

“Nitrogen for Climate and Green Recovery” (27-29 April 2021, Colombo) – Agenda and registration instructions for governments.

This document sets out the current agenda for Day 1: 27 April High level meeting of the “Nitrogen for Climate and Green Recovery” (27-29 April 2021, Colombo) virtual event

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day	Date	Edinburgh Time (BST)	Colombo Time (IST)	Agenda	Type
1	Tuesday 27 April 2021	10:00 – 11:40	14:30 – 16:10	High level meeting: VIP speeches, launch of #Nitrogen4NetZero initiative and panel discussion by experts from UN-conventions	webinar, public
2	Wednesday 28 April 2021	10:00 – 12:00	14:30 – 16:30	Multi-actor dialogue: a range of views from science, NGO and business perspective.	webinar, public
3	Thursday 29 April 2021	10:00 – 13:00	14:30 – 17:30	Policy maker dialogue: South Asia Government officials preparing a #Nitrogen4NetZero proposal	closed session

DAY 1 - 27 April: VIP SPEAKERS

Purpose of session:

- Introduction to the event Agenda.
- Introduction and launch of the #Nitrogen4NetZero initiative, with South Asia focus
- Statements made by VIPs to set out their countries ambition for COP26 and how action on nitrogen is needed to reach Net Zero with multiple co-benefits
- Panel discussion by experts from UN-conventions.

Draft Agenda/Format:

1. **H.E. Sarah Hulton**, British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka – Introduction to conference and relation to COP26. (5 min)
2. **H.E. Prof. Jayanath Colombage**, Foreign Secretary, Government of Sri Lanka, Government of Sri Lanka – Opening comments (5 min)
3. **Prof. Paul Monks**, BEIS Chief Scientific Advisor, UK – Science and ambition for COP26 (7)
4. **Prof. Mark Sutton**, Director UKRI GCRF South Asian Nitrogen Hub – Sustainable Nitrogen Management in relation to climate mitigation (7 min)

5. **H.E. Hanaa Singer**, UN Resident Coordinator to Sri Lanka – Linking up nitrogen action across United Nations activities (5 min)
6. **H.E. Ken O’ Flaherty**, COP26 Regional Ambassador – Objectives for COP26 and Why nitrogen is relevant (5 min)
7. 1 minute launch video #Nitrogen4NetZero
8. **H.E. President of Sri Lanka** – Video speech: Nitrogen, COP26 and the Colombo Declaration (5 min)
9. **H.E. Prakash Javadekar**, Indian Minister of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change (5 min) (tbc)
10. **Dr. Haseeb Payab**, Deputy Director General, Policy Plan & Monitoring, National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), Afghanistan (4 min)
11. **H.E. Md. Shahab Uddin**, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, People’s Republic of Bangladesh. (4 min)
12. **Hon. Phento Tshering**, Director, National Environment Commission Secretariat, Royal Government of Bhutan (4 min)
13. **H.E. Dr. Hussain Rasheed Hassan**, Minister of Environment, Maldives (4 min)
14. **H.E. Prem Ale Magar**, Minister of Forests and Environment of the Government of Nepal. (4 min)
15. **H.E. Malik Amin Aslam, Adviser to Prime Minister**, in charge of Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan (4 min)
16. **H.E. M. Ashraf Haidari**, Director General, South Asian Cooperative Environment Programme, Colombo, Sri Lanka (3 min)

Panel Discussion (30 min)

Chair: Hasanthi Dissanayake, DG Ocean Affairs, Environment and Climate Change, MFR, Government of Sri Lanka

- a. **Dirk Nemitz**, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- b. **Jennifer Kerr**, Chair, Working Group on Strategies & Review, Geneva Air Convention
- c. **David Cooper**, Deputy Exec Secretary, UN Convention on Biological Diversity
- d. **Leticia Carvalho**, Head of Marine and Freshwater Branch, United Nations Environment Programme
17. Session Summary: **Prof. Mark Sutton**: The nitrogen challenge for climate and green recovery (3)
18. Formal Close **H.E. Sarah Hulton**, British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka – wrap up and next steps. (3 min)