



Special Notice

Youth Dialogue 2024 – Click to Progress : Youth for a smarter Sri Lanka

1. This is further to the Notice published by this Mission's website under the title of "Office for Overseas Sri Lankan Affairs (OOSLA)" on 13 February 2024.

2. The OOSLA is planning to organize a **"Youth Dialogue 2024: Click to Progress: Youth for a Smarter Sri Lanka"** (a In person /Online programme) to hold on **Wednesday, 21 August 2024 at the National Youth Service Council, Maharagama, Sri Lanka.**

3. This event is aimed at providing a platform for the youth descendants of Overseas Sri Lankans to engage with youth of Sri Lanka. This initiative seeks;

- I. To ensure that the voices and concerns of the young individuals are integrated into the crafting of the engagement policy of OOSLA.
- II. To provide an opportunity for the youth to better understand the narratives on both sides about Sri Lanka and its socio – cultural and ethno religious diversity, its associated challenges (past and present) and potentials.
- III. To develop collectively an action plan 2024 – 2030 to implement pragmatic solutions including digital measures as pilot projects for a smarter Sri Lanka.
- IV. To facilitate avenues for promoting leadership and entrepreneurial skills of youth through sharing mutual experiences, mentorships and partnerships from OSL youth.

4. Through this initiative, the OOSLA seeks to connect the youth in overseas Sri Lankan community with the youth in Sri Lanka. The OOSLA also seeks to facilitating and strengthening of the youth in overseas Sri Lankan community engagement with the youth in Sri Lanka in particular the young generations (Gen Y-Z), building trust, and providing adequate pathways for them to explore Sri Lanka. The concept paper prepared by the OOSLA including detailed programme in this regard is enclosed herewith at **Annex I** and e-flyer at **Annex II** received from OOSLA for your reference.

5. The Youth Dialogue 2024: Click to Progress: Youth for a Smarter Sri Lanka will have following round table discussions inviting youth to share their valuable ideas relevant to the topics during the discussions.

- i. Smart leadership and Entrepreneurship
- ii. Smart Governance
- iii. Smart Society and
- iv. Two shepherds and each thematic dialogue and two Moderators present their Outcomes

6. Further information in this regard could be obtained from the website of OOSLA www.oosla.lk/youth-dialogue

7. Interested participants may provide the following details to Ms. Kunchana De Silva, PA to the Ambassador via e-mail slemb.vienna@mfa.gov.lk on or before **5 August 2024** to this Mission in order to forward to the OOSLA for further communication.

- i. Name
- ii. Age
- iii. E-mail :
- iv. Overseas Contact no.:
- v. Mode of participation: Online/In person

8. We look forward receiving positive responses from the youth in overseas Sri Lankan community with expressions of interest in taking part in the Youth Dialogue – 2024 Click to Progress: Youth for a Smarter Sri Lanka in person in Colombo or using the virtual platform.

9. We would also appreciate your assistance in sharing this information with the youth of Sri Lankan descent.

**Embassy of Sri Lanka
Vienna**

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