



Women Scientists' Forum - 2025

NSF - Women in Engineering, Science and Technology (WEST) Programme

Jointly Organized by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) in commemoration of the International Women's Day

Objectives: To commemorate the International Women's Day and to create awareness on the engagement and leadership of female scientists in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields and their contribution for the socioeconomic development of Sri Lanka.

Date: 07th March 2025

Time: 02.30 p.m. to 03.33 p.m.

Venue: Mini Auditorium II, 2nd Floor, UCFM Tower, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo

Provisional Programme*

Time	Item
01.45 p.m. – 02.30 p.m.	Registration
02.30 p.m. – 02.33 p.m.	National Anthem
02.33 p.m. – 02.36 p.m.	Welcome <i>Dr Sepalika Sudasinghe, Director General, National Science Foundation</i>
02.36 p.m. – 02.40 p.m.	Remarks <i>Prof. Saman Seneweera, Chairman, National Science Foundation</i>
02.40 p.m. – 02.43 p.m.	Message by the Special Invitee: <i>Mr Marc-Andre Franche, UN Resident Coordinator for Sri Lanka</i>
02.43 p.m. – 02.46 p.m.	Message by: <i>Mr Y. L. Mohamed Navavi, Secretary to the Ministry of Science and Technology</i>
02.46 p.m. – 02.49 p.m.	Video on Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS)
02.49 p.m. – 03.00 p.m.	Remarks by the Guest of Honor <i>Dr Chrishantha Abeysena, Hon. Minister of Science and Technology</i>
03.00 p.m. – 03.03 p.m.	Presentation on activities of scientific associations focused on women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
03.03 p.m. – 03.08 p.m.	Audience Engagement Activity
03.08 p.m. – 03.28 p.m.	Speech by the Chief Guest <i>Dr Harini Amarasuriya, Hon. Prime Minister of Sri Lanka</i>
03.28 p.m. – 03.30 p.m.	Concluding Remarks <i>Dr Shantha Siri, Additional Director, National Science Foundation</i>
03.30 p.m.	Refreshments

*The total transition time will be around 10 minutes