

## **South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD)**

The South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD) is a Category II Centre established under the auspices of UNESCO with the Sri Lankan Government to be a service provider, standard setter and a research management Centre in the field of teacher development in the South Asian sub-region, in conformity with 36 C/Resolution 15 of UNESCO General Conference, which seeks to favour international Cooperation in respect of teacher development and quality education.

The specialized functions of the Centre for Teacher Educators/Counsellors/Advisors/Mentors are:

- Professional Development
- Research on Teacher Development and Training
- Curriculum Development and Text Book Writing
- Open Distance Learning and Repository Services



### **Activities carried out in 2020**

The first Evaluation Mission was carried out by the UNESCO Secretariat in January 2020 to identify progress and the way forward for SACTD. With the views of the Evaluation, the new Executive Director, Dr. Ranjith Kumarasiri, was appointed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, under whose leadership and the assistance of the Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO (SLNCU) much development was made in the year 2020.

The Governing Committee of SACTD was formed and the inaugural meeting of the committee convened on 30<sup>th</sup> July followed by the second and third meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 respectively.



The Governing Committee Members at the Inaugural Meeting

With the guidance of the Governing Committee, experts were appointed on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to design, develop and conduct/disseminate programs addressing Teacher Educators in the South Asian region.



From left to right: Prof. W. G. Kularatne (Consultant for Research on Teacher Development & Training), Mrs. Prasadini Dharmawardene (Consultant Curriculum Development & Text Book Writing), Ms. Ashwini Madanayake (Deputy Secretary General of SLNCU), Dr. Ranjith Kumarasiri (Executive Director of SACTD), Dr. P. N. Meegaswatte (Secretary General of SLNCU), Prof. Somasundaram Sandarasegaram (Consultant for Professional Development) and Dr. Sanath Jayasena (Consultant for Open Distance Learning and Repository Services).

Currently, SACTD is carrying out Need Assessment Surveys for Teachers Educators of National Colleges of Education, Training Colleges, Teacher Centers and Teacher advisors of Sri Lanka and working on the same to include other countries in the South Asian Region.

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