



SRI LANKA

FINTECH SUMMIT 2025

Program Schedule

September 24-25, 2025 | BMICH, Colombo

MAIN STAGE

DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 24

Time	Topic	Session Type	Speakers
7.00AM - 8.00AM	Registration		
8.16AM - 8.20AM	Lighting the oil lamp		
8.21AM - 8.25AM	National Anthem		
8.26AM - 8.31AM	Opening Dancing Act		Opening Dancing Act (Drums & Dancers)
8.33AM - 8.35AM	Curtain Raiser & Logo reveal		Curtain Raiser Video & LED Logo Projection
8.35AM - 8.38AM	AI face intro then Compiere Intro		Brief Intro by Dushan Vas
8.38AM - 8.50AM	Empowering Sri Lanka's Digital Finance Future	Welcome, Introduction, Opening Remarks	Damith Pallewatte (MD/CEO, Hatton National Bank)
8.50AM - 9.10AM	Central Banking in the Digital Roadmap	Opening Keynote	Dr. P. Nandalal Weerasinghe (Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka)
9.10AM - 9.30AM	FinTech as a Driver of Digital Economy Acceleration	Opening Keynote	Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya (Chief Presidential Advisor on Digital Economy)
09.30 - 09.45 AM	Global Launch of "VISA accept" - Compere Intro - Product video - Intro video by VISA official - On stage segment	Product Launching	The Governor CBSL - Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe , Ms. Avanthi Colombage - Country Manager for Sri Lanka and Maldives, Mr. Ramakrishnan Gopalan – Chief Product Officer, India and South Asia, Mr. Abhishek Vats Senior Director – Consumer Solutions for VISA AP ,Mr. Nalin Dissanayake – Director - Account Executive for INSA, Ms. Gimali Soysa – Director - Products & Solutions – Sri Lanka & Maldives, HNB: Mr Damith Pallewatte – MD / CEO, Mr Sanjay Wijemanne – Senior Executive Vice President / COO ,Mrs Gauthami Niranjan - Vice President – Cards

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9.45AM - 10.25AM	Navigating Challenges and Unlocking Opportunities in Sri Lanka's Digital Economy Landscape	Opening Panel Discussion	Dr. P. Nandalal, Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya, Damith Pallewatte, Moderator: Channa De Silva
11.00AM - 11.30AM	Day 01 - Morning Tea Break		
11:30AM -12.00AM	Beyond Banking: How FinTech is Reshaping Global Commerce	Speech	Neal Cross (Co-founder, PictureWealth,Australia)
12:00AM - 1:00PM	Digital Payment Ecosystems: Building Interoperable Infrastructure	Panel Discussion	Neal Cross (Co-founder, PictureWealth,Australia), Rahul Bhargava , Sanjiva Weerawarana (CEO, WSO2), Sanjaya Karunsena (CEO, ICTA), Moderator : Monica Jasuja (EPAA)
1.00 PM - 2.00 PM	Day 01 - Lunch		
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Setting the Digital Finance Agenda: Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration	Speech	Ramakrishnan Gopalan
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Cross-Border Payments Innovation	Panel Discussion	Ramakrishnan Gopalan, Neal Cross (Neal Cross (Co-founder, PictureWealth), & Ritesh Pai (PhonePe), Harsha De Silva, Moderator: Shamindra - Echelon
3.00 PM - 3.30 PM	Day 01 - Evening Tea Break		
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Next-Gen Payment Innovation: Building Seamless and Secure Digital Ecosystems	Speech	Ricardos Khoury, President & CEO, Novus Technologies Pte Ltd
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Bridging the Gap: Rural Finance, Inclusion, and the Digital Revolution	Panel Discussion	Nshuti Mbabazi, Rahul Bhargava, Thushera Kawdawatta, Condard Dias, Moderator: Shamindra - Echelon



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4:45 PM - 5:30 PM	Sustainable Finance & Regional Integration: ESG-driven SAARC Cooperation	Panel Discussion	Ricardos Khoury, Sopnendu Mohanty (Online), Ms. Avanthi Colombage, Rahul Bhargava – Global Fintech Institute / World Bank, Moderator : Priyanka Wijayaratne
6:00PM - 9:00PM	Cocktail		

DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	The Future of Money: Digital Transformation in Finance, Roadmaps & Implementation Strategies	Speech	Neal Cross (Co-founder, PictureWealth, Australia)
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	FinTech Champions: Regional Success Stories	Panel Discussion	Nshuti Mbabazi undp, Neal Cross (Neal Cross (Co-founder, PictureWealth), Rithesh Pai (PhonePe), Sheyantha Abeykoon (Boost), Channa de Silva, Moderator: Shamindra - Echelon
10.30AM - 11.00AM	Day 02 - Morning Tea Break		
11:00AM - 11.30AM	The Role of Stablecoins in Driving Financial Inclusion and Cross-Border Trade	Speech	Rahul Bhagava (Global Fintech Institute / World Bank)
11.30AM - 12.30PM	Perspective on Central Bank Digital Currencies & Digital Assets	Panel Discussion	Rahul Bhargava – Global Fintech Institute / World Bank, Vasantha De Alwis (CBSL), Chek-Tchung Foo – GFTN (Singapore), Vinod Sharma – CTO, M-Pesa Africa (Kenya) Moderator : Monica Jasuja (EPAA)
12.30PM - 12.35PM	Union Pay Session	TBA	
12.30PM - 01.30PM	Day 02 - Lunch		
01:30 PM-2:00 PM	Financial Inclusion: Technology for the Underserved	Speech	Nshuti Mbabazi



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2.00 PM - 3.00 PM	Building Financial Resilience: Technology for Economic Stability	Product Launching	Rahul Bhargava (Global Fintech Institute / World Bank), Nshuti Mbabazi – Managing Director, Better Than Cash Alliance (Rwanda), Indika De Soyza (Strategic Adviser - Huawei Technologies Lanka Co. (Pvt) Ltd.) Moderator, Channa Fernandopulle, Adfactor PR
3.00PM - 3.30PM	Day 02 - Evening Tea Break		
3.30 PM-4.30 PM	Global FinTech Trends: Lessons for Sri Lanka's Digital Economy	Panel Discussion	Elizabeth Rossiello (Founder & CEO, AZA Finance), Vinod Sharma, Sheyantha Abeykoon (Boost), Dilip Asbe (CEO of NPC), Moderator : Monica Jasuja (EPAA)
4.30 PM - 5.00PM	Web3 and Decentralized Finance: Opportunities for Emerging Markets	Speech	Ghassan Jumblat
5:00 PM - 5:25 PM	Summit Highlights, Highlights video, Raffle draw by Mastercard	Main Hall - Summary	Return Air Tickets for Dubai & Singapore + Iphone 16
5:25 PM - 5:30 PM	Vote of Thanks & Official Conclusion	Main Hall - Closing	Dr. Kumudu Megasooriya



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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION STAGE (Blockchain, AI, Digital Assets)

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11.00AM - 11:30AM	Real-Time Gross Settlement: Modernizing Sri Lanka's Payment Backbone	Keynote	Rahul Bhargava (Global Fintech Institute / World Bank)
11.30AM - 12.30PM	Next-Gen Payment Ecosystems: Driving Cross-Border Innovation through Open Banking & APIs	Panel Discussion	Rahul Bhargava (Global Fintech Institute / World Bank), Neal Cross (PictureWealth / DBS), Ritesh Pai (PhonePe), Conrad Dias, Moderator: Monica Jasuja (EPAA)
12.30PM - 1.00PM	Reimagining Digital Finance: Unlocking Inclusive Growth Through AI, Blockchain, and FinTech Innovation	Speech	Elizabeth Rossiello – Founder & CEO, AZA Finance (UK/Kenya)
1.00PM - 2.00PM	Day 01 - Lunch		
2.00 PM-02.30 PM	Tokenized Dreams: Designing Future Cities Where Finance Meets Human Imagination	Speech	Dan Ameresekere, Chairman, DesignOne
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Harnessing AI and Machine Learning to Transform Financial Services: From Insights to Individualized Solutions	Speech	Thushera Kawdawatta (Managing Director , Sysco LABS & Chairman,VeroxLabs)
3.00PM - 3.30PM	Day 01 - Evening Tea Break		
3.30PM - 4.15PM	From Innovation to Impact: Leveraging AI, Blockchain, and FinTech for Inclusive and Transparent Financial Systems	Panel Discussion	Elizabeth Rossiello – Founder & CEO, AZA Finance (UK/Kenya), Thushera Kawdawatta (Managing Director , Sysco LABS & Chairman,VeroxLabs), Dan Ameresekere, Chairman, DesignOne, Moderator : Monica Jasuja (EPAA, India),
4.15PM-4:45PM	AI-Powered Experiences: Redefining Customer and Employee Journeys in the Digital Age	Speech	Brad Smith (Vector Business Navigation)



