

Agenda

British Council Education Symposium 2025

3 June | Full Day Conference

Venue: Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo 1

Theme: Collaboration, Innovation, and Equity in Education

Time	Agenda Item
08.30 – 09.15	Registration, Welcome Breakfast & Interactive Wall <i>Guests arrive, collect packs, visit suggestion walls, and explore video booth</i>
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome Address – Kate Joyce Director, Education, Arts and English, British Council, South Asia
09.30 – 09.45	Ceremonial Lighting of Oil Lamp and National Anthem
09.45 – 10.00	Special Address – His Excellency Andrew Patrick, British High Commissioner
10.00 – 10.30	Mentimeter Audience Interaction <i>Real-time insights from participants</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Opening dialogue with Nalaka Kaluwewe, Hon. Secretary, Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education
11.00 – 11.15	Morning Tea Break

11.15 – 11.30	Keynote Address – Dr Harini Amarasuriya Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education.
11.30 – 13.00	Panel Discussion 1: Governance for Inclusive Education – Policies, Practices & Priorities A deep dive into policy frameworks, inclusive teaching strategies, and access gaps, with speakers from the Ministry of Education, UNICEF, World Bank, and British Council.
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch Break and Networking
14.15 – 15.40	Panel Discussion 2: Rethinking Education Pathways for a More Inclusive Future Discussion on language equity, digital integration, skills and career pathways, and inclusive learning models with national and international experts.
15.40 – 16.00	Interactive Reflections and Next Steps <i>Engagement with participants on commitments and ideas</i>
16.00 – 16.15	Student Showcase
16.15 – 16.25	Closing Remarks – Anju Moses, Head of English and School Education, British Council, Sri Lanka
16.25 onwards	Farewell Tea and Networking