oxford University, where he was a Chevening Scholar.



Harsha de Silva PhD

Hon Deputy Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Keynote 1

Dr Harsha de Silva, MP is a Sri Lankan economist and politician. A current member of Parliament of Sri Lanka, he is the current Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the former deputy minister of Policy Planning and Economic Development in the 100 day government. He has gained lime light as a media personality hosting several talk shows relating to development and international matters. In the recent years he voiced his opposition to the economic policies of the previous government. Educated at Royal College Colombo, he gained his BS in Business Management from Truman State University in 1988 and went on to complete his MA and PhD in Economics at the University of Missouri in 1993. He has also participated for an executive program on evaluating social programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2006 as an Eisenhower Fellow. As an economist he worked for the DFCC Bank, going on to become its chief economist and treasurer. Thereafter he was the co-founder and Joint Managing Director of The Nielsen Company.



Nayana Mawilmada

Western Region Megapolis
Planning Project
Keynote 2

Nayana Mawilmada is an Urban Development Specialist with extensive experience in planning, facilitating, and managing large scale urban development, real estate and infrastructure projects across 15 countries. His diverse experience ranges from advising the Parliament of East Timor to leading numerous urban sector investments for the Asian Development Bank. Immediately, prior to joining UDA, Mawilmada was the Managing Director at York Street Partners (Pvt.) Ltd., a Boutique investment Bank and TMS Company (Pvt) Ltd., a development focused consulting firm. His academic training includes MBA from Harvard Business School, a Master of City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a Bachelor of Architecture from Hampton University in the USA. Mawilmada is an old boy of Trinity College.



Muhunthan Canagey

Information and Communication
Technology Agency of
Sri Lanka (ICTA)
Keynote 3

Muhunthan Canagey, is the Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer of the Information Communication & Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA). He has been in the ICT industry for over two decades and is one of the country's youngest entrepreneurs. He stepped into the field of IT at a very young age of 16. Canagey holds a Master's Degree in Information Technology from the University of Keele (UK) and has extensive knowledge of the industry. He was the founder and CEO of multiple technology enterprises and was the founder and CEO of a highly successful enterprise in the area of satellite communication and media: a first of this nature to be formed in Sri Lanka. He has been very successful in productising software applications developed in Sri Lanka and in formulating strategies and policies for taking local products to the international market.



Samantha Ranatunga

CIC Holdings PLC
Keynote 5

Samantha has been a pioneer in coordinating and setting up of CIC Agri Businesses which is the premier agricultural company in Sri Lanka. He has helped in developing the seed to shelf concept where 20,000 farmer families are helped to bring produce to end consumers. Samantha holds a degree from the University of Delhi and a Masters in Business Administration, UK. He is also a non-Executive Director of a number of unlisted companies including Akzo Nobel Paints Lanka (Pvt) Limited, and Seylan Bank PLC.



Jagath Munasinghe PhD

National Physical
Planning Department
University of Moratuwa
Panelist

Dr. Jagath Munasinghe is the Head of the Department of Town and Country Planning and Senior Lecturer at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. He has a PhD from the National University of Singapore (NUS). His research interests include Urban Design in Sri Lankan context, Planning Theory & the Evolution of Contemporary Planning Practice & Institutions, and Spatial Cognition & Environmental Imageability.

“Bridging the Gap Between Vision and Action” _ governance, institutional framework, talent, innovative ideas and technology.

A vision unfulfilled is just a daydream and mere rhetoric. Visions themselves do not bring transformation. It is the effective and efficient translation of a vision into tangible and measureable results that makes a difference. The designing, development, construction, deliverance, and management of public infrastructure pose a host of challenges. Unless such challenges are identified in a brutally honest manner and mitigating actions are not built in at the design stage itself, the return on investment would be suboptimal at best, and negative at worst. Adverse environmental and social consequences may also ensue. This session will address some of the key challenges – the design for life cycle, organizational capacity, governance and institutional framework, the talent gap and leveraging technology. (Capital funding will be dealt in the session 5)



