

Conference Programme

Conference- Day 1

1st August- 2019

Registration from 13.00hrs

Session 1

**14.00hrs-16.00hrs – Ports & shipping sector perspectives beyond 2020
(120 mins)**

- Port of Colombo & Trincomalee-future plans of SLPA-Capt. Athula Hewavitharana, MD, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (12 mins)
 - International global shipping outlook & new energy dimensions for shipping-Julian Bevis, Senior Director, Group Relations, South Asia - Maersk Group (12 mins)
 - Port logistics & technology infusion- Jonathan Beard, Partner/Infrastructure Advisory - Ernst & Young, Hong Kong (mandated by the International Trade Centre, under the EU-Sri Lanka Trade-Related Assistance project) (12 mins)
 - How Reunion see Africa logistics-synergies with Asia-Henri Dupuis, Director Operations & Commerce, Port of Reunion (12 mins)
- Panelists- S. Premachandra, Director, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Jack Huang, CEO, Colombo International Container Terminal
Moderator- Ted Muttiah, Chief Commercial Officer, South Asia Gateway Terminal

**16.00hrs-16.15hrs - Sailing to Hambantota -Transition break
(15 mins)**

Session 2

**16.15hrs-18.00hrs- Hambantota International Port-what it means for maritime logistics
(105 mins)**

- Hambantota Port- the emerging gateway to a maritime hub in South Asia- Datta Gunasekara, Chief Specialist- Engineering, Hambantota International Port Group (15 mins)
- What makes Hambantota the energy logistics centre in South Asia?- W.K. H.Wegapitiya, Chairman, Laugfs Holdings Ltd (15 mins)
- Sri Lanka's bunker industry, opportunities & challenges- Zafir Hashim, Executive Vice President, John Keells Holdings (15 mins)
- Panelists: Capt. Ravi Jayawickrama, CEO HIPS, Manoj Gupta, MD, Lanka IOC, Upali De Zoyza, Additional Managing Director, SLPA
Moderator- Saliya Wickramasuriya, Senior Advisor to CEO, HIPG

18.00hrs-18.30hrs- Break

18.30hrs-19.45hrs – Inauguration

(75 mins)

Welcome: cultural item

- Welcome speech by Rohan Masakorala – Founder Chairman, CIMC Events (5 mins)
- Address by Kavan Ratnayaka- Chairman, Sri Lanka Ports Authority (5 mins)
- Overview of Sri Lankan freight forwarding industry- Roshan Silva, Chairman, Sri Lanka Logistics & Freight Forwarders' Association (5 mins)
- Evolution of container logistics, a sustainable future for shipping- H.E. Thorbjørn Gaustadsæther, Ambassador of Norway (10 mins)
- Key note presentation-The UNCTAD global trade report- Dr. Vincent Valentine, Transport Economist, UNCTAD (15 mins)
- Address by Guest of Honour-Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka, Minister of Port & Shipping and Southern Development (10 mins)
- Address by Patron-Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka(10 mins)
- Address by Chief Guest- (15 mins)

Cultural item

20.00hrs-21.30hrs- Networking cocktails

Conference- Day 2

2nd August 2019

7.45hrs-8.15hrs- Registration

(30 mins)

Session 3

8.15hrs-9.30hrs- Development of Global Logistics Industry

(75 mins)

- Overview of South East Asian logistics- where it stands- Lim See Teik, Director KPMG – Strategy & Operations Advisory (12 mins)
- Key functional areas where software is changing logistics & freight procurement- Eric Johnson, Senior Editor Technology, JOC, USA (12 mins)
- Indian experience on logistics training- Samir Shah, Partner, JBS Group of Companies, India (12 mins)
Panelist: Sukanya Dutta, Investment Officer, Embassy of Belgium, India
Moderator: Tania Pollonnowita Wettimuny-Director, APS Logistics

Session 4

9.30hrs-10.30hrs- Why Sri Lanka a distribution and logistics hub of the Indian Ocean

(60 mins)

- The investment climate for logistics in Sri Lanka- Mahinda Ramanayake, Executive Director (Investor Services), Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (12 mins)
- Operating free zones in Sri Lanka, what are the benefits-Amal Rodrigo, Director, Hayleys Free Zone (12 mins)
- Igniting multi country consolidation logistics & entrepot logistics –the regional outlook- Naveen Prakash, Co-founder, Global Logistics, India (12 mins)

Panelists: Jagath Pathirane, Chief Administrative Officer, EFL International HQ

Moderator- Mario Fonseka, MD, CWT Globe Link, Sri Lanka

10.30hrs-10.45hrs- Tea break

(15 mins)

Session 5

Parallel session A

10.45hrs-12.00hrs- Regional logistics developments- India, Bangladesh, Pakistan

(75mins)

- Indian port logistics transformation and policy outlook in logistics as a major economy-Atul Kulkani, Former advisor, Indian Port Association (12 mins)
- Overview of the Pakistan Logistics industry- Aasim Siddiqui, Chairman, All Pakistan Shipping Association (APSA) (12 mins)
- Developments in the Bangladesh logistics industry- Mahbul Anam, President, Bangladesh Freight Forwarders' Association (12 mins)
- Evolving logistics & freight forwarding industry in India-business point of view- Sailesh Bhatia, MD, Bhatia Shipping (12 mins)

