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CILT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2025

13TH-17TH SEPTEMBER 2025
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Join us for the annual CILT International Convention, the flagship event for professionals and leaders in supply chain, logistics and transportation.

Taking place in the vibrant city of Colombo, Sri Lanka, this year's convention promises to bring together our global community to connect, learn, and celebrate.

Save the date and stay tuned for more information, including registration details, speaker announcements, and the full agenda. Mark your calendar now and don't miss this incredible opportunity to be part of CILT International Convention 2025.

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CILT SRI LANKA

The Chartered Institute of Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka was established in 1984 following the merger of the two leading professional bodies CILT Sri Lanka became The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Sri Lanka. In 2012, the Council of Trustees of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) upgraded the status of CILT Sri Lanka from a Branch to a Territory. In doing so, the Council of Trustees recognized the high standards of performance, governance and membership development evidenced in CILT Sri Lanka over the past several years.

CILT Sri Lanka was set up in 1984

The award was made at the CILT International Convention and Annual General Meeting held in Birmingham from 11 to 14 June 2012.

Each year CILT holds its flagship event, the CILT International Convention, bringing together members from around the world.

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CILT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The International Convention is one of the most important events in the global supply chain, logistics and transportation industry. It is high-level, large-scale, and authoritative.

Previous annual conferences have attracted government and industry leaders, industry experts, scholars and well-known entrepreneurs from many countries and regions around the world to gather for exchange experiences, strengthen cooperation, explore development paths, and plan for joint development. The Convention is not only a benchmark for the development of the global supply chain, logistics and transportation industry, but also an important platform for international exchanges and cooperation. It has received high attention and praise from the international supply chain, logistics and transportation industries.

Past years of CILT International Convention

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Year	Host country
2024	China
2023	None
2022	Australia
2020/21	Covid
2019	UK
2018	Poland
2017	Macao
2016	Canada
2015	Dubai
2014	Malaysia
2013	Sri Lanka



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PROGRAMME

Day 00 - 13 September, Saturday

1.00 - 5.00 pm	COT Meeting - Committee Meeting	Boardrooms (Level 8)
After 5.00 pm	Welcome of International Delegates	Event Showcase Studio (Level 24)

Day 01 - 14 September, Sunday

9.00 - 10.00 am	Delegates and guests check in	
10.00 am - 12.00 pm	CILT International Annual General Meeting	The Studio B (Level 8)
12.00 - 1.00 pm	Lunch	
1.00 - 3.00 pm	International Council Meeting	The Studio B (Level 8)
3.00 - 5.00 pm	International Delegation Meetings	Boardrooms (Level 8)
3.00 - 5.30 pm	Global WiLAT Workshop	The Studio A (Level 8)
5.00 - 7.00 pm	Global Next Generation (NG) Workshop	The Studio B (Level 8)
7.00 - 10.00 pm	Gala Dinner - Sri Lankan night	Forum (Level 8)



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PROGRAMME CONT'D...

Day 02 - 15 September, Monday - Lumina (Level 7)

8.30 - 9.15 am	Welcome by CILT Sri Lanka
9.15 - 9.30 am	Speech by President, CILT Sri Lanka - Mr Chandima Hulangamuwa FCILT
9.30 - 9.50 am	International President's speech - Chief Teete OWUSU-NORTEY FCILT, FGIPS
9.50 - 10.05 am	Chief Guest speech
10.05 - 10.30 am	Key note speech - Mr Murtaza Jafferjee, Chairman of the Advocata Institute, a public policy think tank "The future of logistics: Adapting to global economic shifts" The rapidly evolving logistics landscape, highlighting the critical role of adaptability, resilience, and innovation in navigating the complexities of today's global economy
10.30 - 10.40 am	The Book Launch "The Infinity Chain - An operating model for warehousing industry in Sri Lanka" In collaboration with EFL 3PL and General Sir John Kothalawala Defence University
10.40 - 10.50 am	Tea break
10.50 - 11.30 am	Mr LAU Kin Pui Samuel, Managing Director, Integrated Logistics Kerry Logistics Network, Asia "Next-gen supply chains with generative AI: reinventing logistics through intelligent innovation" A strategic overview of how generative AI is redefining the future of supply chains Includes 15 minutes Q&A
11.30 am - 12.15pm	Prof Shizhong Li, Chief Scientist, Hydrogen Research Center, Yangtze Delta Region Institute, Tsinghua University "Propelling logistics de-carbonisation with renewable fuels" The various types of renewable fuels and examination of their applications in different segments of logistics Includes 15 minutes Q&A
12.15 - 1.00 pm	Ms Reshma Yousuf FCILT, Founder and Managing Director Center for Logistics leadership in business (CLLB), Founding Chair, WiSTA Malaysia and Green practices champion, WiLAT Global "Winning Future-ready logistics: Embracing DEI and ESG governance" How Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) principles, alongside environmental, social, and governance (ESG) commitments Includes 15 minutes Q&A
1.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch



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Day 02 - 15 September, Monday - Lumina (Level 7) Cont'd...

2.00 - 2.45 pm	<p>Mr Gilbert T Trinchera, Partner of the Technology Consulting Practice and Lead for Digital Transformation and Alliances, KPMG Philippines</p> <p>“Re-imagining value: Foundations and frameworks for circular business model innovation in supply chain and logistics”</p> <p>Circular Business Model Innovation (CBMI) and its critical role in enhancing supply chain and logistics sustainability</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
2.45 - 3.00 pm	Tea break
3.00 - 5.00 pm	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>“Driving the future: Innovating logistics and transport for a sustainable and carbon-neutral era”</p> <p>Bringing together industry leaders, sustainability experts, and technology innovators</p> <p>PANELLISTS</p> <p>Prof Shizhong Li - Chief Scientist, Tsinghua University</p> <p>Mr Upul Jinadasa - COO, South Asia Gateway Terminal (Pvt) Ltd</p> <p>Mr LAU Kin Pui Samuel, MD, Integrated Logistics, Kerry Logistics Network, Asia</p> <p>Ms Reshma Yousuf, Founder and MD, CLLB Malaysia</p> <p>Mr Saif Yousoof, MD, EFL Global Sri Lanka, EFL 3PL Sri Lanka & Classic Travel and Oki Doki (Pvt) LTD and Peri Logistics</p> <p>MODERATOR</p> <p>Ms Kamaya Perera - Partner, KPMG Sri Lanka</p>
5.00 pm	Close
6.30 - 11.30 pm	CILT awards followed by International President's dinner



PROGRAMME CONT'D...

Day 03 - 16 September, Tuesday - Lumina (Level 7)

8.30 - 09.00 am	<p>Mr Jan Steenberg FCILT, International President Elect</p> <p>“Resilience in motion: Strategies for navigating change in global supply chains”</p> <p>Pressing challenges and remarkable opportunities that shape today's logistics and supply chain sectors</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
9.00 - 9.30 am	<p>Mr Shuaib Yusoof, Managing Director, Anscom Technologies, Founder, Likuid Spaces and Chief Creative and Marketing Officer, Expolanka Holdings</p> <p>“Future-ready logistics: Managing risks through enhanced data transparency with AI, blockchain and digital twins”</p> <p>The transformative potential of blockchain and digital twin technologies in supply chains</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
9.30 - 10.00 am	<p>Mr Upul Jinadasa, Chief Operating Officer, South Asia Gateway Terminal (Pvt) Ltd, Sri Lanka</p> <p>“Innovate to sustain: How partnerships are shaping the future of logistics with a focus on maritime port innovations”</p> <p>How innovative partnerships among stakeholders are driving sustainability initiatives and enhancing operational efficiency in the maritime sector</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
10.00 - 10.15 am	Tea break
10.15 - 10.45 am	<p>Mr Richard Hall, Managing Director, Citybus Limited, Hong Kong</p> <p>“Future proofing public transport in the drive to decarbonise”</p> <p>Pressing challenges and remarkable opportunities that shape today's logistics and supply chain sectors</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
10.45 - 11.15 am	<p>Mr Bhavik Mota, Director and Head of Markets and Area Ocean Product Manager, MAERSK</p> <p>“Navigating the future: Key trends shaping the maritime industry”</p> <p>The evolving landscape of maritime threats and emerging risk factors affecting global shipping</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
11.15 - 11.45 am	<p>Mr Dharshana De Silva, DGM, Prima Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd</p> <p>“The future of logistics: Innovations in cost-effective collaboration through rail to transform supply chains”</p> <p>How innovative approaches to logistics, specifically through the lens of rail transport</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>



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Day 03 - 16 September, Tuesday - Lumina (Level 7) Cont'd...