Thilan Wijesinghe

TWCorp
Session Chair

Thilan Wijesinghe has three bachelors' degrees in Engineering, Economics and Business Administration from Cornell University, USA. Having commenced his career as a Senior Management Consultant at Price Waterhouse Coopers, Colombo, Thilan co-founded Asia Capital PLC, which became Sri Lanka's largest investment bank in terms of market capitalization. Thilan is former Managing Director of Forbes & Walker Group, Sri Lanka's largest commodity broker, and headed Sri Lanka's two largest listed property companies, Asian Hotels Properties PLC and Overseas Realty PLC. Thilan currently is Chairman of TWCorp that specializes investment structuring with emphasis on real estate focused investments and Development Management, executing carefully selected projects that are visionary and iconic, with the promise of providing partners and clients with holistic solutions to create value in real estate assets Thilan is a co-founder/Director of Wow.lk Sri Lanka's largest e-retailer and a Board member of Serendib Leisure PLC, the leisure subsidiary of Hemas Holdings PLC.



Kumudu Gunasekera PhD

Stax Inc
Keynote 1

Kumudu Gunasekera, Ph.D., is a Director in the Singapore office where he works with our global teams to deliver actionable insights to clients worldwide. Prior to joining Stax, Kumudu was a Principal with Parsons Brinckerhoff (Washington D.C.), the professional services arm of Balfour Beatty, a global infrastructure group that delivers services essential to the development, creation and care of infrastructure assets; from finance and development, through design and project management to construction and maintenance. At Parsons Brinckerhoff, Kumudu successfully led global, multi-disciplinary consulting teams on large (> \$ 1 million) and small (< \$ 1 million) strategic consulting assignments in Burkina Faso, Canada, Curacao, England, Mali, Nigeria, Panama, Scotland, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and the United States. Kumudu earned his Ph.D. in Economic Geography, and a joint M.A. in International Relations and Environmental Policy from Boston University. He has a B.A. in Economics from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.



Sumedha Rathnayake

Urban Development Authority
of Sri Lanka
Keynote 2

Eng. Sumedha Rathnayake is a chartered engineer specialized in civil engineering with honors, graduated from university of Moratuwa. He is also having post graduate qualifications in highway and Traffic Engineering. He is a member of Institute of Engineer's Sri Lanka. Having completed 24 years of service in the industry, he has experience in planning, implementing and managing various infrastructure project in Sri Lanka and in various countries. Sumedha is a distinguished old boy of Ananda College, Colombo.



Damitha Kumarasinghe

Public Utility Commissioner
of Sri Lanka
Keynote 3

Mr. Damitha Kumarasinghe graduated from the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka specializing in Electrical Engineering. He earned a Masters Degree in Engineering (M.E.) from the University of New South Wales, Australia on Electricity Industry Regulation and Restructuring. Further he has a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Colombo. He has been actively involved in developing the regulatory frameworks for the Sri Lanka infrastructure industries during last decade. His expertise is in restructuring of infrastructure Industries and developing regulatory and legislative frameworks for the infrastructure industries. Prior to joining the Commission he has worked in the private sector and also as a Consultant to the Ministry of Economic Reforms, Science and Technology. Further, he is a Director Board Member of Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority and Condominium Management Authority of Sri Lanka.



Harsha Fernando

Seachange Partners, Singapore
Keynote 4

Harsha Fernando is an Attorney-at-Law with over 20 years of experience engaged in legal practice concentrating mainly on corporate, commercial, contract and constitutional law. He is an International Consultant to ADB and a Consultant Trainer with Singapore's Sea-Change Partners., a global training and consulting firm in conflict, negotiations, ADR and crisis management, and Accordance Inc., USA. He has consulted the World Bank, International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). He has worked in a number of countries, mainly in Asia. He is a visiting resource person to Queen Mary University of London (LLM Program) and Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) of Sri Lanka (MBA program). He is also a Member of the Board of Management of PIM. He was a visiting lecturer/resource person to Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies, Sri Lanka Law College, and International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Rome. Harsha is an Attorney-at Law and holds a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Singapore; Executive MBA from the Sloan School, MIT, USA; and a Master of Laws (LLM) in Economic Regulation from Kings College, University of London.