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4:45PM - 5:30PM	AI-Driven Customer Experience in Financial Services: From Insight to Impact	Panel Discussion	Brad Smith, Ruwan Perera, Chaminda Senewiratne, Chitral De Silva, and Vinod Sharma, Moderator, Dr Shahani Markus, (Founder, Chairperson & CEO, Emojot)
5:30PM - 6.00PM	Empowering the Underserved: Driving Financial Inclusion through Microfinance Digital Transformation	Speech	Nshuti Mbabazi (Managing Director, Better Than Cash Alliance)
6:00PM - 9:00PM	Cocktail		

DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 25

9:00AM-9:30 AM	Securing the Future of Finance: Cybersecurity Strategies for a Digital-First Economy	Speech	Sujit Christy – President, Circulo de CISO
9.30AM - 10.30AM	Guardians of Digital Finance: Strategies and Innovations in FinTech Cybersecurity	Panel Discussion	Sujit Christy – President, Circulo de CISO, Ghassan Jumblat, Sanji Balasuriya - CBSL CISO, Rahul Bhargava, Moderator : Dr. Kumudu Megasooriya
10.30AM - 11.00AM	Day 02 - Morning Tea Break		
11:00AM - 11.30AM	Redefining Insurance: Leveraging InsurTech for Financial Resilience and Inclusive Growth	Speech	Brad Smith (CEO & Founder, Vector Business Navigation)
11.30AM - 12.30PM	Unlocking Growth: Navigating Investment Opportunities in Emerging and Digital Markets	Panel Discussion	Rajeeva Bandaranaike, Jeevan Khanam, Arjuna Herath BOI chairman, Revan Wickramasuriya - Port City Director General (Moderaor : Echolen : Shamindra)
12.30PM - 1.30PM	Day 02 - Lunch		



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Time	Topic	Session Type	Speakers
1.30PM - 2.15PM	Reimagining Microfinance: Digital Transformation for Financial Inclusion at Scalet	Panel Discussion	Nshuti Mbabazi - Managing Director, Better Than Cash Alliance (Rwanda), Elizabeth Rossiello – Founder & CEO, AZA Finance (UK), Chek-Tchung Foo – Executive Director, GFTN (Singapore), Moderator, Hiyal Biyagama, Group Head - Adfactor PR
2:15 PM-3:00 PM	Sri Lanka's Digital Asset Advantage: Building an Innovation & Investment Hub	Panel Discussion	Ghassan Jumblat, Gianluca Bin – Founder, Rakstar Solutions LLC, UAE, , Dan Amarasekara, K. Chelvakumar - IFI, GIFT City, Gujarat, Moderator: Dr. Kumudu Megasooriya
3.00PM - 3.30PM	Day 02 - Evening Tea Break		
3.30PM - 3.50PM	CBDCs & Stablecoins: Sri Lanka's Regulatory Roadmap for a Secure Digital Currency Future	Interview	Interviwee: Rahul Bhargava (Global Fintech Institute / World Bank), Interview: Niharika Kori (SWIFT)
3.50PM - 4.20PM	Blockchain and AI in Action: Lessons from Real-World Financial Innovations	Speech	Neal Cross (Co-founder, PictureWealth)
4.20 PM - 5.00 PM	Democratizing Wealth in Sri Lanka: How FinTech is Unlocking Investment Access for All	Panel Discussion	Neal Cross (Co-founder, PictureWealth, Australia), Nshuti Mbabazi (MD, Better Than Cash Alliance, Rwanda), Elizabeth Rossiello (Founder & CEO, AZA Finance, UK), Rithesh Pai (CEO, International Payments, PhonePe, India), Moderator :



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REGULATORY & ECOSYSTEM STAGE DAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 24

Time	Topic	Session Type	Speakers
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Regulatory Innovation & Sandbox Excellence: Driving FinTech Growth in Emerging Markets	Speech	Chek-Tchung Foo
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Data Protection & Privacy in FinTech: Building Trust in the Digital Economy	Panel Discussion	Sujit Christy (Circulo de CISO), Thushera Kawdawatta (Sysco LABS / VeroxLabs), Vinod Sharma (M-Pesa Africa), Jayantha Fernando, Moderator : Monica Jasuja (EPAA)
1.00PM - 2.00PM	Day 01 - Lunch		
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Upskilling to Fill Talent Gap: Automating Oversight in a Digital Finance Era	Workshop	K. Chelvakumar (IFI, GIFT City, Gujarat)
3.00PM - 3.30PM	Day 01 - Evening Tea Break		
3:30 PM-4:00 PM	Regulation vs. Innovation: Striking the Balance in Cross-Border Ecosystems	Speech	Niharika Kori (SWIFT)
4:00 PM-4:45 PM	Digital Identity & Trust Frameworks for a Connected Economy	Panel Discussion	Chek-Tchung Foo (GFTN), Vinod Sharma (M-Pesa Africa), Nshuti Mbabazi (Better Than Cash Alliance), Moderator: Sanji Balasuriya
4:45PM - 5:15 PM	Cybersecurity in the Digital Finance Era: Threats, Strategies & Resilience	Speech	Sujit Christy (Circulo de CISO)
5:15 PM - 6.00PM	Fraud Prevention & Threat Intelligence in FinTech: Building a Proactive Security Culture	Panel Discussion	Sujit Christy (Circulo de CISO), Sanji Balasuriya - CBSL CISO, Madu Rathnayake, Moderator : Suresh Emmanuel