11.45 - 12.15 pm	<p>Mr Danika Perera, Founder CEO, Bhasha (Pvt) Ltd</p> <p>“Customer-centric innovations in e-commerce and retail logistics: Payments at your fingertips and the digitalisation revolution”</p> <p>The next phase of e-commerce and retail logistics, emphasising the critical role of customer-centric innovations, seamless payment solutions, and transformative digitalisation</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
12.15 - 12.45 pm	<p>Prof Michael Bourlakis FCILT, CILT International Board of Trustees</p> <p>“Education pillar CILT International”</p> <p>Engaging delegates with global education developments and wider professional training</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
12.45 - 1.45 pm	Lunch
	THEME A: Collaboration and partnerships: The key to a sustainable future
1.45 - 2.10 pm	<p>Speaker TBA</p> <p>“Forging stronger ties: Collaborative strategies for sustainable supply chains through integration and digital innovation”</p> <p>How businesses can forge stronger ties through collaborative strategies, leveraging supply chain integration and digital tools to enhance efficiency and productivity while promoting sustainability</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
2.10 - 3.00 pm	<p>Mr Andrew Young FCILT, CILT International, Vice President for the Americas and Past Chairperson and Member of the CILT North America Board</p> <p>“Collaboration and partnerships: The key to a sustainable future in rail development and land transport strategies”</p> <p>The critical role of collaboration and partnerships in developing sustainable rail and land transport strategies</p> <p>Includes 10 minutes Q&A</p>
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Tea break
	THEME B: Technology as a catalyst for change, embracing Internet of Things (IoT) and automation agile logistics
3.30 - 4.00 pm	<p>Mr LAU Kin Pui Samuel, Managing Director, Integrated Logistics KLN Asia</p> <p>“Harnessing real-time data for enhanced responsiveness and adaptability”</p> <p>Practical approaches to building agile logistics operations capable of responding to market changes and customer demands</p>
4.00 - 4.30 pm	<p>Ms Doreen OWUSU-FIANKO, FCILT, Vice Chairperson, WiLAT Global</p> <p>“Transforming aviation through technology-driven change”</p> <p>Preparedness of the aviation industry to adapt and thrive in an era where technology acts as a catalyst for transformative change</p>



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Day 03 - 16 September, Tuesday - Lumina (Level 7) Cont'd...

4.30 - 5.00 pm	<p>Mr Kiran Shetty, Area Business Director, Sales & Services, Indian Sub-Continent Hyster-Yale Material Handling</p> <p>“Revolutionising logistics: The impact of technological infrastructure, and transportation innovations”</p> <p>How robust infrastructure supports real-time data sharing, collaboration, and decision-making across the supply chain</p>
5.00 - 6.00 pm	<p>Mini panel</p> <p>“Technology as a Catalyst for Change”</p> <p>Questions and polls from the audience to gauge their sentiment and spark discussion</p> <p>PANELLISTS</p> <p>Ms Doreen OWUSU-FIANKO FCILT, Vice Chairperson, WiLAT Global</p> <p>Mr Kiran Shetty, Area Business Director, Hyster-Yale Material Handling</p> <p>Ms Nazeema Seelarbokus FCILT, GVC, WiLAT Global, Indian Ocean Island</p> <p>Mr Oshan Ranatunga, Country Business Head, Flora Food Group</p>
6.00 - 6.30 pm	<p>Ms Gayathri Karunanayake CMILT, Vice President, CILT Sri Lanka and Chairperson, CILT International Convention 2025</p> <p>“Closing remarks”</p>
6.00 pm	<p>Mr Ian Smith FCILT, Secretary General, CILT International</p> <p>“Official closing of the CILT International Convention and presenting the 2026 Convention venue”</p>