Brian Kealey

MICROSOFT
Keynote 5

Brian is a senior leader with over 17-years in diverse technology experience. Brian's innate curiosity and his passion for building sustainable, high performance organisations has seen his career span a diverse set of assignments in both the public and private sectors. Brian is currently the Managing Director of Microsoft's Sri Lanka and Maldives subsidiary with responsibility for all Microsoft's operations and engagements across the region. In his time at Microsoft, Brian has been a passionate advocate of the start-up and SME sector, establishing multiple programs to grow this key sector and entrepreneurial capabilities across organisations of all types. In addition, Brian is a long term member of the organisational culture team and has been a key leader implementing Microsoft's transition to Activity Based Working and championing the mobile enterprise and flexible work styles.



Dinusha Panditaratne JSD

Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute
of International Relations and
Strategic Studies
Keynote 6

Dinusha Panditaratne was appointed in August 2015 as Executive Director of the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies. Dr. Panditaratne received her initial degree in law with first class honours from the University of Oxford, where she was a Markby Scholar at Balliol College. She received her master's and doctorate from Yale Law School. Her scholarship and teaching focuses on international law, human rights, gender, and public law. Dr. Panditaratne serves on the executive committee of the Centre for Rights and Justice in Hong Kong and on the International Advisory Board of the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh. She also enjoys writing about things other than law, and is the co-author of the book Pathways to the Peak: Remarkable Stories from Pioneering Sri Lankan Women. Prior to her appointment at LKI, Dr. Panditaratne was an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Hong Kong. Dr. Panditaratne previously worked at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, an international law firm on Wall Street, New York. She is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of New York.



Ajay Singh

New York City Transit Authority
& Various institutions
Panelist

Mr. Singh has more than 30 years experience in Transportation Planning, Design and Management of Mass Transit Systems (both Rail and Bus), Heavy Rail and Intermodal services. He was the Chief of Internal Controls and Special Projects for the New York City Transit Authority (the world's largest Rapid Transit System by track length and by number of stations with the ridership more 8 million passengers per day) and among his other duties, was responsible for the commissioning of \$10.2 Billion in metro and bus facilities. He also oversaw the handicapped accessibility and Para-transit (for physically impaired) operations. He was also Chief of Sustainability and Environment and was responsible for developing the planning and environmental impact statements for all the expansion projects of the New York City Transit Authority. Singh played a key role on behalf of New York City Transit in advising the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation in their formative years, on all elements of the system including intermodal, sizing of stations, platform lengths and point to point connectivity with the focus on mitigating the future demand.



Nayana Mawilmada

Western Region Megapolis
Planning Project
Panelist

Nayana Mawilmada is an Urban Development Specialist with extensive experience in planning, facilitating, and managing large scale urban development, real estate and infrastructure projects across 15 countries. His diverse experience ranges from advising the Parliament of East Timor to leading numerous urban sector investments for the Asian Development Bank. Immediately, prior to joining UDA, Mawilmada was the Managing Director at York Street Partners (Pvt.) Ltd., a Boutique investment Bank and TMS Company (Pvt) Ltd., a development focused consulting firm. His academic training includes MBA from Harvard Business School, a Master of City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a Bachelor of Architecture from Hampton University in the USA. Mawilmada is an old boy of Trinity College."

Building an adaptive, demand-supply optimized and service-oriented public transport network

Effective public-transit networks are an essential element for burgeoning urban centers to deliver economic growth, accelerate industrial growth and improve liveability and quality of life. Mass transit systems should factor in the considerations of customer centricity, environmental sustainability, life cycle management, economic viability and energy efficiency. The multi-nodal nature, rapidly increasing population and other complexities of Megapolis urban agglomeration pose unique challenges. Therefore, a single mode of transportation or funding model will not solve the transportation challenges. There is a need to explore multi-modal, multi-model, multi-stakeholder solutions.



Gayani de Alwis

Women in Logistics & Transport (WiLAT)
Session Chair

Gayani was the former Director, Customer Service responsible for supply chain of Unilever Sri Lanka. During her tenure with Unilever, she has held several senior managerial positions across many functions. She holds a MBA from Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) and MSc in Food Process Engineering from University of Reading, UK. Gayani earned her BSc from University of Moratuwa and is a Certified Supply Chain Manager (CSCM) from ISCEA, USA. Gayani Co-founded and was the first Chairperson of Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT). She is a Fellow of Institute of Supply and Materials Management (ISMM) and a Chartered member of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). She was recently awarded the "Women at the Helm Award for Most Outstanding Female Business leader of the Year" at PIMA National Management Awards. Currently she is a Consultant to many leading blue chip companies and a visiting faculty member for postgraduate programs in leading local and foreign universities.



