



IEEE Sri Lanka Section
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DELEGATE HANDBOOK

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15th Anniversary Edition • 2026



Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations on being selected for the 15th Anniversary Edition of IEEE SLSYWC'26!

Out of hundreds of bright minds across Sri Lanka, you have been chosen to take part in the prestigious 15th anniversary edition of the flagship gathering of the IEEE Sri Lanka Section, the IEEE SL SYW Congress 2026.

Under the theme "Intelligence for Impact," we gather to celebrate a decade and a half of excellence and to shape the future with ideas that matter. In a world driven by rapid technological evolution, your role as a young innovator has never been more vital.

These three days are designed to push you beyond the classroom and into the global engineering ecosystem. Let this landmark anniversary be the definitive launchpad for your professional journey.



Ready to Embark on an Unforgettable Journey?

Inspiration. Innovation. Connection.

With only a few weeks remaining until IEEE SL SYW Congress 2026, the excitement is building and we're thrilled to have you join us.

Until we meet, this Delegate Handbook will serve as your essential guide throughout the Congress. Inside, you'll find everything you need to navigate the experience, from key event information and schedules to useful tips that will help you make the most of every moment.

Whether you're attending Congress for the first time or returning for another remarkable year, we're here to support you every step of the way. We look forward to welcoming you soon!



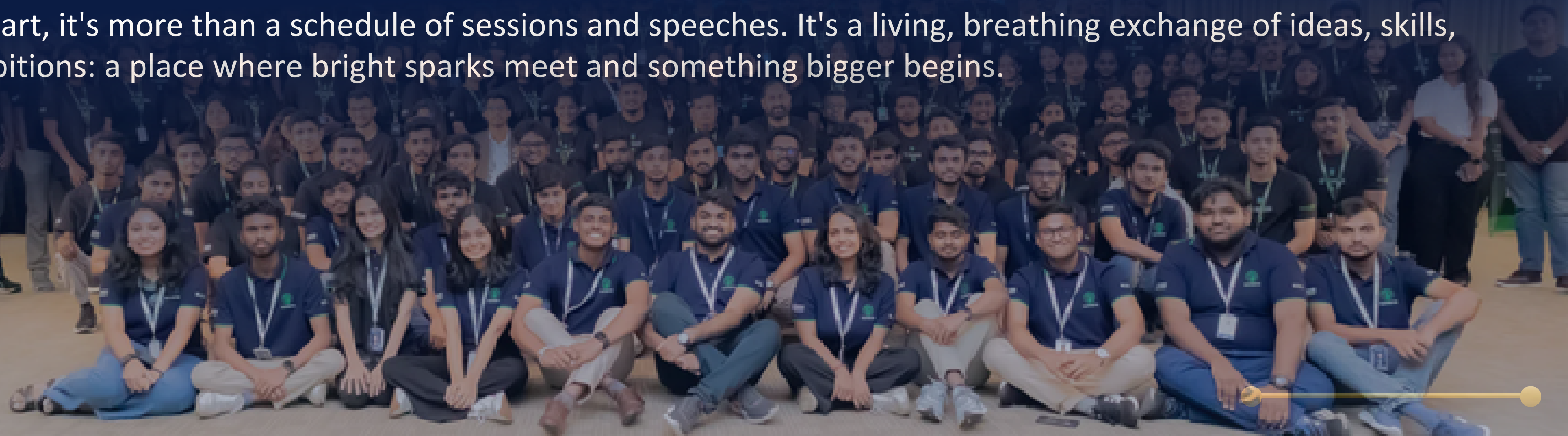
What is the IEEE SL SYW Congress?

Where paths cross and ideas collide

Every great adventure needs a place where paths cross and ideas collide. For the IEEE community in Sri Lanka, that place is the IEEE SL SYW Congress. A grand meeting point where students, young professionals, women in engineering, academics, and industry leaders gather under one roof.

As the flagship event of the IEEE Sri Lanka Section, the Congress has grown into the largest technical gathering in Sri Lanka, alive with energy, fresh perspectives, and opportunities waiting to be discovered.

At its heart, it's more than a schedule of sessions and speeches. It's a living, breathing exchange of ideas, skills, and ambitions: a place where bright sparks meet and something bigger begins.



What to Expect at Congress 2026

Explore. Engage. Connect.

