Hon. Mohan Peiris P.C., Chief Justice of Sri Lanka
Hon. Mohan Peiris was appointed as the 44th Chief Justice of Sri Lanka on 15th January 2013. Prior to this, His Lordship was the Attorney General of Sri Lanka from 2008 to 2011. He was called to the Bar in 1975 and joined the Attorney General's Department in 1981 as a State Counsel, later serving as a Senior State Counsel for over 15 years. During this time he trained at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Harvard Law School, the Centre for Police and Criminal Justice Studies at Jesus College, Cambridge, and at George Washington University. Afterwards, his private practice specialized in original and appellate courts in the areas of administrative law, commercial law, land law, fundamental rights, industrial law, injunctions and criminal law and as an arbitrator. He was a visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo, Deputy President of the Sri Lanka Bar Association, and a member of the Sri Lankan Delegation to the Universal Periodic review at the 8th Session of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations.

Mr. Bruce Lawrence Davis, Vice President (Administration and Corporate Management), Asian Development Bank
Bruce Davis is the Vice-President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He assumed office in January 2013. Mr. Davis oversees the Operations Services and Financial Management Department, Office of the Secretary, Office of the General Counsel, Budget, Personnel, and Management Systems Department, and the Office of Administrative Services. He provides leadership in enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of ADB’s operations and administrative management. Prior to this, Mr. Davis was the Australian Ambassador to Ireland from 2009 to 2012. He also served more than 30 years at the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), which he led as Director General for 10 years spanning 1999-2009. Mr. Davis is an Australian national, is a Member of the Order of Australia, awarded for services to international development, and was also a Life Member of the Australian Council for International Development in 2009. He received his Bachelor's Degree in History and Government from the University of Queensland.

H.E. the President of Sri Lanka, Percy Mahendra “Mahinda” Rajapaksa
President Mahinda Rajapaksa, the fifth Executive President of Sri Lanka, was elected for a second term of office in the Presidential Election held on January 26, 2010, with the Sri Lankan electorate recognizing him as the national leader who liberated the country from the terrorism of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), and set the country on the path to peace and rapid economic development. He was first elected into Parliament in 1970. After years in public service, he was elected leader of the opposition in March 2002. His Excellency was then appointed as Prime Minister in April 2004. Subsequently, he was elected and sworn in as President for a first term on November 2005, running under the Sri Lankan Freedom Party. He is widely known for his tradition of pro-people politics, rural leadership, and as a champion of labor and human rights. For his success in ending the 30 year war, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the People’s Friendship University of the Russian Federation.
Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP
Ms. Mrema is the Director of Division of Environmental Law and Conventions since June 2014 and has worked with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for almost two decades. Prior to this, she has worked with the UNEP in various capacities, most notably as Deputy Director and Coordinator, Operations and Programme Delivery Branch in the Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, and work which focused on the development, implementation and enforcement environmental laws both at national, regional and international level. Before joining UNEP, Elizabeth worked with the Tanzania Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOF&IC) and left as a Counsellor/Senior Legal Counsel. She is a lawyer and career diplomat with LLB (Hons) from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, LLM from Dalhousie University, Canada and Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy (Summa Cum Laude) from the Centre of Foreign Relations and Diplomacy in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. She is also a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law.

Ms. Irum Ahsan, Project Leader and Counsel, ADB
Irum Ahsan completed her legal education from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Before joining ADB’s public sector legal team, she practiced as a contentious and non-contentious legal counsel in Pakistan for about 7 years, in addition to teaching law. At ADB she has been working on multi-sector projects for inclusive growth in Southeast Asia and East Asia. She has worked on several environmental improvement projects in these regions, especially China. She is currently implementing a project in the South Asian region on environmental adjudication and enforcement. She organized a South Asian Conference on Environmental Justice in Pakistan and presented her work at the Law, Justice and Development week at the World Bank. Aside from these, she is also an advocate for gender consciousness and for women's rights.