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# Institutionalising Science Advice to Governments

[JAIC Hilton Colombo Residencies, Colombo 2]  
(Conference Room, Level 3A)

Thursday, 6 July 2023

## Inaugural Session:

Chair: Professor Nadira Karunaweera, President, NASSL

18 45 Inauguration by lighting the traditional Oil Lamp

19 00 - 19 15 Welcome, and an Outline of the Project  
**Professor Nadira Karunaweera, President, NASSL**

19 15 - 19 30 Opening Remarks  
**Dr Peter McGrath, Coordinator, InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)**

Address by the Chief Guest  
**Professor Remi Quirion (President, INGSA)**

19 30 - 20 10 Address by the Guest of Honour  
**Professor A Nuri Yurdusev, President, AASSA**

Address by the Guest of Honour  
**Professor Zakri Hamid (Chair, INGSA South-east Asia network)**

20 10 - 20 40 Keynote address  
**Rohan Pethiyagoda, Fellow, National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka**

20 40 - 20 45 Vote of Thanks  
**Professor Sagarika Ekanayake, General Secretary, NASSL**

20 45 Dinner

Friday, 7 July 2023

**Session I:**

**Chair: Professor Nadira Karunaweera, President, NASSL**

08 30 - 09 30 *Plenary Presentation 1* - Lessons for Science Advice from the COVID-19 Pandemic  
**Professor Roger Pielke Jr., Centre for Science and Technology Policy Research, University of Colorado Boulder, USA**

09 30 - 10 00 *Plenary Presentation 2* - The Situational Analysis  
**Professor Saroj Jayasinghe, Fellow, NASSL**

10 00 - 10 30 Refreshments

**Session II:**

**Chair: Professor Nadira Karunaweera, President, NASSL**

Country presentations by representatives based on responses to the questionnaire and the SWOT analysis

Responses from the Discussants

10 30 - 13 00

- **Professor Veranja Karunaratne** (Fellow, NASSL, and Chairman, National Science and Technology Commission of Sri Lanka)
- **Professor Ranjith Senaratne** (Fellow, NASSL, and Chairman, National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka)
- General discussion

13 00 - 14 00 Lunch

**Session III:**

**Chair: Professor Priyan Dias, Immediate Past President, NASSL**

14 00 - 15 00 *Plenary Presentation 3* - Establishing Science Advice Processes: Malaysian experience  
**Professor Hazami Habib, CEO, Academy of Sciences Malaysia**

15 00 - 15 30 *Plenary Presentation 4* - Developing roadmaps (a framework)  
**Professor Priyan Dias, Immediate Past President, NASSL**

15 30 - 16 00 Refreshments

**Session IV:**

**Chair: Professor Saroj Jayasinghe, Fellow, NASSL**

16 00 - 17 30 Group work on Developing Roadmaps for each country

Saturday, 8 July 2023

**Session V:**

**Chair: Professor Saroj Jayasinghe, Fellow, NASSL**

<b>08 30 - 10 30</b>	Presentations on individual road maps and the role of Science Academies
<b>10 30 - 11 00</b>	Refreshments
<b>11 00 - 12 00</b>	A template for case studies with examples from Sri Lanka <b>Dr Ranjith Mahindapala, Fellow, NASSL</b>
<b>12 00 - 12 30</b>	Concluding remarks and Future Actions <b>Professor Saroj Jayasinghe, Fellow, NASSL</b>
<b>12 30 - 13 30</b>	Lunch
<b>14 00 - 17 00</b>	Excursion to the Lotus Tower, Colombo [optional] < <a href="https://colombolotustower.lk/">https://colombolotustower.lk/</a> >