Amal S. Kumarage PhD

Faculty of Engineering,
University of Moratuwa
Keynote 1

Amal Kumarage is a transport sector professional with over 30 years experience in academia, government and consulting. As an academic and researcher he has set up several academic programs and a department of study at the University of Moratuwa where he is currently a Senior Professor. He has published extensively in transport planning, public transport, traffic engineering, road safety, transport project appraisal, and urban transport. He has served as advisor to several ministries in the Government of Sri Lanka as well as the Maldives. He has served as a World Bank and ADB consultant both in Sri Lanka and many other Asian countries. He has been instrumental in introducing a fares policy for bus transport as well as several reform programs that have contributed to the strong survival of Sri Lanka's bus industry amidst rapid motorization. He holds a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Moratuwa and a PhD in Transport Planning & Engineering from the University of Calgary. He is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow and former Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport where he also held the post of an International Vice President. He is a lay preacher and with his wife Premila are resource persons for training young leaders.



Dorothy Chan PhD

School of Professional and Continuing Education,
University of Hong Kong /
Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport 2013-14
Keynote 2

Dr. Dorothy T.F. Chan is the Deputy Director, School of Professional and Continuing Education, University of Hong Kong and Head of Centre for Logistics & Transport; an Independent Non-Executive Director of MTR Corporation Limited and AMS Public Transport Holdings Limited. Dr. Chan retired as the Deputy Commissioner for Transport of the HKSAR Government in 2002 and has published several papers on Hong Kong's public transport development. She regulated the operation of public transport services in Hong Kong and was also the Departmental Manager responsible for manpower development, contingency traffic coordination and management of transport related contracts. With her 30 years civil service career, Dr. Chan has rich experience in public administration. Dr. Chan is closely involved in training and professional development in the field of transport and public administration. She has been engaged in the education field and research topics on China and overseas transport projects. She obtained her Bachelor of Social Sciences degree from the University of Hong Kong, and further obtained a Master degree and Doctorate degree in Public Administration with her alma mater.

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**Dimantha de Silva PhD**

Department of Civil Engineering,
University of Moratuwa
Keynote 4

Dr. Dimantha De Silva is a Senior Lecturer at Department of Civil Engineering at University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. He received his M.Sc. in Transportation Engineering and B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. He completed his PhD in Transportation Engineering from University of Calgary, Canada. He has over 14 years of transportation engineering experience in Sri Lanka, Canada and in USA. From 2006 to 2014 he worked as a Transportation Engineer in Canada, developing activity based transport demand models, spatial economic land use models for policy testing in macro and micro policy planning. In 2014 he has returned back to Sri Lanka to join the University of Moratuwa.

**Namalie Siyambalapitiya**

Road Development Authority
of Sri Lanka
Keynote 5

Namalie Siyambalapitiya is a Chartered Civil Engineer by profession presently holding the post of Director of Planning at the Road Development Authority (RDA) Sri Lanka. RDA is one of the largest government organizations in Sri Lanka responsible for the operation, maintenance and development of the National Roads Network, including the Expressway network. She has more than 27 years experience in Highways and Transport sectors at different capacities including the post of Director, Research and Development of the National Transport Commission from 2005 to 2008 She have been Vice Chairperson of CILT Sri Lanka since 2012 and am Chairperson of the membership committee. She has been part of the WiLAT family since the inception of WiLAT in Sri Lanka in 2013 and contributed in establishing the WiLAT Sri Lanka Forum.

**Ruwan Waidyaratne**

Road Development Authority
Sri Lanka
Panelist

Hayleys PLC has announced the appointment of Ruwan Waidyaratne as Managing Director of Hayleys Advantis Ltd., encompassing group companies in transportation and cargo logistics, with effect from 1st April 2011. He succeeds Mr. M. O. Raban, who retires from the MD position and will function as Executive Director of Hayleys Advantis. The announcement said Mr. Waidyaratne was also appointed to the Hayleys PLC Group Management Committee (GMC) on 1st February 2011. A former Chairman of the Sri Lanka Freight Forwarders Association (SLFFA) Mr. Waidyaratne joined Hayleys Advantis in 1985 and was appointed Director to one of its subsidiaries in 1996. He has served as a Director of Hayleys Advantis since July 2002, and was appointed its Deputy Managing Director in January 2010. Mr. Waidyaratne currently functions as a member of the Advisory Council of the SLFFA. He holds an MBA from the Edith Cowan University of Western Australia. He holds a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Moratuwa and a PhD in Transport Planning & Engineering from the University of Calgary.



