



International research & innovations symposium on
DENGUE AMIDST THE PANDEMIC 2022
Improving preparedness and response for multi-hazard scenarios
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16TH-17TH MARCH 2022
WATER'S EDGE,
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

International Research and Innovation Symposium on Dengue amidst the pandemic: Improving preparedness and response for multi-hazard scenarios -2022

16-17 March 2022, Water's Edge, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Symposium Days

16th and 17th March 2022. Please make arrangements to arrive in Sri Lanka either on the 16th March 2022 morning or before so that you are ready for the 16th of March Symposium. Please plan your departure for the evening of 17th March or later. Please note that Conference Venue (Water's Edge - Battaramulla) is located approximately 38 km and approximately one and half hour drive (at peak times - depending on the traffic conditions) away from the International Airport.

Symposium venue

The symposium will be held at Water's Edge Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka. (<https://www.watersedge.lk/>)





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Covid Situation, travelers' guidelines and health insurances

The latest information about Covid can be found in

1. Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka <https://www.epid.gov.lk/web/>.
2. National Airline webpage news section (https://www.srilankan.com/en_uk/corporate/emergency-news-detail/525) - here you will be able to find the latest travel guidelines and the quarantine measures for overseas passengers.
3. Civil Aviation Authority official webpage special notices for covid 19 section (<https://www.caa.lk/en/special-notice-for-covid-19>)

In particular, now a medical insurance is mandatory for all of the passengers, as quoted as follows.

- Sri Lankan passport holders do not require the COVID-19 Insurance coverage when traveling to Sri Lanka.
- "All Foreign National Passport Holders must have a travel insurance for at least USD 50,000 including cover for hospitalized treatment for Covid-19 infection. The period of stay in Sri Lanka and additional 14 days should be covered by the insurance"
- As per the instructions of the Hon. Minister of Tourism, please note that the above clause only will be applicable from 0001hrs on 10th of February 2022 (CMB Time).

This insurance can be obtained from <https://portal.pionline.lk/covidinsurance/> or on arrival, as specified by the National Airline.

Declaration of your health

Please fill this health declaration form before your departure.

https://www.airport.lk/health_declaration/index

Please refer to the annex 2 on Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka, for further details.

Agenda

The draft agenda will be available as a separate document at: <http://pandemic-mhew.org/index.php/programme>. You are advised to revisit this site for any update to the agenda.

Travel details

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Accommodation, Airport transfers and Internal transfers:

You are free to arrange your own accommodations and travel as you desire. If you need the facilities arranged by the symposium facilitating partner, please make necessary arrangements with Ms. Nadeeka Leeniyagoda (nadeeka@aitkenspence.lk) from Aitken Spence Travels. Her details are given below.



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Departure

You can plan your departure any time in the evening of 17th March 2022 or later. The Symposium will close at approximately 18:00 and you should leave adequate time for airport transfer.

Visa

Applying for a visa to come to Sri Lanka is relatively easy. The ETA online facility is available for this purpose.

Main web site: http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/visainfo/center.jsp?locale=en_US. Please be careful not to use other links or unauthorized agents / websites for obtaining a visa (for example by searching on google). These will charge a commission and offer no advantages over the official site.

You then need to follow the “Apply” tab,

And then select the “Business Purpose – Individual” pages. This is available at: <https://eta.gov.lk/etaslvisa/etaNavServ>

And then select “Conferences, workshops and seminars” tab. See the screenshot below.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Travel Information" with a timestamp "(Note that now it is 15:14:59 PM on 2016-01-31 in Sri Lanka)". The form includes fields for "Intended Arrival Date*", "Purpose of Visit*", "Port of Departure", "Airline/Vessel", and "Flight/Vessel Number". A dropdown menu is open for "Purpose of Visit*", showing options: "[Select Please]", "CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS" (highlighted), "PARTICIPATE IN ART, MUSIC AND DANCE EVENTS", "PARTICIPATE IN BUSINESS MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS", "PARTICIPATE IN RELIGIOUS EVENTS", "PARTICIPATE IN SYMPOSIUMS", and "SHORT TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS". Below the form is a section for "Contact Details of the Applicant's Company".

