



# South Asia Parliamentarian Platform for Children



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Monday 02 September 2019 – Parliament of Sri Lanka			
Time	Session	Speakers	Facilitator
08.00-08:15	Security Briefing by Ministerial Security Division (MSD) at the Onyx Conference Room, Hilton Hotel	<i>All Participants</i>	
08:15-09:00	Convene at the hotel lobby and travel to Parliament of Sri Lanka	<i>All Participants</i>	
09:15	Arrival at Parliament - Members Entrance	To be received by the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Deputy Speaker and the Secretary General of Parliament	
09:30	The National Anthem and Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp		Ms. Tharushi Weerasinghe
09:40	Welcome remarks	Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera Assistant Secretary General of Parliament	
09:45	Address	Ms. Jean Gough Regional Director, UNICEF Office for South Asia	
09:55	Address	Ms. Rishfa Rasheed Director of Social Affairs, SAARC Secretariat	
10:05	Address	Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs). Thusitha Wijemanne Chairperson, Sectoral Oversight Committee on Women and Gender and Vice Chairperson of the Parliamentary Caucus for Children	
10:15	Keynote address	Hon. Karu Jayasuriya Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka	
10:25	Convention on the Rights of the Child: <i>Achievements after 30 Years</i>	Dr. Hiranthi Wijemanne Expert Member on the Monitoring Committee of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	
10:55	Youth voice: <i>on the Need for Child Participation</i>	Ms. Kavindya Thennakoon	
11:05	Closing of the Inaugural Session in Parliament	Hon. Ananda Kumarasiri Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committees of Parliament	
11:15	Official group photo	MP Delegation	
11:30	Tour of Parliament	All Participants	
12:00	Luncheon at the Members Dining Room in Parliament		
13:30-16:30	Convene at the Parliament Lobby and leave for a Colombo City Tour en-route to the Hilton Hotel		
18:15	Convene at the Hilton Hotel Lobby and leave for Speakers Residence	All Participants	
19:30-21:30	Dinner Reception and Cultural Show hosted by the Speaker of Sri Lanka Parliament <sup>1</sup> – Hon. Karu Jayasuriya		

<sup>1</sup> This event will take place at the Speaker's Residence. The shuttle will depart at 18:30 from the hotel. Invitations will be provided in the conference pack for all conference participants.

**Tuesday 03 September 2019 –Blue Conference Hall, Hilton Hotel**

Time	Session	Speakers	Facilitator
08:45-09:00	Opening Remarks	<b>Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle</b> Chairperson of Parliamentary Caucus for Children, Sri Lanka	<b>Mr. Tim Sutton,</b> UNICEF Representative, Sri Lanka
09:00-09:15	Prevention of Violence against Children in the CRC	<b>Dr. Rinchen Chopel</b> Director General, SAIEVAC Secretariat	
09:15-10:00	Ending Early and Forced Marriage	Representing <b>Afghanistan</b> <b>Hon. Sayed Azim Kabarzani</b>	<b>Hon. (Prof). Ashu Marasinghe</b> <b>(Sri Lanka)</b>
10:00-10:45	Connecting Youth to Policymakers	Representing <b>Bangladesh</b> <b>Hon. Fazle Rabbi Miah</b>	
10:45-11:00	Tea/Coffee Break at the Blue Conference Hall - Lobby		
11:00-11:15	Hearing from the Youth	Mr. H M Sabir, Bangladesh	<b>Hon. Kamal Safi</b> <b>(Afghanistan)</b>
11:15-12:00	Early Childhood Care and Development	Representing <b>Bhutan</b> <b>Hon. Samdrup R Wangchuk</b>	
12:00-12:45	Gender Considerations in the Application of the CRC	Representing <b>India</b> <b>Hon. (Dr.) Sanjay Jaiswal</b>	
12:45-13:45	Lunch at the Grace Kitchen - Hilton Lobby Level		
13:45-14:00	Hearing from the Youth	Ms. Farishta Wali, Afghanistan	<b>Hon. Aroma Datta</b> <b>(Bangladesh)</b>
14:00-14:45	Awareness Raising about the CRC	Representing <b>Maldives</b> <b>Hon. Jeehan Mahmood</b>	
14:45-15:30	Rights for Children with Disabilities	Representing <b>Nepal</b> <b>Hon. Mrs. Puspa Bhusal</b>	
15:30-15:45	Tea/Coffee Break at the Blue Conference Lobby		
15:45-16:00	Hearing from the Youth	Ms. Prakriti Bhattarai, Nepal	<b>Hon. Samdrup R Wangchuk (Bhutan)</b>
16:00-16:45	Addressing Inequalities in Access to Education	Representing <b>Pakistan</b> <b>Hon. Kanwal Shouzab</b>	
16:45-17:30	Juvenile Justice System for Children in Conflict or Contact with the Law	Representing <b>Sri Lanka</b> <b>Hon. M. A Sumanthiran</b>	
17:30-17:45	Reading and signing of the “The Colombo Declaration to Take Concrete Actions to Realize Child Rights in South Asia”	<b>Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle</b> Chairperson of Parliamentary Caucus for Children	<b>Ms. Jean Gough</b> Regional Director, UNICEF Office for South Asia
		<b>Hon. Karu Jayasuriya</b> Speaker, Parliament of Sri Lanka	
17:45-17:50	Youth Pledge	<b>Afa Hussein - Maldives</b>	
17:50-18:00	Day 2 Closing Remarks	<b>Ms. Jean Gough</b> Regional Director, UNICEF Office for South Asia	
		<b>Hon. Karu Jayasuriya</b> Speaker of the House of Parliament of Sri Lanka	
18:00 – 19:30	Reception at the Ruby Conference Room, Social media engagement	<b>All Participants</b> <b>Hashtags: #Paliamentarians4children #ForEveryChild</b>	