

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

IN THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
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Second AGM Notice to All Members

As already notified, and after the Emergency Executive Committee meeting held on 15th March 2025, the 75th Annual General Meeting of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka will be held on **Sunday 06th April 2025** commencing at 11.00 a.m. at the **National Secretariat 39/1, Cyril Jansz Mawatha, Panadura**. The AGM will be followed by Lunch.

Kindly note all changes to the previous notice regarding 75th AGM 2025.

At the close of nomination at 11.00 hours on 9th March 2025, on the same day the Nomination Board met and recommended a list of members to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee accepted the list of members after that the Secretary General gave in his resignation stating with immediate effect, following this there was a request by five members of the Executive Committee for an emergency Executive Committee meeting. This proposal was accepted, and the notice and agenda were circulated to all Executive Committee members. Th Secretary General excused himself for the meeting. The meeting was held at the UNASL Secretariat at 10.00 am onwards on 15th March 2025,

The quorum for the Executive committee meeting criteria was met. The agenda was adopted on a proposal by Mr. Dharmadasa Vitharanage and seconded by Ms. Panchali Rathnayake the additional items to discuss were proposed by Mr. Kumudu Weerasinghe seconded by Athula Kanagarathne and adopted unanimously. The following additional changes were discussed

- 1. Resignation letter of Dr Upali Jayawardena which came after the notice was circulated.
- 2. Women's Day Program.
- 3. Update the list of Executive Committee Members with their designations and fill in the vacancies for the year 2025/2026 to be recommended to the 75th AGM of UNASL.

At the meeting the following decisions were made

- 1. Date of 75th AGM of UNASL was changed from 29th March to 6th April 2025 and the Venue was changed from Ramadia Ranmal holiday resort to National Secretariat General of UNASL registered office in Panadura.
- 2. The Secretary General Mr. Errol Smith's resignation was tabled discussed and accepted unanimously with immediate effect.
- 3. The resignation of Asst. Sec. Gen Dr Upali Jayawardena was accepted unanimously.
- 4. Women's day program was discussed and agreed to be held on 22nd March 2025.
- 5. The committee discussed and decided unanimously to update the Executive Committee Members list, Assign them with designations to be recommended to the 75th AGM of UNASL on 6th April 2025 by the outgoing Executive Committee.
- 6. Names of applicants received from 1. Mr. Errol Smith, 2. Dr. Upali Jayawardena and 3. Dr Palitha Kohona were discussed but not recommended by the Executive Committee, as the majority vote of the Executive Committee Members selected other candidates for those positions.
- 7. The Executive Committee decided that Dr Rushanudeen will take up the role of Secretary General and Mr. Dharmadasa Vitharanage will take up the role of Executive Chairman with immediate effect and continue until the 75th AGM.

The out going Executive Committee made the following recommendations

The outgoing Executive Committee of the Association has made the following unanimous recommendations for the 75th Annual General Meeting for 2025/26 **Executive Committee to be held on 6th April 2025 at 11.00 AM at the UNAS Secretariat.**

