The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

SRI LANKA ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT SUMMIT

2026

Positioning Sri Lanka in a Changing Global Economy: Resilience, Reform, and the Future of Economic Policy

12Th – 13Th OCTOBER 2026

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ASIA'S EMERGING OPPORTUNITY

12Th – 13Th OCTOBER 2026
Shangri-La, Colombo

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Sri Lanka is transitioning from economic stabilisation to accelerated, inclusive growth, focusing on private sector-led development, strategic investments, and export expansion to boost national output and per capita income.

Hosted by The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, this two-day summit aims to:

- Showcase reforms and new growth drivers
- Highlight foreign direct investment (FDI) and market opportunities
- Facilitate engagement with policymakers and private sector leaders

Key features include

Sessions with senior government officials, business leaders, global experts, and investors

Focus on Ports, Logistics and Value-Added Services, Education, Tourism, Diversified Exports such as Value-Added Agri Products, Electronics, IT, Pharmaceuticals, etc.

Insights from foreign and local investors

Exclusive networking, one-on-one investor meetings, sector hubs with regulatory agencies, and site visits

This Summit is a prime platform where Sri Lanka's growth potential meets global investment opportunity

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PROGRAMME

DAY 01 — 12th October 2026

08.00 am - 09.00 am **Registration of Participants**

09.00 am - 10.30 am **Investment Focused Panel Discussion**

This session will explore Sri Lanka's investment landscape, highlighting key opportunities across priority sectors and the policy, regulatory, and institutional support available to investors. The discussion will serve as a platform to showcase the country's investment potential while fostering dialogue between public and private sector stakeholders.

The session will also provide an avenue for investors to engage directly with relevant institutions and business representatives, creating opportunities for future business-to-business (B2B) partnerships, collaborations, and investment facilitation.

Panelists:
Mr. Vish Govindasamy - Board Member - Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOI)
Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe - Chairperson - Export Development Board
Mr. Somasena Mahadiulwewa - Director General of Commerce (Actg.) of the Department of Commerce of Sri Lank

Moderator: Ms. Arani Rodrigo - Chief Economist - The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce




10.30 am – 01.30pm **B2B for Investors, Local Private Sector and State Institutions**

01.30 pm- 02.30 pm **Networking Lunch**

02.30 pm - 04.30 pm **Continue B2B meetings/Networking**

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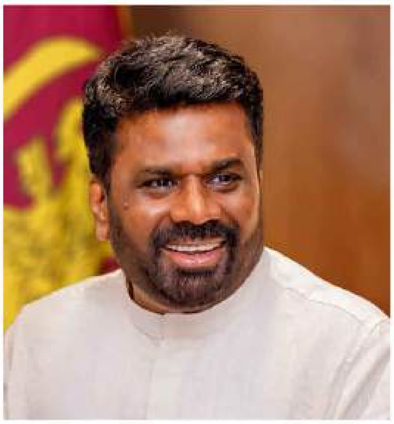
Inauguration of Summit | 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm



CHIEF GUEST

H.E Anura Kumara Dissanayake
President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

06.30 pm – 06:40 pm **Opening Ceremony**

06:40 pm – 06:50 pm **Welcome Address**

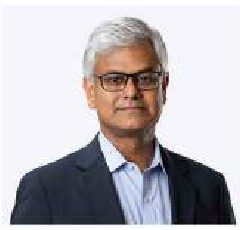
Mr. Krishan Balendra
Chairperson - The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

06.50 pm - 7.10 pm **Keynote Address**

07.10 pm - 7.40 pm **Fireside Chat with the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

This high-level fireside chat will explore Sri Lanka's economic vision, policy priorities, and reform agenda as the country advances its recovery and growth trajectory. The discussion will focus on the strategic direction of the economy, measures to strengthen macroeconomic stability, enhance competitiveness, attract investment, and create sustainable opportunities for future generations. The session will also provide an opportunity to address key economic concerns and emerging challenges, offering insights into the government's approach to fostering inclusive growth, building resilience, and positioning Sri Lanka as a dynamic destination for trade, investment, and innovation.

