

Forum Background Note - Sri Lanka Investment Forum (SLIF) 2026

The **Sri Lanka Investment Forum (SLIF) 2026** is set to take place on **30 March 2026** at **Cinnamon Life, Colombo**.

Organized by the **Board of Investment (BOI)** of Sri Lanka, this landmark event is a collaborative effort with the **European Union (EU)**, the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, and **UN ESCAP**. The forum is designed to position Sri Lanka as a hub for high-value, sustainable, and technology-driven growth following its economic recovery.

To encourage the economic ecosystem the BOI has set a target of US\$1.5 billion in FDI for 2026, following the achievement of over US\$1.065 billion in FDI in 2025, which represented a 72% year-over-year increase.

Sri Lanka has firmly evidenced a consistent quarterly expansion throughout 2025, underscored by a 5.0% increase in Real GDP during the first nine months of the year. This momentum is increasingly broad-based; notably, in Q3 2025, the Industrial sector emerged as a primary driver with 8.1% growth, complemented by steady gains in the Services (3.5%) and Agriculture (3.6%) sectors. Supported by these strengthening fundamentals, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) maintains a positive outlook for 2026, projecting that economic growth will remain resilient within the 4.0% to 5.0% range. The strong macroeconomic indications will communicate to the foreign investors to consider Sri Lanka as a preferred destination for their investments.

Against this backdrop of improving economic fundamentals, the forum is being convened as a strategic platform to facilitate investment attraction by connecting global investors with Sri Lanka's priority sectors, policy direction, and emerging opportunities. The forum will serve as a strategic platform to showcase Sri Lanka's priority sectors, policy reforms, and emerging opportunities, while strengthening international partnerships and promoting long-term, sustainable investment.

Under the forum theme, "Investing in Sri Lanka's Green and Connected Future," Sri Lanka presents a compelling proposition to investors seeking opportunities that combine environmental stewardship with regional and global integration. With its strategic location along major maritime and trade routes, an expanding digital infrastructure, and an increasing emphasis on renewable energy, sustainable logistics, and climate-resilient industries, Sri Lanka is well-prepared to partner with the global investment community to shape a greener, more connected, and future-ready economy.

Event Overview

- **Theme:** Investing in Sri Lanka's Green and Connected Future
- **Venue:** Cinnamon Life, Colombo
- **Date:** 30 March 2026
- **Target Audience:** International and Domestic Investor Community, Global Corporate and Business Leaders, Business Associations and Chambers of Commerce, Economic Policymakers and Thought Leaders, Development Partners

Key Thematic Segments

The forum is structured into specialized tracks to provide a deep dive into the country's most promising sectors:

1. Shaping the Green Future

This core segment focuses on Sri Lanka's transition to a sustainable economy.

- **Renewable Energy:** In 2026, Sri Lanka stands at the threshold of a historic energy transformation. Anchored by the **National Energy Policy 2025-2030**, the nation is aggressively pursuing a target of **70% renewable electricity generation by 2030**. For investors, this represents a multi-billion-dollar opportunity across a diverse landscape of wind, solar, and green hydrogen.
- **Investing in Green Transition:** Investing in Green Transition is no longer just an environmental goal, it is a cornerstone of national economic recovery and long-term sovereignty. The "**Investing in Green Transition**" theme serves as the definitive roadmap for a sustainable, resilient, and technology-driven future.
- **Green Finance:** In 2026, Sri Lanka stands at a pivotal intersection of economic recovery and environmental stewardship. Under the **Sustainable Finance Roadmap 2.0 (2025–2029)**, the nation has evolved from high-level commitments to a robust, regulated ecosystem designed to attract and protect green capital.

2. Sector-Themed Parallel Sessions

To ensure comprehensive coverage, parallel tracks will explore specific industry opportunities:

Sector: Key Focus Areas

Services: Logistics, Integrated Warehousing, Aviation Services,

Manufacturing: Value-added Processing, Pharmaceuticals, Industrial Manufacturing.

Leisure: Nautical & Waterfront Tourism, Hotel Development, Theme & Amusement Parks.

Infrastructure: Technology & Innovation Parks, University Towns, Film Production Hubs.

3. Networking & B2B

- **Deal Matching & B2B Connect:** Dedicated sessions for investors to meet project owners and local business leaders and networking for Joint Ventures.

4. Beyond the presentations, the forum facilitates direct engagement through a closed-door event:

- **EU-SL Investment Dialogue:** Hosted by the EU Delegation in Sri Lanka, this high-level engagement will focus on government reforms, strategic plans, investment opportunities, and matters related to investor interests.