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## KICK-OFF & START UP NIGHT Day 01 | 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Rizly Zareem, Director (Commercial) DHL
19:30-19:40	Keynote Speech Hon. Chaturanga Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development
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<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>• Representative – Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Dr. Nicole Renvert, Managing Director International Economic Relations – Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammer (DIHK)</li> <li>• Mrs. Almut Rößner, Executive Member – German Asia-Pacific Business Association (OAV)</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, Chairman - Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA)</li> <li>• Representative - Aitken Spence Maritime (Representing Hapag Lloyd)</li> <li>• Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chief Commercial Officer- Colombo West International Terminal</li> <li>• Panelist 4 (<i>tbc</i>)</li> </ul> <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</p> <p>Panel Discussion (02)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Carmen Moreno, Ambassador of the European Union to Sri Lanka and the Maldives</li> <li>• Mr. Mangala Wijesinghe, Chairman- Export Development Board (EDB)</li> <li>• Ms. Rajitha Jayasuriya, Chairperson-Sri Lanka Apparel Exporters Association &amp; Director Corporate Affairs - MAS Holdings</li> <li>• Mr. Lalindra Fernando, General Manager - Aqua Dynamics Sri Lanka</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Mr. Shiran Fernando, Chief Economic Policy Advisor - Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (<i>tbc</i>)</p>

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15:15-16:30	<p>Impulse: Finance &amp; Mobilizing Capital for Port Infrastructure. Examine strategic financing models for port infrastructure and uncover opportunities in Sri Lanka's maritime sector.</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Shannon Cowlin, Country Director - Asian Development Bank Sri Lanka (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (03)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Shannon Cowlin, Country Director - Asian Development Bank Sri Lanka (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Dr. Johann Hesse, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka</li> <li>• Dr. Harshana Suriyapperuma, Secretary to Treasury - Ministry of Finance &amp; Planning Sri Lanka (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Ms. Rukshila Shihanthinie Gooneratne, Operations Officer, Country Management Unit - World Bank Group Sri Lanka</li> <li>• Representative of Commercial Bank PLC</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rohan Masakorala, Founder/Chairman - Shipper's Academy International (<i>tbc</i>)</p>
16:30-16:45	Coffee Break & Networking
16:45-17:45	<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"> <li>• Mr. Ranjith Pandithage, Chairman - DIMO PLC</li> <li>• Mr. Arther Senanayake, Chairman - IWS Holdings (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• Mrs. Smita Pandit Chakraborty, CEO - Continental Tyers</li> <li>• Panelist 4</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Malintha Gajanayake, Head of Corporate Affairs &amp; Export Promotions - AHK Sri Lanka</p>
17:45-17:55	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Martin Klose, Chief Delegate AHK Sri Lanka</p>

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## COCKTAIL & NETWORKING 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 ITC Ratnadipa Hotel

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19:05–19:10	Opening Remarks Dr. Nicole Renvert, Managing Director International Economic Relations – Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammer (DIHK)
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 | 29<sup>th</sup> 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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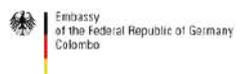
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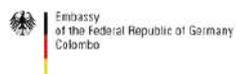
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