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REGULATORY & ECOSYSTEM STAGE DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 25

Time	Topic	Session Type	Speakers
9:00 AM - 9.30 AM	Tokenization of Real-World Assets: Unlocking New Investment Opportunities.	Speech	Gianluca Bin (Rakstar Solutions LLC / Swiss Crowd)
9.30AM - 10.00AM	AI Ethics and Responsible Innovation in Finance: Ensuring Fairness and Accountability	Speech	Thushera Kawdawatta (Sysco LABS / VeroxLabs)
10.00AM - 10.20AM	Sponsor Videos		
10.30AM - 11.00AM	Day 02 - Morning Tea Break		
11.00AM - 11.30AM	Financial Wellness & Inclusion: Beyond Banking	Speech	Nshuti Mbabazi (Better Than Cash Alliance)
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Transforming Digital Payments: Positioning Sri Lanka as a Regional FinTech Powerhouse	Panel Discussion	Ransika De Silva, Dhanika Perera, Kanishka Weeramunda, Conrad Dias, Channa de Silva, Moderator: Niharika Kori (SWIFT)
12.30PM - 1.30PM	Day 02 - Lunch		
01.30PM - 2.00PM	Cross-Border Regulatory Alignment for FinTech Expansion	Speech	Chek-Tchung Foo (GFTN)
2:00PM - 3:00 PM	Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) Adoption & Policy Frameworks	Workshop	Rahul Bhargava (Global Fintech Institute / World Bank)
3.00PM - 3.30PM	Day 02 - Evening Tea Break		
3:30 PM-4:00 PM	Managing by Objective Metrics - FinTech Readiness Index	Speech	K. Chelvakumar (GIFT City)
4:00 PM - 4.45 PM	Embedded Finance & Open Banking: Driving Market Growth	Panel Discussion	Neal Cross (PictureWealth / DBS), Rithesh Pai (PhonePe), Moderator: Channa De Silva (FinTech Forum of Sri Lanka)



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INNOVATION ARENA (Pitchin Station)

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Speakers

No any sessions

DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 25

9:00AM - 11:00 AM

Pitching Session

9:00 AM-9:15 AM

Aruna Withanage - CEO ,
Effectz.AI

9:15 AM-9:30 AM

DirectPay

9:30 AM-9:45 AM

Nano Soft

9:45 AM-10:00 AM

PayZy

10:00 AM-10:15 AM

Thiyagaya

10:15 AM-10:30 AM

AnyBank

10.30AM - 11.30AM

Day 02 - Morning Tea Break

Pitches/Research

Neal Cross, Brad Jones,
Jeevan Ghanam,



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EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM STAGE - Levendar Hall

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11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Banking Beyond 2030: The CEO's Roadmap for a digitally enabled economy in Sri Lanka	Roundtable - Invitees Only	Chair : Damith Pallewatte
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Day 01 - Lunch		
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Fintech Innovation, Financial Inclusion, Rural Empowerment & the Journey towards a lesscash Economy	Roundtable - Invitees Only	Chair : Channa De Silva
4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Regulatory Innovation: Regulatory Sandbox 2.0: Fast-Track Innovation Framework	Roundtable - Invitees Only	Dr. Ranee Jayamaha

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9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Harnessing Digital Assets and CBDCs: Opportunities and Challenges for Modern Monetary Systems (AI & Blockchain) AI Taskforce	Roundtable - Invitees Only	Chair : Sadun Hapugoda
11:00AM - 11:30AM	Day 02 - Morning Tea Break		
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Market Access via International Partnership Agreements: Accelerating Sri Lanka's Immediate Market Entry and Investment Opportunities	Roundtable - Invitees Only	Chair : Rajeeva Bandaranaike
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Day 02 - Lunch		
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Strengthening Sri Lanka's FinTech Ecosystem: Cybersecurity Challenges and Solutions for a Trusted Digital Economy	Roundtable - Invitees Only	Chair : Madu Rathnayake
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Talent & Innovation: Building Sri Lanka's FinTech Future Through a \$50M Skills Development Initiative	Roundtable - Invitees Only	Chair : Avanthi Colombage