Panelist: Diren Hallock, Chairman, SLFFA Cargo Services, Shah Mahboob, Director (Foreign Industries), Bangladesh Investment Development Authority

Moderator: H.E. Riaz Hamidullah, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Sri Lanka

Session 5

Parallel session B

10.45hrs-12.00hrs- Air cargo for logistics

(75 mins)

- Sri Lankan air cargo industry- Chamara Ranasinghe, Head of Cargo, Sri Lankan Airlines (12 mins)
- New developments in the air cargo industry-Chaminda Perera, Cargo Manager, Emirates, Sri Lanka (GSA) (12 mins)
- How carriers and freight forwarders view investment in technology- Eric Johnson, Senior Editor Technology, JOC, USA(12 mins)
Panelist- Jagath Pathirane, Chief Administrative Officer, EFL International HQ
Danusha Gunawardena, Country Manager, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka (DSV Air & Sea)
Moderator- Andre Fernando, Managing Director, MAC Holdings

Pre-lunch session

Session 6 A

12.00hrs-12.20hrs- Future warehouses and warehousing management technology

(20 mins)

Danushka Jayasinghe- Head of Marketing & Sales, ITX360

Session 6 B

12.20hrs-12.40hrs- How can software change your business

(20 mins)

Mahendra Balasuriya, Director, Asvinta Global, Cargowise Business and Service Partner

Session 6 C

12.40hrs-13.00hrs- CIFC a business hub for logistics

(20 mins)

Thulsi Aluvihare, Head of Business Development and Strategy, CHEC Port City Colombo

13.00pm-13.45pm-Lunch

(45 mins)

Session 7

13.45hrs-14.30hrs- Insights into banking & e-documents

(45 mins)

- The UNCTAD global perspective on logistics and e-commerce –Vincent Valentine, Transport Economist, UNCTAD (12 mins)
 - Are banks relevant in the future of evolving logistics industry- Roger Norton, Executive Director – Head, Transaction Banking , Standard chartered bank (12 mins)
- Moderator-M.N. Prabath, CEO, Talent Bridge

Session 8

Parallel session A

14.30hrs-15.30hrs- Understanding and managing different products and services in logistics

(60 mins)

- Managing retail supply chain logistics- Senath Jayatillake, CEO, John Keells Logistics (10 mins)
- How cold storage logistics work and managing perishable cargo- Givantha Ariyaratne, Head of Business Development & Marketing - Emergent Cold Sri Lanka (10 mins)
- Pharmaceutical & contract logistics- Sahan Jaysinghe, Country Director, Hellmann Worldwide Logistics (12 mins)
- Moderator- Samantha Bombuwalage-COO, SyTrans, Vir Trans Capital/ Assistant GM, CL Synergy

Session 8

Parallel session B

14.30hrs-15.30hrs- Apparel supply chain logistics

(60 mins)

- Modern apparel sourcing trends and role of logistics- Anton Grebener, CEO, Hellmann MAS Supply Chain (12 mins)
 - How Collaborative Logistics Management Increases Supply Chain Efficiency- Dileepa Dissanayake, Director, APL Logistics & Freight Forwarding Lanka (12 mins)
 - The future of the apparel industry & manufactures view on logistics- Rakhil Hirdaramani, Director, Hirdaramani Group(12 mins)
- Panelists-Suren Abeysekara, Chairman, Sri Lanka Shippers' Council, Channa Gunawardena, COO, Expelogix, Imalka Kumarapeli, 2nd Vice Chairman, Sri Lanka Shippers' Council
- Moderator- Sean Van Dort- Chairman, Global Shippers' Forum

Session 9

15.30hrs-16.45hrs- 4th industrial revolution: technology & E-commerce (75 mins)

- UNCTAD role in facilitating e-commerce and a level playing field for merchants and buyers-Shamika Sirimanne, UNCTAD Director Logistics & E-Commerce (15 mins)
- Technology as an enabler of trade & logistics- 5G impact- Supun Weerasinghe, CEO, Dialog Axiata-(12 mins)
- Digital freight forwarding for South Asia & Block chain for Supply Chain Management- Danushka Jayasinghe, Head of Marketing & Sales, ITX360 (12 mins)
Chamila Bandara, CEO FedEx & TNT, Amar Cassim, Director, UPS
Moderator-Sanjeeva Abeygoonewardena, President, SLAAEC

Session 10

16.45hrs-18.00hrs Trade Facilitation, enabling technology (75 mins)

- The importance of adopting WTO trade facilitation agreement for logistics- H.E. David Holly, High Commissioner of Australia (12 mins)
- New developments in ASYCUDA world that can help logistics- Renaud Massent, Development & Operations, ASYCUDA, UNCTAD (12 mins)
Panelists: Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka, Samir Shah- Partner in JBS Group of Companies, India, Eric Johnson, Senior Editor Technology, JOC, USA, Suren Abeysekara, Chairman, Sri Lanka Shippers' Council
Moderator-Rohan Masakorala, Founder Chairman, CIMC Events & CEO Shippers' Academy Colombo