Day 04 - 17 September, Wednesday

8.30 - 12.00 pm	<p>Delegates will select one of the following options</p> <p>Site/field visits: Port visit</p> <p>Site/field visits: Factory and warehouse visit</p>
1.00 pm	<p>Check out of hotel and close of the International Convention</p>



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SRI LANKA

Located in the Indian Ocean making it easily accessible from various parts of the world Sri Lanka serves as a central hub connecting Asia, Europe and Africa making it convenient for participants from different regions to travel to the conference.

Sri Lanka has invested significantly in developing its infrastructure, including modern airports, highways, and conference facilities. Major cities like Colombo and Kandy offer a wide range of venues and accommodation suitable for international conferences. Sri Lanka is known for its stunning natural landscapes, including beautiful beaches, lush tea plantations, and wildlife reserves.

The country also has a rich cultural heritage, with ancient temples, historical sites, and diverse traditions that can provide unique experiences for conference participants.

Flying routes

The flight routes to Sri Lanka will depend on your departure location. Direct flights to Sri Lanka are available from major cities such as London, Dubai, Doha, Melbourne, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Delhi, among others.

If there are no direct flights available from your location, you may have to consider connecting flights through a transit hub.





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FLYING TO SRI LANKA



Europe - 11 hours



Africa - 10 hours



Far East - 8 hours



South-east Asia - 4 hours



Australia - 12 hours



Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA)

BIA is the main gateway and is located about 35 kilometres north of Colombo, the capital city. Several major airlines operate flights to Sri Lanka from various destinations around the world. Some popular airlines that fly to Sri Lanka include Sri Lankan Airlines (the national carrier), Emirates, Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways, Singapore Airlines, and regional low-cost carriers.

VISA Requirements

Some nationalities may require a visa in advance, while others can obtain a visa on arrival. Visa cost for SAARC countries USD 22 and other nationals will be USD 50.

On arrival visa fee will be USD 60. Visa can be processed online at eta.gov.lk website. Delegates must ensure to meet the visa requirements and have the necessary documentation before boarding your flight.



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WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

Global networking

Connect with professionals, policymakers and thought leaders

Knowledge exchange

Gain insights into cutting-edge solutions, global trends and sustainable innovations across the supply chain

Build strategic partnerships

Connect with international industry leaders, Government representatives and solution providers to foster long-term collaborations

Lead generation

Gain access to a high-quality audience with real interest in logistics and supply chain solutions

Inspire and be inspired

Participate in panel discussions, workshops and keynotes from global industry icons

Experience Sri Lanka

Enjoy the culture, hospitality and scenic beauty of one of South Asia's most captivating destinations



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MEET OUR TEAM

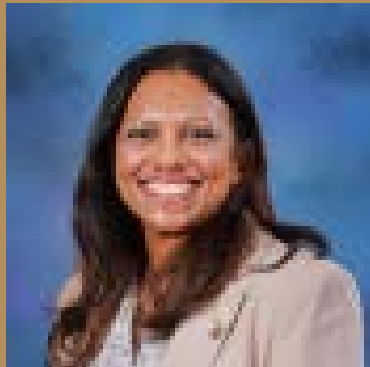
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VISITING SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is a lush, tropical island paradise, known to ancient Greek mariners as TAPROBANE. Arab traders called it Serendib – hence the word “serendipity”, meaning discovery by happy accident. It was famously described by Marco Polo as “undoubtedly the finest island of its size in the world”.

This is a culturally rich and environmentally diverse country, with nine World Heritage Sites (the oldest dating back to the 3rd Century BC); 86 species of mammals (including elephant and leopard) and more than 400 bird species (including 26 endemics); a colourful array of flowering plants and trees, and a Hill Country famous for tea; 14 National Parks out of 100 areas protected by the government; and an Indian Ocean coastline boasting palm-fringed and sandy tropical beaches.



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