

# Evidence-Based Decision Making: Lessons Learnt from Sri Lanka's Journey on Institutionalizing Science Advice and the way forward

## Agenda

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM - 11:30 PM (3 hours)

Venue: Waters Edge, Battaramulla

Agenda Item #01	8:30 am - 9:00 am	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b>
Agenda Item #02	9:00 am - 9:15 am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Welcome address by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Sri Lanka - (Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology) Introduction by the National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka - (President, NASSL)
Agenda Item #03	9:15 am - 9:30 am	<b>Session 1 – Evidence-based Policy Making</b> Objectives of the Session (To emphasize the science for policy in Sri Lanka and to strengthen the evidence-based policy-making). - Chief Guest Hon (Prof.) Chrishantha Abeyseena
Agenda Item #04	9:30 am - 9:50 am	<b>Session 2 - NASSL-IAP Report on Institutionalizing Science Advice (NASSL)</b> To share experiences from regional countries (NASSL study summary) - NK
Agenda Item #05	9:50 am – 10.10 am	<b>Session 3 - A framework for Evidence-Based Policies.</b> The Colombo Framework - SJ
Agenda Item #06	10:10 am – 11.15 am	<b>Session 4 Panel Discussion on the way forward</b> - A road map for future work. - Panelists: SJ, PD, JW, SF, VA, DW

Agenda Item #07	11:15 am – 11.30 am	<b>Session 5 Concluding Session</b> The road map to implement evidence-based policy-making <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Key take aways and recommendations <a href="#">SJ</a></li><li>- Participants’ views: to contribute to the implementation of the report's recommendations</li><li>- Moderated by MoST and NASSL <a href="#">RM</a></li></ul>
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