

# ASIAN DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK 2023 AND ADDRESSING SRI LANKA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS

ADB

4 APRIL 2023

9.00 AM - 11.25 AM

11.30 AM - 1.55 PM

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## ABOUT THE EVENT

Serendipity Knowledge Program (SKOP) is an ADB platform dedicated to identifying knowledge solutions for Sri Lanka's development challenges. Serendib is one of Sri Lanka's ancient names and serendipity refers to a fortunate finding, which is a common occurrence throughout the history of product invention and scientific discovery. ADB established this new knowledge program in 2021 in line with its vision as a knowledge solutions bank.

The latest edition of SKOP events will launch the Asian Development Outlook for 2023. The ADB team will present the outlook for Asia and the Pacific, followed by a session on the outlook for South Asia and Sri Lanka. The event will feature a keynote speech by the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, sharing his views and insights into steering the economy through a crisis and early lessons. This will be followed by a deep dive into Sri Lanka's current economic challenges and way forward with a panel discussion. The Panel will include participants from the government, the banking sector, prominent economic advisors and the ADB. The discussions will focus on the impact of the crisis on both the private and public sector and measures to overcome the crisis along the narrow path ahead. The IMF Resident Representative for Sri Lanka, will deliver a special address on the recently approved IMF Extended Fund Facility Arrangement for Sri Lanka.



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**NIRUKTHI  
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*MC*



**SHAMINDRA  
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*Moderator*



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<b>Program</b>	MC: Nirukthi Kariyawasam
<b>9:00 - 9:05 am</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Chen Chen, Country Director, Sri Lanka Resident Mission, ADB
<b>9:05 - 9:20 am</b>	<b>Keynote Speech on Steering the Economy Through a Crisis – Early Lessons Learnt</b> Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor Central Bank of Sri Lanka
<b>9:20 - 9:55 am</b>	<b>Outlook for 2023 for Asia and the Pacific</b> Irfan Qureshi, Economist Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB Rana Hasan, Regional Economic Advisor South Asia Department, ADB
<b>9:55 - 10:05 am</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>10:05 - 10:45 am</b>	<b>Panel Discussion on Sri Lanka's Current Economic Challenges and the Way Forward</b> K M Mahinda Siriwardana, Secretary to the Treasury Sri Lanka Sharmini Coorey, Member of the Presidential Advisory Group on Multilateral Engagement and Debt Sustainability and a former Department Director of the International Monetary Fund Aruni Goonetilleke, Chairperson, Hatton National Bank Utsav Kumar, Deputy Country Director, Sri Lanka Resident Mission, ADB <b>Moderator: Shamindra Kulamannage</b>
<b>10:45 - 11:05 am</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>11:05 - 11:15 am</b>	<b>Special Address on the IMF's Extended Fund Facility Arrangement for Sri Lanka</b> Sarwat Jahan, Resident Representative for Sri Lanka, IMF
<b>11:15 - 11:25 am</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Anuradha Kumarasiri, Director General, National Planning Department of Sri Lanka Kenichi Yokoyama, Director General, South Asia Department, ADB

