* **The Meeting of the SAARC Ministers of Education/Higher Education preceded by the Meeting of the Senior Officials on Education**

At the Fourth Meeting of the Committee of the Heads of University Grants Commissions (UGCs)/Equivalent Bodies (New Delhi, 02 May 2008), the delegation of Sri Lanka offered the host the first meeting of the SAARC Ministers of Education/Higher Education on ‘Higher Education Policies and Strategies in South Asia’.

Accordingly, the meetings of SAARC Ministers of Education/Higher Education preceded by the meetings of the Senior Officials of Education were held annually.

* **1st meeting**: in Colombo, on 27 March 2009
* **2nd meeting**: in New Delhi, on 31 October 2014

‘The New Delhi Declaration on Education’ was adopted at this meeting. In the Declaration thirteen subjects were identified and those subjects were allocated to Member States to implement.

* **3rd meeting**: Host by Maldives in the first quarter of 2017
* **The Meeting of the Senior Officials on Education**

As decided by the Fourth Meeting of the Heads of UGCs/Equivalent Bodies (New Delhi, 02 May 2008), the meetings of the Senior Officials of Education were held preceded to the meetings of SAARC Ministers of Education/Higher Education.

* **1st meeting**: in Colombo, on 26 March 2009
* **2nd meeting**: in New Delhi, on 30 October 2014
* **3rd meeting**: in New Delhi, on 15-16 September 2016

The officials discussed the implementation of the New Delhi Declaration. An action plan for the implementation of the declaration was adopted at the meeting.