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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, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Sri Lanka and the Maldives
19:20-19:30	Special Remarks Mr. Dimithri Perera, Country Manager DHL Express - Sri Lanka
19:30-19:40	Keynote Speech Hon. Chaturanga Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development (<i>tbc</i>)
19:40-20:40	Start Up Pitching Sessions
20:40-21:55	Networking with Refreshments
21:55-22:00	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
9:30–9:35	National Anthems of Sri Lanka and Germany
9:35–9:40	Welcome Remarks Mr. Martin Klose, Chief Delegate AHK Sri Lanka
9:40–9:45	Opening Remarks H.E. Dr. Felix Neumann, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Sri Lanka and the Maldives
9:45–10:15	Keynotes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Thomas Steffen, State Secretary – Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) (<i>tbc</i>) • Dr. Nicole Renvert, Managing Director International Economic Relations – Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammer (DIHK) • Mrs. Almut Rößner, Executive Member – German Asia-Pacific Business Association (OAV)
10:15–10:25	Chief Guest’s Remarks Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (<i>tbc</i>)
10:25–11:30	Coffee Break & Networking

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<p>11:30-12:45</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, Chairman - Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (01)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Chairman - Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) • Mr. Iqram Cuttilan, Managing Director - Aitken Spence Maritime (Representing Hapag Lloyd) • Mr. Harkrishnan Sundaram, Head of Business Development -Adani Ports (<i>tbc</i>) • Panelist 4 (<i>tbc</i>) <p>Moderator: Mr. Ahamed ur Rahman, President-ECCSL/ Managing Director-Hellmann Worldwide Logistics (<i>tbc</i>)</p>
<p>12:45-14:00</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: Ms. Carmen Moreno, Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (02)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Carmen Moreno, Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives (<i>tbc</i>) • Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman- Export Development Board (EDB) • Panelist 3 (<i>tbc</i>) • Panelists 4 (<i>tbc</i>) <p>Moderator: (<i>tbc</i>)</p>

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<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: Country Director - Asia Development Bank (ADB)(<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (03)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Johann Hesse, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka (<i>tbc</i>) • Country Director - Asia Development Bank (ADB) (<i>tbc</i>) • Dr. Harshana Suriyapperuma, Secretary to Treasury - Ministry of Finance & Planning Sri Lanka (<i>tbc</i>) • Ms. Rukshila Shihanthinie Gooneratne, Operations Officer, Country Management Unit - World Bank Group Sri Lanka • Representative of Commercial Bank PLC <p>Moderator: Mr. Rohan Masakorala, Founder/Chairman - Shipper's Academy International (<i>tbc</i>)</p>
<p>16:30-16:45</p>	<p>Coffee Break & Networking</p>
<p>16:45-17:45</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 • Mr. Arther Senanayake, Chairman - IWS Holdings (<i>tbc</i>) • Mrs. Smita Pandit Chakraborty, CEO - Continental Tyers • Panelist 4 <p>Moderator: Malintha Gajanayake, Head of Corporate Affairs & Export Promotions - AHK Sri Lanka</p>
<p>17:45-17:55</p>	<p>Closing Remarks Mr. Martin Klose, Chief Delegate AHK Sri Lanka</p>

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COCKTAIL & NETWORKING 28 th MAY 2026 ITC Ratnadipa Hotel

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19:10-19:20	Keynote Speech Hon. Prof. Ruwan Ranasinghe, Deputy Minister - Ministry of Tourism (<i>tbc</i>)
19:20-21:55	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 | 29th May 2026**

8:15-9:45	Option 01: Tailored B2B meetings
10:00-13:30	Option 02: Visit to Port of Colombo Or Option 03: Company Visits

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