Kentatsu Ito
Hitachi Railway Systems
Panelist

International Marketing Specialist with extensive experience in delivering Turnkey Rail systems in a number of countries and projects of varying scope and scale. He has been a members of design and construction teams that delivered projects in Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Singapore and China. He was also involved in planning and establishing Traction Systems factory in China which has been delivering traction and HVAC equipment to major Chinese rolling stock factories for Metro and China Rail Corporation projects. Kentatsu Ito earned his bachelor degree from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Housing for cohesive urban communities

The population of the region (in 2012) was around 5.8 million, and the total population in the proposed Western Megapolis is envisaged to reach 8.7 million by 2030, out of which the Gampaha residential zone will have 1.2 Million residents. Equitable access to decent living spaces for all segments in society is essential to create social harmony and cohesive communities. The Megapolis project envisages housing projects segregated by income levels: underserved, middle class and the luxurious housing for high-income categories. This session will critically review the role of housing in enhancing liveability, social harmony and appropriate strategies.



Helani Galpaya
LIRNEasia
Session Chair

Helani Galpaya is CEO of LIRNEasia, a pro-poor, pro-market think tank working across the emerging Asia Pacific on ICT policy and regulatory issues. She assumed the CEO role in Jan 2013. Prior to that she was LIRNEasia's Chief Operating Officer. She researches, does consulting work and engages in public discourse on issue related to net neutrality, policy and regulatory barriers in Internet access, e-Government, broadband quality of service, and how knowledge and information disseminated via ICTs can improve inclusiveness SMEs (small, medium and micro enterprises) in agriculture and micro-work markets. She has a MS in Technology & Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA and a BA in Computer Science from Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA.



Shankar Arumugham
JLL India & Sri Lanka
Keynote 1

Shankar is Head of Operations, Strategic Consulting India for JLL. Responsible for development of overall business vision and goals for Strategic Consulting Business Unit in India covering the entire region of India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal. A real estate expert, being responsible for the revenue and P&L management of business unit of the Strategic Consulting, is responsible for developing vision for strategizing the growth in the regional business unit towards complementing overall business growth of the organization in general and Strategic Consulting Business Unit in particular. The nature of projects handled range from demand assessment of SEZs, IT parks, malls / multiplexes, integrated townships, portfolio valuation, market research and real estate assessment. By adopting the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Valuation Standards, have undertaken more than 125 valuation assignments. He has also instrumental in exploring opportunities in Sri Lanka and has involved in many assignments for developers across the world in advising them for their entry strategy into Colombo Real Estate Market.



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Lalith Lankatilleke

UN-HABITAT
Keynote 3

Lalith Lankatilleke is an Architect-Planner by profession, with over 40 years of experience in field of people's development. Of these, he has been with UN-Habitat for 36 years working in several countries in Africa and Asia. He has been credited with championing the People's Process of development through innovative approaches of placing people at the centre of decision making in planning and housing. In Sri Lanka (1984-89), he was responsible for the design the Urban Housing Sub-programme of the Million Houses Programme. He developed community decision-making methods like, Community Action Planning, Community Building Guidelines and Rules, Community Contracting and many others. Since then he has worked for UN-Habitat in Bangladesh and Afghanistan as the head of the agency. Since 2006 he has been serving as Senior Human Settlement Officer in the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of UN-Habitat in Fukuoka, Japan responsible for Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. He has retired from UN-Habitat in 2014. Lalith has also been teaching at major universities of the world.



Nihal Fernando

Project Director/ Colombo Port
City Development Project
Keynote 4

Nihal earned his BSc in Built Environment from University of Moratuwa. Subsequently he earned MSc in Architecture from University of Moratuwa and MSc in Urban Development Planning form University of London. Nihal is a Chartered Architect and a Chartered Town Planner.



