



### III. CONFERENCE AGENDA

## “Advancing Election Transparency and Integrity: Promoting and Defending Democracy Together”

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 27-28 August 2018

ARRIVAL DAY : 26 August 2018	
14:00	<b>Arrival of Participants</b> <b>Registration of Participants</b>
DAY 1 : 27 August 2018	
08:30-09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30-10:30	<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>  <b>Lighting of Traditional Oil Lamp</b>  <b>Handover Message</b> Hon. Arief Budiman, Chairperson, Komisi Pemilihan Umum of Indonesia  <b>Welcome Messages</b> Hon. Mahinda Deshapriya, Chairperson, Election Commission of Sri Lanka Mr. Damaso G. Magbual, Former Chairperson, ANFREL  <b>Keynote Address</b> H.E. Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
10:30-11:00	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1</b> <b>“Contemporary State of Electoral Transparency and Integrity in Asia”</b> To set the tone of the conference, the first session will provide updates from countries with significant development or regression in electoral transparency and integrity, based on the Eight Keys to Integrity adopted in AESF-3. It will also provide a conceptual discussion to level-off with all the stakeholders present at the Forum.  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, Executive Director,</b> Center for Monitoring Election Violence, Sri Lanka (CMEV)/Centre for Policy Alternative (CPA)  Speaker 1. The perspective of non-governmental organizations: Mr. Yap Swee Seng, Executive Director, Bersih 2.0, Malaysia  Speaker 2. The perspective of interstate organizations: Mr. Zoran Trajkovski, Political and Electoral Affairs Officer, United Nations Electoral Assistance Division  Speaker 3. The perspective of election management bodies: Hon. Justice (ret.) Shakeel Ahmed Baloch, Member, Election Commission of Pakistan  <b>Interactive Session</b>
12:30-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>

14:00-15:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION 2</b> <b>“Developing Clean Electoral Processes”</b></p> <p>The second session will tackle the need to promote politics characterized by transparency and integrity to achieve quality and credible elections. This session will cover the topics such as developing strong and meaningful political parties; the impact of new technologies in electoral transparency; campaign and political financing, among others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Ms. Titi Anggraini, Executive Director, PERLUDEM, Indonesia</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 1. CSOs as agents of clean elections: Mr. Rohana Hettiarachchie, Executive Director PAFFREL Sri Lanka</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 2. Campaign and politics financial regulations: Prof. Lin Chiung-chu, Associate Professor, Soochow University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 3. The impact of ICT use in electoral processes: Ms. Julia Brothers, Elections Advisor, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 4. Implementing effective electoral justice and dispute resolution mechanisms Hon. Luie Tito F. Guia, Commissioner, Commission on Elections Philippines</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Session</b></p>
15:30-15:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Refreshment Break</b></p>
15:45-17:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION 3:</b> <b>“Initiatives on Promoting Stronger Electoral Institutions and Interregional Collaborations”</b></p> <p>This session aims to see how various national and international institutions strive to enhance capacities of government and non-government actors in resolving global challenges in electoral integrity. The discussants will focus on strategies and prospects on how these challenges can be addressed through collaborative activities among stakeholders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Director, CSDS-Lokniti India</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 1: Hon. Mochammad Afifudin, Commissioner, Badan Pengawas Pemilihan Umum Indonesia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 2: Mr. Seung Ryeol Kim, Advisor to Secretary General, Association of World Election Bodies</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 3: Mr. Bruno Kaufmann, Director of International Cooperation, Swiss Democracy Foundation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker 4: Ms. Beverly G. Hagerdon, Senior Chief of Party- Sri Lanka, International Foundation for Electoral Systems</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Session</b></p>
17:00-17:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wrap Up and Closing of Day One</b> Hon. Dr. Alcino de Araujo Baris, President/Chairman, National Commission for Elections (CNE) of Timor-Leste (TBC)</p>
18:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome Dinner and Cultural Evening</b></p>



DAY 2 : 28 August 2018				
09:00-09:30	<b>OPENING OF SECOND DAY</b>  <b>Keynote Address</b> Hon. R. Sampanthan, Leader of the Opposition, Parliament of the Sri Lanka Mr. Panha Koul, Chairperson of ANFREL  <b>Review of Day One</b> Mr. Adilur Rahman Khan, Board Member, ANFREL  <b>Speeches from the Partners</b>			
09:30-10:45	<b>PLENARY SESSION 4</b> <b>“Inclusiveness and Meaningful Participation Amidst Emerging Challenges to Democracy”</b> The fourth plenary session recognizes the worrying trend of shrinking democratic space; it will also discuss emerging democratic challenges and the role of more inclusive communities to overcome them.  <b>Moderator: Mr. NeelKantha Uprety, former Chief of Election Commission of Nepal and Chairperson of DECON</b>  Speaker 1. Stepping Forward in Achieving Gender Parity in Electoral Outcomes: Sri Lanka’s Recent Experience with Quotas in Local Government Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, Member of Parliament  Speaker 2. Widening the space for participation of indigenous peoples Mr. Ashwani Kumar, Chief Electoral Officer, Maharashtra Election Commission of India (TBC)  Speaker 3. Disinformation, Hate Speech and Communal Incitement Challenges to Electoral Integrity & Security Mr. Vasu Mohan, Regional Director for Asia-Pacific, International Federation for Electoral Systems  Speaker 4. PWD access in Elections Mr. Nay Lin Soe, Executive Director, Myanmar Independent Living Initiative  <b>Interactive Session</b>			
10:45-11:00	<b>Break</b>			
11:00-12:30	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION: Thematic Focus Group Discussions on the Colombo Pledge</b>  The workshop session will divide and cluster the participants based on the categories in the draft Colombo Pledge. Each group is tasked to thresh out the items listed in the Colombo Pledge and draft an actual working plan on how to enforce the document in their respective countries, sub-regionally, and on a regional level. Each group will be assigned to follow-up on the progress of implementing the Colombo Pledge for Advancing and Promoting Democracy.			
	<b>Group 1:</b> Open, Balanced and Accurate Information  Moderator: Mr. Naeem Ayubzada, TEFA Executive Director  Rapporteur: Mr. Aiman Rasheed	<b>Group 2:</b> Efficient Electoral Justice and Legal Framework  Moderator: Mr. Ramon Casiple IPER Executive Director  Rapporteur: Mr. Amaël Vier	<b>Group 3:</b> Democratic Inclusion of Vulnerable Populations  Moderator: Mrs. Erni Andriani AGENDA, Program Manager  Rapporteur: Ms. Kristina Gadaingan	<b>Group 4:</b> Electoral Integrity and Individual Freedoms  Mr. Sai Ye Kyaw Swar Myint PACE Executive Director  Rapporteur: Mr. Karel Jiaan Galang

12:30-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION 5: Presentation of Outcome from the Thematic Focus Group Discussions</b> Moderator: Ichal Supriadi, Secretary General, Asian Democracy Network</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interactive Session</b></p>
15:30-16:00	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
16:00-17:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b> AESF-IV endorses the Colombo Pledge Announcing AESF-V</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Message of Thanks by</b> Mr. N.J.Abeysekara (PC), Member, Election Commission of Sri Lanka Mrs. Chandanie Watawala, Executive Director, ANFREL</p>
18:00	<b>Dinner</b>