Filling contact details in Sri Lanka:
Please include the details as follows:

Company name: National Dengue Control Unit
Address: Dr. Sudath Samaraweera, Director - National Dengue Control Unit, National Dengue Control Unit, Ministry of Health, 7th Floor, Public Health Complex, 555/5 Elvitigala Mawatha | Colombo Sri Lanka 00500 (www.dengue.health.gov.lk)
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You need to enter all your details and you can thereafter pay the visa fees online. You will then get the authorization note via email. Please bring a copy of that when you travel, and you need to produce that at the immigration counter at the Sri Lanka airport.

Language

The official language of the symposium is English. No translation services will be provided.

Dress code

The dress code for the symposium is formal.

Internet Access

There will be free Wi-Fi internet access at the meeting venue for all delegates.

Currency

There are a number of Banks with counters and ATM machines at the airport. They are located immediately after passing through baggage collection and customs. The ATM at the airport has a daily withdrawal limit of 100,000 LKR. Some small notes (50LKRs and 100LKRs) are useful for tipping. Most towns have an ATM with a daily withdrawal limit of 100,000 LKR. Further, the hotel does have a cashier for foreign currency exchange.

Liability and insurance

It is recommended that participants arrange personal health and travel insurance. The organisers will not assume responsibility for injury or damage to persons or property during the meeting.

For further details

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ANNEX 01

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Name of the institution	
Name of the delegate <i>(pls fill separate forms for individual delegates)</i>	
Mobile Phone (with WhatsApp) Number	
Email address	
Arrival flight details <i>(Date and time – on or before the 15th of March 2022)</i>	
Departure flight details from Colombo <i>(Date and time)</i> <i>Note: there is flexibility for you, outside the 16th to 17th March 2022 schedule)</i>	
Airport pick up and drop off needed?	
Accommodation Required <i>(Will be reserved for you at the designated hotel for the dates you've identified)</i>	From: To :
Any other comments	



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Annex 2

Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka

Valid for arrivals from 29th January 2022

Section 01

- Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa. No prior approval required from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.
- Travellers who have completed 14 days after the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and arriving with a negative COVID-19 PCR test report obtained within 72 hours or Rapid Antigen Test report (self-swabs are disallowed) within 48 hours prior to embarkation will be considered as fully vaccinated travellers. Any vaccination type accepted by the country of origin will be accepted.
- Children of 12-18 years, if depart two weeks after obtaining at least a single dose of Pfizer Vaccine, will be considered as Fully Vaccinated.

Section 02

- Prior to boarding, travellers are required to:
 - Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit www.eta.gov.lk.
 - Have done a negative PCR test report within 72 hours or Rapid Antigen Test report (self-swabs are disallowed) within 48 hours prior to embarkation. (Children below 12 years are exempted).
 - Visit portal.pionline.lk/covidinsurance to pay for mandatory COVID 19 Local Insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 up to a period of one month (including children below 2 years).
 - Prior to boarding the flight, visit airport.lk/health_declaration/index and fill the Online Health Declaration Form individually and upload the relevant documents (Vaccination record, Predeparture COVID- 19 negative test report, Data page of the Passport etc.) to obtain the QR code. A separate form should be submitted for each of the accompanying children (if any). Note: Fully vaccinated travellers if accompanied by not-vaccinated/not-fully vaccinated children of 12-18 years, pay for the on-arrival PCR tests at USD 40 per test.
 - Travellers can pay for the PCR tests at the Ministry of Health (MOH) approved laboratory established at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) or any other MOH approved laboratory.

Section 03

- At the airport produce the following:
 - Negative COVID-19 PCR Test report (English) or Rapid Antigen Test report (English).
 - Original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate / card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English).
 - QR code generated after filling the online Health Declaration Form (in mobile phone/ hard copy).

Section 04

- On-arrival PCR tests
 - No on-arrival PCR test for “Fully Vaccinated” travellers.



- Not-vaccinated Children:
 - No on-arrival PCR test for Not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
 - Not-vaccinated children of 12 -18 years need to undergo on-arrival PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH. If the Day 1 PCR test report is negative (or if positive with a CT value > 30), they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
- No 2nd PCR for fully vaccinated travellers.

Section 05

- Accommodation & Airport transfers
Fully vaccinated travellers are allowed to make their own arrangements for accommodation, airport transfers and local transportation. However, advised to use safe and secure certified accommodations and travel agents to ensure their health and safety. (If fully vaccinated travellers are using "Safe & Secure Certified" L1 hotels / travel agents, airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective "Safe & Secure Certified" L1 hotel or travel agent)