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
(75 mins)

- 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- Mahbubul 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

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 (75mins)

- 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