

# ***78<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science***

***"Effective Science Communication for an Informed Society"***

## **Mini Symposium**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022, from 9 am – 12.00 pm**

**Venue: Chemistry Lecture Theatre (CLT), Faculty of Science, University of Colombo**

## **Energy Crisis: Is it local or global?**

*Sri Lanka is facing the worst energy shortage and power cuts on record. The country is currently dealing with a worsening economic crisis. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a severe impact on the Sri Lankan economy which was already ailing. Due to insufficient external/ internal buffers, our country was already sensitive to external shocks even before the pandemic. The public has been forced to stand in line for hours outside gas stations since March 2022 due to shortages owing to a Forex crisis. Daily lives of millions are still in disarray due to the continued effects of energy shortage and collapse of the economy. The scientific community has a responsibility to drive the country out of this crisis guiding the public and pressurizing the authorities to make rational choices.*

0930 to 0940:

### **Opening Remarks**

Prof. Manuj Weerasinghe

Chairman – Science and Technology Advisory

Committee / General President-SLAAS

0940 to 1130:

### **Panel Discussion**

Dr. Tilak Siyambalapitiya

Dr. Thusitha Sugathapala

Dr. Priyantha Wijayatunga

Eng. Harsha Wickramasinghe

Eng. Lakshitha Weerasinghe

### **Moderator**

Prof. Sumedha Jayanetti

Immediate Past General President-SLAAS

1130 to 1135:

### **Vote of Thanks**

1135 to 1200 :

### **Poster Session by Master's Students**

### **The event coordinator:**

Dr. Iresha Atthanayake,