President : Mr. Mohamed Mahamud Zawahir

Chairman of the Executive Committee : Mr. Dharmadasa Vitharanage

Secretary-General : Dr. Mohamed Marzook Mahamud Rushanudeen

Treasurer : Mr. Kumudu Weerasinghe

Editor : Ms. Shyama Wijekulasuriya

Assistant Treasurer , : Mr. Dharmadasa Vitharanage

Two Deputy Chairmen of the Ex-Co : 1. Mr. Sampath Priyankara

: 2. Mr. D.M. Siriwardena

Three Vice Chairmen of the Ex-Co : 1. Dr. Ravi Nagarajah

: 2. Dr. Sarath M. Samarage

: 3. Dr. T. Avner Dole

Six Assistant Secretaries-General : 1. Ms. Panchali Rathnayake

: 2. Mr. Athula Kanakarathna

: 3. Mr. Ashoka Perera

: 6. Dr. Madavi Bandara

: 4. Dr. Kamal Abeywardena

: 5. Dr. Chrishantha Dissanayake

Six Ordinary Ex-Co Members : 1. Ms. D.T.R. Kumari Wijewardena

: 2. Mr. Lalith Pieris

: 3. Mr. Keerthi Gunawardana

: 4. Mr. Hemachandra Udumulla

: 5. Mr. Sarath Chandrasena

: 6. Mr. K. K. Sarath Jayathilaka

Honorary Members : 1. Brig. Granville Elapata

: 2. Dr. G.P.P. Silva

: 3. Indragith Wijekulasuriya: 4. Ms. Chandani Vitharanage

: 5. Dr. M.Z.M. Nizar

The AGENDA for the AGM to be held on 06th April 2025 at 11.00 a.m.

- 1. Hoisting of the National and UNASL Flags.
- 2. The meeting is called to order by the President.
- 3. National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance to the National Flag and The UN Flag
- 4. Condolences (Observe one-minute silence as a mark of respect for those departed UNASL, WFUNA, UN Members as well as those affiliated and associated to the UN, and Heads of State and /or Governments of UN Member-States, who have passed away and/or laid down their lives under the UN Flag)
- 5. Adoption of the Provisional AGENDA (circulated)
- 6. Messages of Excuses.
- 7. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM (to be circulated at the meeting)
- 8. Adoption of the Secretary-General's Annual Report for 2024 (already circulated in through the English Newsletters)
- 9. Adoption of the Treasurer's Audited Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2024 (already circulated).
- 10. Election of a Pro tem Chairperson by the members, followed by the election of the PRESIDENT of the Association for 2025/2026

After the Pro tem Chairperson has announced the election of the President, he calls upon the person so elected to come forward and take the Oath of Office before him/her.

The Chairperson pro tem administers the Oath of Office to the new PRESIDENT and then invites him to take the chair. The new President takes the chair and invites the Chairman pro tem to remain at the Head Table

11. Election of the Executive Committee for 2025/2026.

The President will read out the names of the persons whose nominations for election /re-election to the 2025/2026 Executive Committee have been received by the Nomination Board and recommend meeting of the Executive Committee held on 9th March 2025, followed by an emergency Meeting held on 15th March 2025 for the final approved list was tabled and adopted by the Executive Committee.

On acceptance of the Nominations by the AGM, the President will ask each of them to come up and stand in a semicircle on either side of the head table and to take their Oath of Office collectively, before him.

- 12. Election of an Honorary Auditor for 2025 by non-Executive Committee Members of the Association.
- 13. Any other business of which notice has been given in writing to the Secretary-General to reach him at least three clear days before the meeting convenes.
- 14. Address by the President Elect
- 15. Addresses by Members-limited to 5 minutes each and to the first 5 persons followed by the address of the President and Vote of Thanks by the Secretary-General.
- 16. The meeting is formally terminated, followed by Networking and Lunch.

All Life Members and Special Life Members who receive this notice are eligible to attend the AGM on the production of their valid membership card. Corporate and Associate Members can each nominate one person to attend with a letter of authority, quoting his / her Name and National Identity Card No. All members who are eligible to attend the meeting must sign the attendance register before being admitted to the meeting.

Lunch will be served after the conclusion of the AGM and all members attending are kindly requested to confirm their participation on or before 04th April 2025 to the National Secretariat to facilitate Lunch arrangements,

NOTE:

We welcome your generous contributions to cover the cost of Lunch and other expenses in connection with the AGM. Please contact the Secretariat on Tel: 0382 232 123, to make your contributions or you can deposit to the Bank A/c. of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka Seylan Bank PLC. Panadura Branch A/C. No. 0050 0013 1936 001 and WhatsApp the receipt to 0776 979 539 with your name.

Let me take this opportunity to sincerely thank you in advance for your magnanimous gesture.

We thank Mr. S Kumarendiram Special Life Member of UNASL and Chairman of Yashi Holdings Pvt Ltd Colombo 06for the contribution of Rs 50,000/ for the Annual General Meeting

Dr. M. M. Rushanudeen

SECRETARY-GENERAL

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

15th March, 2025.