

# Celebrating gender equality



Minister for Law and Order and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayake addressing the guests



The Australian High Commissioner Bryce Hutchesson welcoming the guests to the event



Marini Livera, Senior Legal Advisor to the Minister of Women's Affairs and Child Development recounting the advantages of the Australian Legal System for Women



Charlotte Blundell

The Australian High Commissioner Bryce Hutchesson hosted an afternoon tea to celebrate International Women's Day. The keynote address was given by the Minister for Law and Order and Southern Development Sagala Ratnayake. He recalled that Sri Lanka was first in the world to appoint a female Prime Minister but yet challenges exist in progressing gender equality

The Australian High Commissioner Bryce Hutchesson stressed the importance of men, especially those in positions and power in helping to advance gender equality worldwide. Marini Livera, Senior Legal Advisor to the Minister of Women's Affairs and Child Development explained the interesting features of the Australian legal aid and family court system which further enhances the life of women.

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Chandrani and High Commissioner Bryce Hutchesson



Dinesha, Marini and Minister Sagala Rathnayake



Joanne Doornewaard



Bhavani and Edwina



Heshani and Deemanthi



Chandrani and Thana



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