
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, Investment 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 (AIIB)
- Mr. Mohamad Ali Iqbal Abdul Khalid, Assistant Governor - Bank Negara Malaysia

Moderator:

Mr. Sudipto Lahiry, CEO – Bloomberg Tradebook Singapore

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. Cho, Sok Pang, Director of Reserve Management Strategy – 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

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- 10.00 -10.30** **Tea Break**
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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, AlphaSense
- Panelists:**
- **Mr. Owen William Atkins, Head of Financial Services – APAC, AlphaSense**
 - **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

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- 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

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- 12.30 -2.00** **Lunch Break**
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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:

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- **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. Sothty 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

End of Day 2

Day 3:

12th September 2026

Excursion – Sigiriya and Kaudulla National Park