Mr.Bingumal Thewarathanthri
Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank
Sri Lanka and Vice Chairperson of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce



07.40 pm - 09.00 pm **Networking Cocktail Reception**

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DAY 02 13th October 2026

08.00 am – 08.55 am **Registrations of Participants**

09.00 am - 10.30 am **Session 01**

Beyond Crisis Management: Building a Shock-Resilient Sri Lankan Economy

As economies around the world face increasing uncertainty arising from geopolitical tensions, climate-related risks, financial volatility, and technological disruption, resilience has become a critical pillar of sustainable development. This discussion will explore how Sri Lanka can move beyond crisis response and build an economy that is better equipped to withstand future shocks while maintaining a path toward long-term growth and prosperity.

Drawing on both local and global perspectives, the panel will examine the policies, institutions, and reforms needed to strengthen economic resilience, enhance macroeconomic stability, safeguard livelihoods, and support private sector growth. The discussion will also consider the role of international partnerships, investment, innovation, and business leadership in fostering a more competitive and adaptable economy capable of navigating an increasingly complex global environment.

Panelists: Dr. Chandranath Amarasekara - Senior Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka
Ms. Sabrina Esufally - Executive Director - Hemas Holdings PLC
Dr. Roshan Anne Perera - Consultant, Centre for Poverty Analysis and Former Director Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Moderator: Mr. Dhananath Fernando - Chief Executive Officer of Advocata Institute




10.30 am - 11.00 am **Networking Tea Break**

11.00 am – 12.30 pm **Session 02**

Linking Sri Lanka to Asia's Growth Networks: Trade, Corridors, and Value Chains

As Asia continues to drive global economic growth, deeper integration into regional trade networks, supply chains, and economic corridors presents significant opportunities for Sri Lanka. This session will bring together leaders from global businesses and international institutions to share their experiences, insights, and perspectives on navigating an increasingly interconnected regional economy.

The discussion will explore how Sri Lanka can strengthen its position within Asia's growth networks by enhancing trade connectivity, attracting investment, integrating into regional and global value chains, and fostering a more competitive business environment. Drawing on international best practices and private sector expertise, panelists will examine the strategies and partnerships needed to unlock new opportunities for growth, innovation, and economic transformation.

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Keynote Speaker: Mr. P. D. Singh - CEO, Standard Charted India

Panelists: Mr. Ravi Jayawardena - Malibon - Group CEO
Mr. Chathuranga Abeysekara - Deputy Minister of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development
Ms. Lilia Alekshanyan - Senior Economist for Sri Lanka Asian Development Bank

Moderator Ms. Subhashini Abeysinghe - Research Director, Verite Research




12.30 pm - 01.15 pm Networking Lunch

01.15 pm - 02.30 pm Session 3 - Sector Deep Dives

Deep Dive I - Reimagining Healthcare for a Modern Health Economy

Healthcare is not only a critical pillar of social wellbeing but also an increasingly important driver of economic development, productivity, and investment. As Sri Lanka seeks new avenues for growth, the health sector presents significant untapped potential through innovation, private sector participation, healthcare services, medical technology, pharmaceuticals, and human capital development.

This session will explore how Sri Lanka can strengthen its healthcare ecosystem while positioning the sector as a contributor to broader economic growth. The discussion will examine opportunities to enhance healthcare delivery, improve health outcomes, foster innovation, attract investment, and build a resilient health economy capable of meeting the needs of a modern and evolving society.

Keynote: Dr. Amrut Naik - President, International Business , Zydus Group

Panelists: Ms. Vidyani Hettigoda - Director, Hettigoda Group of Companies
Mr. Raveen Wickramasinghe - President, Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes and CEO Ruhunu Hospitals

Moderator: Mr. Shyam Sathasivam - Group CEO, Sunshine Holdings PLC




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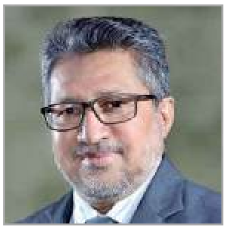
Deep Dive II - Beyond Fossil Dependence: Balancing Security, Sustainability, and Growth

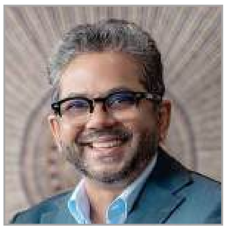
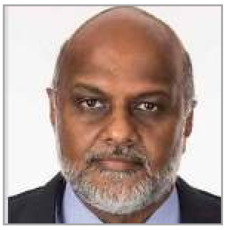
Reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy is fundamental to economic growth, industrial development, and national competitiveness. As global energy markets continue to evolve and countries accelerate their transition toward cleaner energy systems, Sri Lanka faces the challenge of ensuring energy security while supporting economic expansion and meeting sustainability goals.

