

AGENDA

TOWARDS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY TEA INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2022

8.30 am	Registration of participants
9.00 am	Welcome and Objectives of the Conference <i>Shyamali Gnanasena, Child Rights Technical Advisor, The Centre</i>
9.05 am	Impact of family friendly workplaces on businesses <i>Dr. Ines Kaempfer, CEO, The Centre</i>
9.15am	A multidimensional equality measurement framework for children: Guest Speaker (pre-recording) <i>Dr. Tania Burchardt, Associate Director, Center for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics and Political Science</i>
9.30 am	Filling tea mugs and changing rooms
9.40 am:	(Parallel Sessions) SESSION I: FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION: <i>Moderator: Ranjan Weththasinghe, Director Programme Development and Quality, Save the Children</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Lal Perera, Director General, Plantations Human Development Trust</i>• <i>Geeth Kumara, COO, Elpitiya Plantations</i>• <i>Dr Kalana Peiris, Programme Policy Officer – Nutrition, United Nations World Food Programme</i>• <i>Anuruddha Gamage, General Manager HR and Corporate Sustainability, Kelani Valley Plantations</i> SESSION II: CREATING A PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN TEA ESTATES <i>Moderator: Shyamali Gnanasena, Child Rights Technical Advisor, The Centre</i> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Buddhini Withana, Senior Technical Advisor Child Protection and Child Rights in Business, Save the Children</i>• <i>Chanaka Udayakumara, Chairman, National Child Protection Authority</i>• <i>Johann Rodrigo, CEO, Horana Plantations</i>• <i>Milani Salpitikorala, Founder, Child Protection Force</i>

11.00am	Refilling tea mugs and changing rooms
11.10 am	<p>(Parallel Sessions)</p> <p>SESSION III: GENDER EQUALITY AND JUSTICE</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ahila Thillainathan, Country Director, The Centre for Child Rights and Business</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Senaka Alawattegama, CEO, Talawakelle Tea Estates</i> • <i>Rochelle Perera, Head of HR and DE&I Champion Plantations, John Keells Holding</i> • <i>Yogeshwary Krishnan, Secretary, Working Women’s Front</i> • <i>Leelanath Wickrama Arachchi, Director, Ministry of Plantation Industries</i> <p>SESSION IV: CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ON TEA SECTOR AND WAY FORWARD</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jayantha Wijesingha, Climate change champion</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Thusitha Bandara, Director, Bogawantalawa Tea Estates</i> • <i>M.I. Izzadeen, Senior General Manager Sustainability, Elpitiya Plantations</i> • <i>Uchita de Soyza, Managing Director, Global Sustainability Solutions</i> • <i>Watsala Jayamanna, Programme Officer, UNICEF</i>
12.30 pm	Lunch Break
1.30pm	<p>(Parallel Sessions)</p> <p>SESSION V: ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN TEA ESTATES</p> <p><i>Moderator – Rushika Dias, Deputy Chief of Party, Save the Children</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Subramaniam Eassuwaren, Vice Chairman, Eswaran Brothers</i> • <i>Jagath Kusumsiri, Programme Specialist Education, Child Fund</i> • <i>Anusuya Godwin, Technical Specialist Skill building, World Vision</i> • <i>Anuruddha Gamage, General Manager HR and Corporate Sustainability, Kelani Valley Plantations</i> <p>SESSION VI: ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH SKILL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p><i>Moderator: Shirantha Gamage, Senior Programme Manager, Save the Children</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Ines Kaempfer, CEO, The Centre</i> • <i>Manjula Samarakoon, acting CEO, Bogawantalawa Tea Estates</i>

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2.50pm	Refilling tea mugs and changing rooms
3.00pm	<p>Key priorities and challenges faced by women and children in tea communities</p> <p>Guest Speaker (pre-recording)</p> <p><i>Menaha Kandasamy, Founding member, Red Flag Women's Movement</i></p>
3.14pm	<p>Panel discussion takeaways</p> <p><i>Shyamali Gnanasena and Ahila Thillainathan</i></p>
3.25pm	<p>Role in creating and promoting a family friendly tea industry</p> <p><i>Remarks by Niraj De Mel, Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board</i></p>
3.35 pm	<p>Way forward – Introducing the CRIB Tea network</p> <p><i>Ahila Thillainathan, Country Director, The Centre</i></p>
3.45pm	<p>Connecting (parallel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health wellbeing dialogue with Prof Diyanath - Networking over tea
5.30 pm	End of the conference