
Reserve Management Conference

Organized by

Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Colombo, Sri Lanka -- 10 -11 September 2026

Theme: "Building Buffers: Strategies for Reserve Management amidst Heightened Uncertainties"

Day 1: 10th September 2026

Session 1

8.30 -9.30 Registration

9.30 -9.45 Welcome Speech
Dr.Sumila Wanaguru,
Director, Investemnt Management - Central Bank of Sri Lanka

9.45 -10.15 Official Opening Remarks and Keynote Address
Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe,
Governor - Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Challenges in building the foreign reserves amidst geopolitical uncertainties

10.15 -10.45 Special Guest Speech
Mr. Domenico Nardelli,
Treasurer - Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Topic aligned with Challenges in building the foreign reserves amidst geopolitical uncertainties

10.45 -11.30 Group Photograph
Tea Break

Session 2

11.30 -12.30

Panel Discussion 1: Challenges for Asia in a World of Geopolitical Fragmentation

Panelists:

- **Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor - Central Bank of Sri Lanka**
- **Mr. Domenico Nardelli, Treasurer - Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**
- **Mr. Jung, Hee Sup, Director General - Reserve Management Group, Bank of Korea**
- **Mr. Mohamad Ali Iqbal Abdul Khalid, Assistant Governor - Bank Negara Malaysia**

Moderator:

Mr. Sudipto Lahiry, APAC Product Manager & CEO – Bloomberg

12.30 -2.00

Lunch Break

Session 3

2.00 -3.00

Panel Discussion 2: How do reserve managers respond to evolving uncertainties by adjusting portfolios and re-aligning asset allocation strategies?

Introductory speech:

- **Mr. Ajay Kumar, Executive Director – Reserve Bank of India**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Ajay Kumar, Executive Director – Reserve Bank of India**
- **Mr. Herve Thoumiand, Head of Trading Room - Banque de France, Singapore Office**
- **Mr. Wuthipong Trakulratanawong, Director of Reserve Management - Bank of Thailand**

Moderator:

Mr. Parth Dhananjay Patel,

Markets and Product Specialist – Bloomberg

3.00 -3.30

Tea Break

Session 4

3.30 -4.30

Panel Discussion 3: Currency Composition - Reviewing the Currency Power and USD Dominance in FX Reserves

Introductory speech:

Mr. Bingumal Thewarathanthri, CEO – Standard Chartered Bank, Sri Lanka

Panelists:

- **Mrs. Nithya Navaratnam, Deputy Head of Banking Department - Bank for International Settlements (BIS)**
- **Mr. Daisuke Takahashi, Senior Advisor for Capital Markets and Financial Affairs - Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)**
- **Mr. Bingumal Thewarathanthri, CEO – Standard Chartered Bank, Sri Lanka**
- **Mr. Jung, Hee Sup, Director General - Reserve Management Group, Bank of Korea**

Moderator:

- **Mr. Lily Mochamad Sadeli, Director of Reserve Management - Bank Indonesia**

6.30pm -10.00 pm Reception & Cocktail Dinner

End of Day 1

Day 2: 11th September 2026

Session 1

9.00 -10.00 **Speech on: Digital and Tokenized Assets in Official Reserves: Opportunities, Risks, and Operational Readiness for Central Banks**

**Speech by: Ms. Ussrah Hussain,
Director, Digital and Product Solutions – HSBC**

10.00 -10.30 **Tea Break**

Session 2

10.30 -11.30 **Panel Discussion 4: Enhancing Reserve Management through Technology and AI**

Introductory speech:

- **Mr. Owen William Atkins,
Head of Financial Services – APAC, Alpha Sense**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Owen William Atkins, Head of Financial Services – APAC, Alpha Sense**
- **Mr. Pradeep Swamy, Managing Director – Blackrock**
- **Mr. Vivek Ahuja, Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager - Franklin Templeton**
- **Ms. Ji Min Choi, AI Strategist - JP Morgan Asset Management**

Moderator:

- **Dr. Chandranath Amarasekara,
Senior Deputy Governor – Central Bank of Sri Lanka**

Session 3 **Speech on: ‘The Role of Gold and Alternative Assets in Reserve Portfolios’**

11.30 -12.30 **Speech by: Mr. Shaokai Fan,
Global Head of Central Banks - World Gold Council**

12.30 -2.00 **Lunch Break**

Session 4 2.00 -3.00	Panel Discussion 5: ESG Integration into Reserve Management mandate: An Opportunity under climate change management Introductory speech: Mr. Philip Dongsoo Hong, Senior Financial Officer - The World Bank Treasury Panelists: • Mr. Herve Thoumiand, Head of Trading Room - Banque de France, Singapore Office • Mrs. Nithya Navaratnam, Deputy Head of Banking Department - Bank for International Settlements (BIS) • Ms. Tamani Dias- Head of Corporate Clients, Sustainable Finance Lead - Standard Chartered Bank, Sri Lanka Moderator: Mr. Philip Dongsoo Hong, Senior Financial Officer – The World Bank Treasury
3.00 -3.30	Tea Break
Session 5 3.30 -4.30	Panel Discussion 6: Use of External Manager for Emerging Reserve Managers Panelists: • Ms. Sotthy Sum, Director of Reserve Management - National Bank of Cambodia • Dr. Harpreet Singh Grewal, Deputy General Manager - Reserve Bank of India • Mr. Luzian Steiner, Senior Portfolio Manager - Swiss National Bank Moderator: Mr. K G P Sirikumara, Deputy Governor – Central Bank of Sri Lanka
4.30-5.00	Awarding of Certificates to the Participants – • Mr. K G P Sirikumara, Deputy Governor – Central Bank of Sri Lanka • Ms D S W Samaratunga, Assistant Governor - Central Bank of Sri Lanka Vote of Thanks – Mr. Nishantha Jayaweera, Additional Director, Investment Management- Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Day 3:

12th September 2026

Excursion – Sigiriya and Kaudulla National Park