This session will explore the strategic role of the energy sector in strengthening economic resilience and enabling long-term growth. Discussions will focus on diversifying energy sources, enhancing energy security, accelerating renewable energy adoption, attracting investment, and developing the infrastructure and policy frameworks needed to support a modern, sustainable, and competitive economy. The session will also examine how public-private collaboration can help drive innovation and unlock opportunities within Sri Lanka's evolving energy landscape.

Panelists: Mr. G.M.R.D. Aponsu - Secretary to the Ministry of Energy
Mr. Damitha Kumarasinghe - Director General (Chief Executive Officer) of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
Mr. Manjula Perera - Managing Director & Executive Non-Independent Director, WindForce PLC

Moderator: Mr. Sheran Fernando - Senior Advisor of Plus94 Fund



02.30 pm - 3.00 pm **Tea Break**

03.00 pm – 04.30 p.m **Session 4 - Nation Building in the Digital Age**

As technological advancements reshape economies and societies around the world, countries must adapt to remain competitive and create opportunities for future generations. This special session will explore how Sri Lanka can leverage artificial intelligence, digital transformation, innovation, and education to accelerate economic growth, enhance productivity, and build a knowledge-driven economy.

The discussion will examine the critical role of education and skills development in preparing the workforce for the jobs of the future, while also exploring how emerging technologies can transform industries, improve public services, and drive entrepreneurship. Bringing together policymakers, technology leaders, and academic experts, the session will focus on the strategies, partnerships, and investments needed to position Sri Lanka as an innovative and digitally empowered nation capable of thriving in an increasingly technology-driven world.

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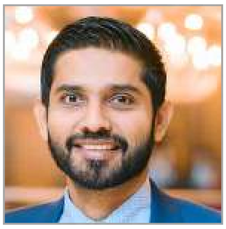
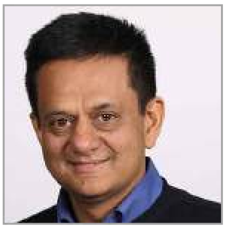
Keynote: **Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya**
Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Panelists:
Mr. Waruna Sri Dhanapala - Ministry of Digital Economy
Prof. Roshan Ragel - Senior Lecturer in Computer Engineering
Mr. Sanjay Shah - Founder and CEO of Elevante AI

Moderator: Mr. Vinod Hirdaramani - Chairperson of Hirdaramani Group and Deputy Vice Chairperson of The ceylon Chamber of Commerece


04.30 pm – 05.45 pm

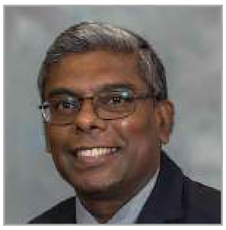
Closing Session with Advisors to Government

As Sri Lanka continues its journey from economic stabilisation toward long-term development, the importance of a clear national vision, coherent policy direction, and effective implementation has never been greater. This closing session will bring together key advisors and policymakers to reflect on the insights emerging from the Summit and discuss the strategic priorities that will shape the country's future.

The discussion will explore Sri Lanka's development agenda, the reforms and investments needed to sustain growth, and the role of innovation, infrastructure, digital transformation, and private sector participation in driving economic progress. Looking beyond immediate challenges, panelists will share perspectives on the next phase of the country's development journey and the steps required to build a resilient, competitive, and prosperous economy for future generations.

Prof. Gomika Udugamasuriya - Senior Advisor to the President of Sri Lanka on Science and Technology
Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya - Chief Advisor to the President on Digital Economy
Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake - Chairman - Sri Lanka Ports Authority

Moderator: Mr. Shiran Fernando - Secretary General & Chief Executive Officer The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

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WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Why Sri Lanka

Understand what makes Sri Lanka an attractive investment destination

Specific Investment Opportunities

Access information on FDI projects, listed companies and private equity placements

Regulatory Environment

Learn first-hand about the policy framework and legislative landscape for investing in Sri Lanka

Networking Opportunity

Focus on Ports, Logistics and Value Added Services, Education, Tourism, Diversified Exports such as Value-Added Agri Products, Electronics, IT, Pharmaceuticals, etc

