



Gasping for Fresh Air?

Media Briefing on the Challenges of Air Quality and Mobility Management in South Asian Cities

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Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 7

DRAFT AGENDA

- 09:00 AM **Registration**
- 09:30 AM **Welcome remarks**
By Nalaka Gunawardene, Director/CEO, TVE Asia Pacific
- 09:40 AM **Introduction to CSE's engagement with the media in South Asia**
By Souparno Banerjee, Programme Director, Media Resource Centre, CSE
- 09:50 AM **Presentation 1: The insidious link between air pollution, public health and mobility -- a regional perspective**
By Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director - Research and Advocacy, CSE
- 10:50 AM **Tea/coffee break**
- 11:15 AM **Presentation 2: Challenges of understanding and combating air pollution in Sri Lanka**
By Prof O A Ileperuma, University of Peradeniya
- 11:45 AM **Questions arising from Presentations 1 and 2**
- 12:00 **Panel discussion: The mobility crisis in Colombo: A search for sustainable solutions**
Moderator: Nalaka Gunawardene
Panelists:
- Mr Don S Jayaweera, Director General, Ministry of Finance
 - Ms Priyanthi Frenando, Executive Director, Centre for Poverty Analysis
 - Dr T L Gunaruwan, Senior Lecturer, University of Colombo (former Secretary, Ministry of Transport & former General Manager of Railways)
 - Dr Thusitha Sugathapala, CleanAir Sri Lanka
 - Mr Anura Jayatilake, Air Resource Management Centre (AirMAC), Ministry of Environment
 - Prof O A Ileperuma, University of Peradeniya
 - Ms Anumita Roychowdhury, CSE
- 01:00 PM **Open house discussion** with focus on the information needs of media
- 01:30 PM **Conclusion**, followed by lunch