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27th , 28th & 29th MAY

Colombo - Sri Lanka



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**Kick-Off & Start Up Night
DAY 01 | 27 TH MAY 2026
TRACE EXPERT CITY, COLOMBO**

18:30-19:00	Guest Arrival & Registration
19:00-19:10	Welcome Remarks Mr. Martin Klose, Chief Delegate AHK Sri Lanka
19:10-19:20	Opening Remarks H.E. Dr. Felix Neumann, German Ambassador to Sri Lanka & Maldives
19:20-19:30	Special Remarks Mr. Dimithri Perera, Country Manager DHL Express - Sri Lanka (TBC)
19:30-19:40	Keynote Speech Hon. Eng. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister Ministry of Digital Economy (TBC)
19:40-21:00	Start Up Pitching Sessions
21:00-21:50	Networking with Refreshments
21:50-22:00	Closing Remarks Mr. Heminda Jayaweera, Executive Director TRACE Expert City



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Main Conference
DAY 02 | 28 TH MAY 2026
ITC RATNADIPA HOTEL

9:00-9:30	Guest Arrival & Registration
9:30-9:40	Welcome Remarks Mr. Martin Klose, Chief Delegate AHK Sri Lanka
9:40-9:50	Opening Remarks H.E. Dr. Felix Neumann, German Ambassador to Sri Lanka & Maldives
9:50-10:30	Special Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nicole Renvert, Managing Director International Economic Relations - Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammer (DIHK) • Representative - The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) • Mrs. Almut Rößner, Executive Member - German Asia-Pacific Business Association (OAV)
10:30-10:45	Chief Guest's Remarks Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (TBC)
10:45-11:30	Coffee Break & Networking



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<p>11:30-13:00</p>	<p>Impulse: Unlock the full potential of Sri Lanka's ports as gateways to regional trade and economic development. Discover key investment opportunities and strategic initiatives shaping the maritime sector.</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Advisor to H.E the President on Maritime, Ports and Logistics and Deputy Chairman / Managing Director Aitken Spence PLC (TBC)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (01)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Advisor to H.E the President on Maritime, Ports and Logistics and Deputy Chairman / Managing Director Aitken Spence PLC (TBC) • Admiral (Rtd) Mr. Sirimevan Ranasinghe, Chairman Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) • Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chief Commercial Officer Colombo West International Terminal (CWIT) • Panelist 4 (TBC) <p>Moderator: TBC</p>
<p>13:00-14:00</p>	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
<p>14:00-15:15</p>	<p>Impulse: Future-proof your exports to the EU by embracing digitalization and sustainability. This session highlights practical strategies to maximize GSP+ benefits and strengthen your global trade footprint.</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman / CEO - Export Development Board (EDB) Sri Lanka (TBC)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (02)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman/CEO - Export Development Board (EDB) • Dr. Johann Hesse, Head of Cooperation, European Union to Sri Lanka & the Maldives (TBC) • Panelist 3 (TBC) • Panelists 4 (TBC) <p>Moderator: TBC</p>

<p>15:15-16:30</p>	<p>Impulse: Finance & Mobilizing Capital for Port Infrastructure. Examine strategic financing models for port infrastructure and uncover opportunities in Sri Lanka's maritime sector.</p> <p>Speaker: Mrs. Carmen Moreno - Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka & the Maldives (TBC)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (03)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Carmen Moreno - Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka & the Maldives (TBC) • Country Director - Asia Development Bank (ADB) (TBC) • Dr. Harshana Suriyapperuma, Secretary to Treasury - Ministry of Finance & Planning Sri Lanka (TBC) • Ms. Rukshila Shihanthinie Gooneratne, Country Management Unit - World Bank Group • Representative of Commercial Bank PLC <p>Moderator: TBC</p>
<p>16:30-17:30</p>	<p>Impulse: Explore emerging markets by examining key challenges and uncovering actionable opportunities. This session also highlights success stories that demonstrate effective strategies for sustainable business growth.</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Ranjith Pandithage, Chairman - DIMO PLC</p> <p>Panel Discussion (04)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ranjith Pandithage, Chairman - DIMO PLC (TBC) • Mr. Arther Senanayake, Chairman - IWS Holdings (TBC) • Mrs. Smita Pandit Chakraborty, CEO - Continental Tyers • Panelist 4 <p>Moderator: Malintha Gajanayake, Head of Corporate Affairs & Export Promotions - AHK Sri Lanka</p>
<p>17:30-17:40</p>	<p>Closing Remarks Mr. Martin Klose, Chief Delegate AHK Sri Lanka</p>



Cocktail & Networking
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19:20-19:30	Keynote Speech Hon Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism (TBC)
19:30-21:55	Business Networking
21:55 – 22:00	Vote of Thanks Mr. Martin Klose, Chief Delegate AHK Sri Lanka
22:00	End of Program



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**Bilateral Dialogues with Sri Lankan Institutes & Site Inspections
(Optional)
DAY 03 | 29 TH MAY 2026**

9.30 - 12.30	Option 01: Tailored B2B meetings
9.30 - 12.30	Option 02: Visit to Port of Colombo
08:00-17:30	Option 03: Visit to Port of Hambantota & Mattala Airport

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