

# NORTHERN INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2026



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JAFFNA, SRI LANKA  
21<sup>ST</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2026

Jaffna Fort : Built 1618 -1625 By Portuguese



Adam's Bridge : 48 km long off the North Western Coast of Sri Lanka



## ABOUT TMC

For over a quarter century, TMC has empowered managers and leaders through knowledge exchange and professional networking. Expanding its mission, TMC now facilitates connections between investors and regional opportunities, advancing inclusive growth and sustainable enterprise across Sri Lanka.



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## NIS 26 OBJECTIVES

-  **Promote Investment:** Position the Northern Province as an attractive destination for foreign and local investors, highlighting sector-specific opportunities.
-  **Accelerate Regional Growth:** Support national economic priorities while boosting exports, foreign exchange, and sustainable development in the North.
-  **Community Impact:** Improve livelihoods, create jobs, attract youth to stay and build careers locally, and empower women-led enterprises.
-  **Global Engagement:** Strengthen ties with the Sri Lankan diaspora and global partners to accelerate inclusive growth.

# BUILDING A RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE, AND **GLOBALLY** **CONNECTED** NORTHERN ECONOMY

Showcase the Northern Province's development masterplan and strategic hubs at KKS, Paranthan, and Maankulam.

Highlight sector-specific investment opportunities spanning Agriculture, Fisheries; Education, Technology; Tourism, Heritage, Retail; Renewable energy. Also Healthcare, SME, and Startups.

Bring together Government institutions both National and local, think tanks, investors, policymakers, diaspora leaders, development agencies, and the private sector to accelerate growth.

Position the North as an innovation driven, investor ready region that balances economic expansion with cultural and environmental sustainability.

**THE NORTHERN INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2026  
IS A NATIONAL MILESTONE, A PLATFORM CREATED TO  
DRIVE SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS.**

# SRI LANKA'S **NORTHERN** GATEWAY TO SOUTH ASIA

Situated just **18 nautical miles** from India, the Northern Province stands at the crossroads of the Indian Ocean's busiest maritime and trade routes. With **Kankesanthurai (KKS) Port**, **Palaly International Airport**, the **A9 Highway**, and the **Mannar Bridge**, the region is emerging as a strategic logistics and investment corridor.



## **A Rising Economic Frontier**

- 1.3 million population with a 93% literacy rate.
- Strong academic backbone through University of Jaffna and University of Vavuniya.
- Growing diaspora presence with global networks across USA, Canada, UK, France, Australia, India-Tamil Nadu, and Europe.
- Expanding SME base, Women & youth among others, innovation hubs and youth-led tech communities.



# UNLOCKING **INVESTMENT** FOR A THRIVING NORTHERN ECONOMY



## THE SUMMIT UNDERSCORES A CLEAR NATIONAL VISION

- 👤 Drive sustainable, long-term economic growth in the Northern Province.
- 👤 Uplift local communities while strengthening Sri Lanka's overall economic resilience.
- 👤 Foster dynamic public-private collaboration.
- 👤 Encourage diaspora-driven participation and knowledge transfer.
- 👤 Promote policy reform and investor friendly governance.



# NORTHERN SRI LANKA

## A PORTFOLIO OF HIGH-POTENTIAL SECTORS

01



### Agriculture & Fisheries

Modernizing traditional strengths with agro-tech, seafood exports, sea cucumber farming, value-addition, cold storage, and precision agriculture.

02



### Tourism

Home to iconic Eco-tourism, Birds sanctuary, ADAMS bridge, heritage sites, untouched islands, pristine beaches, and cultural depth with immediate access to the Indian market through air and ferry links.

03



### Education & IT

A fast-growing tech corridor powered by an expanding IT hub, strong fiber networks, and university trained talent, with top universities producing skilled graduates who drive opportunities in BPOs, software development, AI, and tourism tech.

04



### Energy

One of Sri Lanka's richest solar-wind corridors, supported by large land availability and proximity to proposed cross-border energy exchange points.

## Cross Sector Themes



### Healthcare

Jaffna Teaching Hospital one of Sri Lanka's top medical institutions, set for national hospital upgrade enabling medical tourism potential.



### Exports

Palmyrah products, sesame oil, cashews, Coconut products, seafood, dry foods, spices, handicrafts, apparel, and small-scale manufacturing with strong niche demand.



### Startups & SMEs

Innovation-led youth enterprises, artisan businesses, women-led ventures, and tech-focused startups redefining local industries.

# INFRASTRUCTURE & ENABLERS

Strong talent pipeline from universities and technical institutes.

KKS Port strategic gateway to India & Bay of Bengal.

Palaly International Airport connecting regional and global markets.

Expanding fiber networks, mobile towers, The IT Hub ecosystem.

A9 Highway fast movement of goods and people.

Rail Network linking Jaffna to major cities.



# STAKEHOLDERS & COMMUNITY



## Partnerships Power Progress The Summit brings together

- ✦ National leadership & Ministries
- ✦ Board of Investment, Export Development Board, SLTPB, NEC, KPMG, NEDA, IDB, SEDD
- ✦ Government and the Northern Provincial Council
- ✦ Foreign missions and international agencies
- ✦ Industry leaders, SMEs & Startups
- ✦ Academic institutions
- ✦ Diaspora participation and global investors



# NIS26 – NORTHERN INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2026

## DAY 01

### SESSION 1

Ceremonial opening, Guest Speakers & Keynote Addresses.

### SESSION 2

Why invest in Sri Lanka – focus on the Northern Province.

### SESSION 3

How to invest: opportunities, processes, incentives and investor benefits.  
Panel Discussions: Key sectors.

### SESSION 4:

Where to invest: district-wise investment opportunities across priority sectors.  
Panel Discussions: Northern Province districts.

### B2B SESSION:

Networking Evening.

## DAY 02

### SECTORAL & TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

Infrastructure, Energy, Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism, Education, IT,  
Startups and Heritage.

### EVENING:

Panel discussion, Summit summary, Closing Ceremony & Cultural Program.

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4800 hectares land with different ecosystems, and over 20,000 water birds during migratory season.



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INNOVATORS, POLICYMAKERS, THINK TANKS,  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND GLOBAL  
PARTNERS DRIVING NORTHERN  
SRI LANKA'S ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION.

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