Senerath Bandara

Ocean View Development
Company (Pvt) Limited
Panelist

Over 13 Years' experience in Accounting, Auditing and Financial Management Sectors in Sri Lanka and overseas

**Shivanka De Zoysa**Management Consultant
Panelist

Shivanka, who holds an MBA from Postgraduate Institute of Management of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, has over thirty years of senior managerial experiences as a senior manager in multiple industries ranging from FMCG, communication, aviation services and property development, both in Sri Lanka and abroad. At his last corporate position at the Fairway Holdings as Group Director and COO, he led a number of multi-sector housing development projects for over a period of five year.

Making USD 40 Billion Plus funding a reality (Sources of funding, innovating financial tools and promoting Sri Lanka as a prime investment destination)

Creating a discourse on marketing, investment and financing strategy for Megapolis development. Creating a large-scale Greenfield urban agglomeration will create a massive need for investment and financing. To address this issue, a transparent and well-regulated financing strategy should be formulated and executed. Infrastructure projects are complicated, often taking longer and costing more than expected. Research shows that over 75% of capital projects go over time and budget. Given the scale of the Megapolis project and the cost of capital, managing risk from the start is crucial to success. A sound destination marketing strategy should go in hand in hand with the implementation of the financing strategy. A sharply focused positioning- which differentiates Sri Lanka from competing countries- that will convey a legitimate, relevant and authentic value proposition, is required to be established in the minds of prospective investors.

**Kumudu Gunasekera PhD**Stax Inc
Session Chair

Kumudu Gunasekera, Ph.D., is a Director in the Singapore office where he works with our global teams to deliver actionable insights to clients worldwide. Prior to joining Stax, Kumudu was a Principal with Parsons Brinckerhoff (Washington D.C.), the professional services arm of Balfour Beatty, a global infrastructure group that delivers services essential to the development, creation and care of infrastructure assets; from finance and development, through design and project management to construction and maintenance. At Parsons Brinckerhoff, Kumudu successfully led global, multi-disciplinary consulting teams on large (> \$ 1 million) and small (< \$ 1 million) strategic consulting assignments in Burkina Faso, Canada, Curacao, England, Mali, Nigeria, Panama, Scotland, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and the United States. Kumudu earned his Ph.D. in Economic Geography, and a joint M.A. in International Relations and Environmental Policy from Boston University. He has a B.A. in Economics from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.



Anupam Yog
The Partners/WPP, Singapore
Keynote 1

Based in Singapore, Anupam Yog is a Strategy Director with The Partners, a Strategy, Design & Innovation consulting firm, which strives to provoke success for brands who aspire to lead, whatever their ambition. The Partners is part of the WPP network with offices in London, New York and Singapore. Previously, as International Marketing Director at Virtuuous Retail from 2010-15, Anupam was responsible for experiential branding, design & placemaking, marketing and retail strategy for a portfolio of 7MM institutional grade retail real estate spread across 6 of India's top 9 cities. In his role, Anupam successfully delivered award-winning digital marketing, brand positioning, trade and consumer marketing campaigns; he also pioneered a community-based design strategy implemented across the group's flagship projects that emphasized walkability, open spaces and integration with the public realm, a first in India. Prior to joining Virtuuous Retail, Anupam founded Mirabilis Advisory, a city branding and economic development consulting firm in 2007, where his clients included the Mayor of London, for whom he developed Brand London in India & China, and the Volvo Ocean Race, which he successfully steered into India, for the first and only time in the Race's history in 2009. Anupam is an active member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Urban Land Institute.



Anarkali Moonesinghe
CIMB Bank
Keynote 2

Anarkali has over 15 years of Investment Banking experience in Europe and Asia, particularly Asian Emerging Markets. She joined CIMB Investment Bank in Sri Lanka as the country head in September 2011. Over the past 4 years Anarkali has established CIMB as the go to investment bank for cross border transactional expertise, advising on key transactions including TPG Capital's investment in Union Bank of Colombo PLC (2014) and Khazanah Nasional's investment in John Keells Holdings PLC (2012). Prior to joining CIMB, Anarkali was a partner with Amura Consulting, a Singapore based financial advisory services boutique which focused on small to mid cap transactions in frontier markets including private equity, mergers & acquisitions, and financial structuring. Anarkali currently serves on the Boards of John Keells Hotels and the Lankan Angel Network. Anarkali received a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Christ Church College, University of Oxford.



