**Programme**

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| **9.00 am** | Welcome address  
President, SLNC-OWSD  
President, NASSL                                                                 |
| **9.15 am** | Address of Chief Guest – Dr. Shahani Markus  
*I CAN!* instead of ‘CAN I?’ |
| **9.45 am** | Address by KN Speaker – Vidya Jyothi Dr. Bandula Wijay  
*Education and entrepreneurship to lead Sri Lanka into Global Leadership* |
| **10.15 am** | Tea |

**Part One: To start, rise and stay at the top**

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| **10.30 am** | Introduction of session and resource persons  
Symposium Chair and Panel Coordinator: Dr. Ruanthi De Silva |
| **10.40 am** | To start - Climbing up the business ladder starting from the lowest rungs  
Ms. Vidyani Hettigoda, Director, Hettigoda group of companies |
| **11.00 am** | To rise - Moving forward from local to the international level  
Ms. Darshi Keerthisena, Creative Director, Buddhi Batiks |
| **11.20 am** | Innovative ideas and timely implementation  
Ms. Achala Samaradivakara, Director and Co-Founder Good Market |
| **11.40 am** | Regulatory framework related to start ups  
Ms. Chathuri Ranasinghe, Chairperson, Women’s Chamber of Industry and Commerce |
| **12 noon** | Social innovation and entrepreneurship to solve Grand Global Challenges  
Mr. Heminda Jayaweera, COO, SLINTEC |
| **12.20 pm** | Panel discussion |
| **1.00 pm** | Lunch |

**Part Two: Funding to bring ideas to life**

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| **1.40 pm** | Introduction of session and resource persons  
Symposium Chair and Panel Coordinator: Mr. Rathika de Silva |
| **1.50 pm** | Empowering Scientists Through Entrepreneurship – Role of Financial Institutions  
Mr. Thusitha Nakandala, Deputy General Manager-Branch Banking, Sampath Bank Plc |
| **2.10 pm** | Technology Grants  
Mr. Janaka Karunasena, Head, Technology Division, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka |
| **2.30 pm** | How to engage with Private Sector R&D, while being in Public Sector  
Ms. Manisha Rajapakse, CEO, Representative, National Research Council, Sri Lanka |
| **2.50 pm** | Panel discussion |
| **3.30 pm** | Vote of thanks followed by tea |

**Saturday 28th March 2020, 9.00 am to 3.30 pm at Jetwing Colombo Seven**