Strong Fundamentals **Will Unleash Sri Lanka's Potential**

1st
Rank in South Asia for Human Capital

2nd
In the Region for Ease of Doing Business

3x
Increase in Graduates by End-2025

2.1bn
Access to Neighbouring Markets

2
Deepwater Ports

15
Export Processing Zones

2025
Rank for 'Travel Destination' by Lonely Planet

28
Bilateral Investment Protection Agreements

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Focus Sectors

Export Manufacturing

Rubber, PVC Products, Cement, Minerals (processing), Metal
Transport and Equipment
Gem & Jewellery
Electrical & Electronics
Ceramic, Paper, Leather, Chemicals,
Pharmaceutical
Boats
Food (processing), Tea, Wood, Coir

Export Services

- Shipping Services, Other Marine Services (Shipping Services, Crew Exchange, etc.)
- Printing Services, Management Consulting Services
- Aviation Services, Automation Services
- Other Export Services
- Entrepot Trading
- Logistics Services
- Regional Operating Headquarters

Infrastructure

- Housing and Property Development, Shopping & Office Complex
- Mixed Development Projects
- Hospital Services and Medical Services
- Warehousing & Logistics Services
- Exhibition Centers, Industrial Parks
- Construction of Highways and Railways

Healthcare & The Modern Health Economy

Medical Technology (MedTech) & Devices: Manufacturing and distribution of clinical and diagnostic equipment

Pharmaceutical Manufacturing & R&D: Local manufacturing and formulation of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)

Digital Health & Telemedicine: Software, platforms, and remote patient monitoring solutions

Healthcare Venture Capital & Private Equity: Investment funds targeting health services and innovations

Specialised Medical Tourism: Services connecting foreign patients with high-end clinical setups in Sri Lanka

Sustainable Energy & Clean-Tech (Beyond Fossil Dependence)

- **Renewable Energy Generation (Solar, Wind, Hydro):** Commercial IPP (Independent Power Producer) setups and grid integration
- **Electric Mobility (EVs) & Charging Infrastructure:** EV assembly, components, and nationwide charging networks
- **Smart Grid & Energy Management Systems:** Smart system operations, power distribution optimisation, and battery storage solutions
- **Green Hydrogen & Alternative Fuels:** Early-stage development and technical partnerships for non-fossil fuels
- **Energy Efficiency & Auditing Services:** B2B consulting for manufacturing plants aiming to lower carbon emissions

Digital Economy AI & Future Skills

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning Solutions:** Enterprise AI tools, generative AI applications, and data analytics partnerships
- **GovTech & Public Sector Digitalisation:** Enterprise software for public service modernization and digital identity systems
- **EdTech & Digital Skills Training:** Platforms focused on building skills for the future workforce (AI, automation, advanced coding)
- **Cybersecurity & Data Protection Infrastructure:** Security services for global and local enterprises complying with data regulations
- **Industry 4.0 & Industrial Automation:** IoT and automation integration for manufacturing lines.

Regional Value Chains & Advanced Manufacturing

Advanced Electronics & Original Equipment Manufacturing (OEM): High-tech electronics assembly and component contract manufacturing

Supply Chain Resilience & Cross-Border Logistics: Strategic logistics partnerships linking into South /Southeast Asian maritime corridors.

Regional Operating Headquarters (ROHQ): Shared service operations specifically looking to hub Asian expansions in Sri Lanka

Eco-friendly & Sustainable Value Chains: Circular economy manufacturing setups that serve green supply mandates of global buyers

Tourism and Leisure

- Hotels, Resorts,Villas, Higher-end restaurants, Leisure, Entertainment and Theme Parks, Tourist transport: Domestic and International Sea & Air transport
- Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Events
- Exhibition: MICE, Domestic and International Air transport, Water-based transport, Skill Development: Hotel, Hospitality Training Institutes

Knowledge Services

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- IT Training Sectors

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Your investment

Your investment includes access to the two-day Sri Lanka Economic and Investment Summit 2025, B2B/G2B meetings, and an exclusive Networking Reception - offering valuable opportunities to connect with delegates from across the globe, exchange ideas, and gain key insights into Sri Lanka's evolving economic and investment landscape.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Members – Rs. 35,000/= per person

Others – Rs. 40,000/= per person

How to Participate

Click here to register and make your payment online. Please note that your registration will be confirmed only upon receipt of full payment. Alternatively, payment can also be made via bank transfer.

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