Kamal Dorabawila
IFC, World Bank Group
Keynote 3

Kamal Dorabawila is a Principal Investment Officer at IFC, the private sector arm of the World Bank Group, which promotes development in emerging markets. He leads IFC's investments in Energy and Infrastructure in a number of countries in South Asia and has extensive experience leading project and corporate debt transactions as well as equity investments. Prior to relocating to Colombo (Sri Lanka) in 2012 where he is currently based, Mr. Dorabawila was based in Washington D.C. at IFC's headquarters for 13 years, leading transactions across the globe in oil & gas, power and transport sectors. He is a graduate from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and also has an M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the Engineering School of the same University.



Jim McCabe
Standard Chartered Bank
Sri Lanka
Keynote 4

In January 2015 Jim McCabe was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Sri Lanka. He Joined the Sri Lanka team from Bangladesh where he was the Chief Executive Officer since November, 2009. Jim has held a range of senior management positions within Standard Chartered group, in the Americas as well as Asia. He joined Standard Chartered Bank in December 2000 as the Risk Head for North East Asia, Wholesale Banking. He moved on to become the CEO of the Americas in 2002, based out of New York. He held the position of CEO, Standard Chartered Bank, Taiwan, between 2006 and 2008. Prior to joining Standard Chartered, he was the President of Bank of America in Mexico. Jim holds a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) Degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona, USA.



Thilan Wijesinghe
TWCorp
Keynote 5

Thilan Wijesinghe has three bachelors' degrees in Engineering, Economics and Business Administration from Cornell University, USA. Having commenced his career as a Senior Management Consultant at Price Waterhouse Coopers, Colombo, Thilan co-founded Asia Capital PLC, which became Sri Lanka's largest investment bank in terms of market capitalization. Thilan is former Managing Director of Forbes & Walker Group, Sri Lanka's largest commodity broker, and headed Sri Lanka's two largest listed property companies, Asian Hotels Properties PLC and Overseas Realty PLC. Thilan currently is Chairman of TWC Corp that specializes investment structuring with emphasis on real estate focused investments and Development Management, executing carefully selected projects that are visionary and iconic, with the promise of providing partners and clients with holistic solutions to create value in real estate assets. Thilan is a co-founder/Director of Wow.lk Sri Lanka's largest e-retailer and a Board member of Serendib Leisure PLC, the leisure subsidiary of Hemas Holdings PLC.



Gordon Lee
Allianz Insurance
Global Corporate,
Hong Kong
Keynote 6

Gordon currently works at Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty as a Regional Risk Consultant overlooking Engineering and Construction projects in Hong Kong, Greater China, and North Asia. He performs risk management for large scale infrastructure projects in cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and other major cities in Asia. Accepting and understanding risks, as well as providing tailor-made solutions for clients is what Gordon brings to Allianz and to its clients. Gordon is a Chartered Civil Engineer who has had over six years of experience in civil infrastructure and geotechnical engineering in Hong Kong. He graduated from Hong Kong University of Science & Technology with both a Bachelor of Engineering (Honors) in Civil & Structural Engineering, and also a Master of Science in Civil & Infrastructural Engineering Management.



Rohan Paulus
London Stock Exchange Group
Panelist

An experienced IT professional specialized in turning around IT companies and setting up off shore support centers, Rohan has extensive experience in London and Sri Lanka.



Liang Thow Ming
CHEC Port City
Colombo (Pvt) Ltd
Panelist

Mr. Liang Thow Ming serves as Head of Capital Markets and Executive Director at Credo Real Estate (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. Mr. Ming has over 20 years of experience in the real estate industry in different capacities and worked in both developer and consultancy firms. He held key management positions in CB Richard Ellis and Far East Organization, where he built and managed sales teams and led efforts in marketing premier residential developments. He is instrumental in many successful project launches and was involved with the transaction of various block sales and development lands to funds, high net-worth investors and developers. Mr. Ming holds an MBA in Real Estate and an BSc (Mathematics), both from the National University of Singapore and a marketing diploma from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, United Kingdom.

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