- Explore the theme "Intelligence for Impact" and how intelligent technologies are shaping the future
- Gain insights into the responsible and purposeful use of intelligence-driven systems across diverse domains
- Learn how technology can address real-world challenges and create meaningful outcomes for society
- Engage with academics, industry experts, and professionals who are driving innovation and progress
- Participate in discussions that connect engineering knowledge with practical industry applications
- Experience a platform that promotes learning, collaboration, and leadership development
- Connect with students and young professionals from across the country and expand your network
- Strengthen your understanding of industry expectations and emerging opportunities



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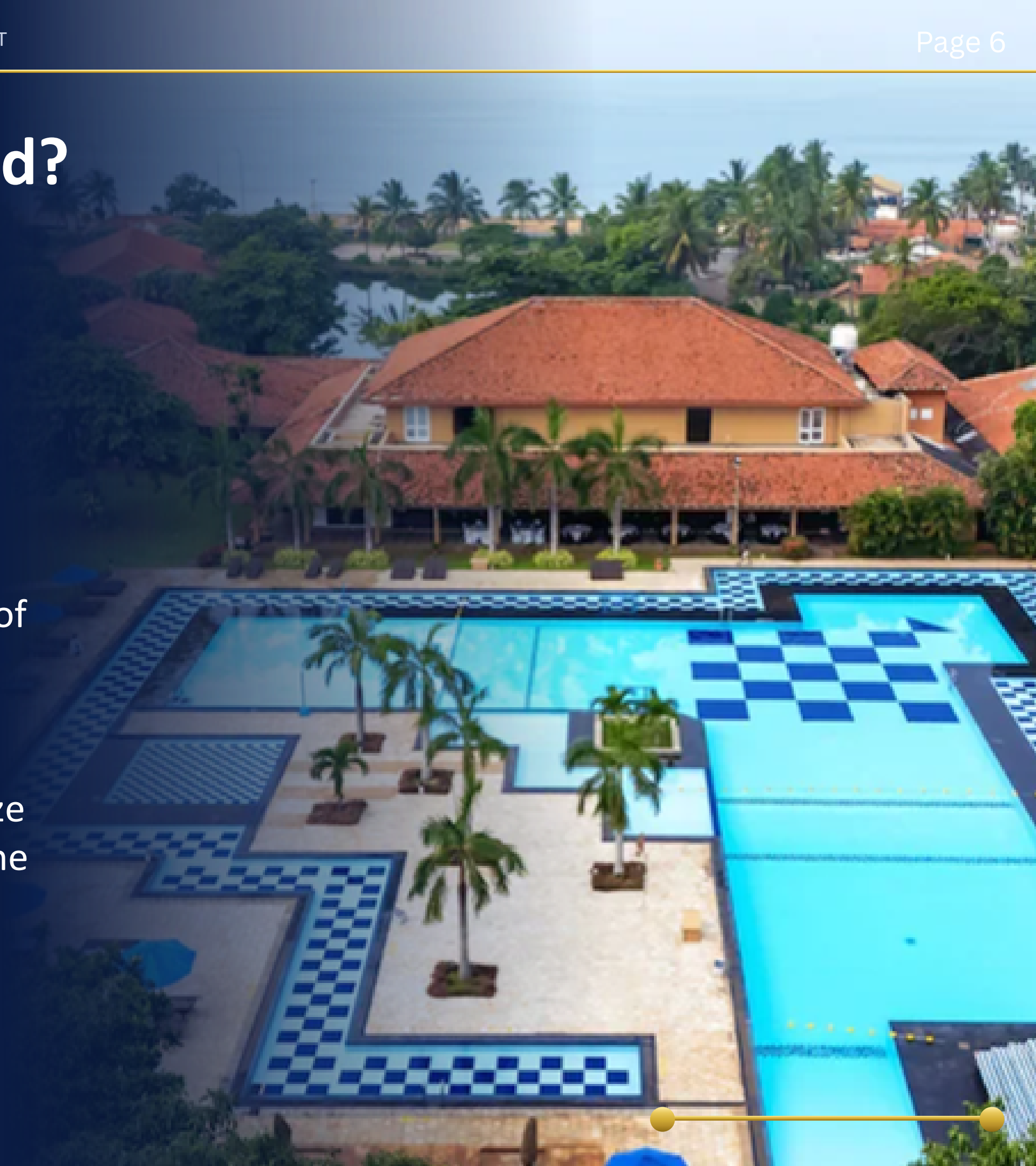


Where Will Congress 2026 Be Held?

Club Palm Bay Hotel • Marawila, Sri Lanka

The IEEE SL SYW Congress 2026 will take place at Club Palm Bay Hotel in Marawila, a sprawling 30-acre resort located on Sri Lanka's scenic north-west coast. Nestled between a tranquil lagoon and the ocean, this stunning venue features comfortable, chalet-style rooms with private terraces, offering the perfect backdrop for days of intensive learning and team collaborations.

Outside, the natural ecological surroundings and rustic charm set a calming pace, while the gentle coastal breeze keeps you refreshed. Vibrant garden landscapes meet the waterfront, ensuring every viewpoint provides the perfect setting for building lifelong connections.



How to Reach the Venue

Simple routes from Colombo and BIA

1 FROM COLOMBO — BY TRAIN

Take a train from Colombo Fort Station towards Marawila. The journey takes around 1.5 to 2 hours. From Marawila Railway Station, the hotel is a short taxi or tuk-tuk ride away.

2 FROM COLOMBO — BY ROAD

Approximately 65 km, taking 1.5 to 2 hours depending on traffic. Taxis, ride-hailing services, and private vehicles all offer a convenient travel option.

3 FROM BIA AIRPORT

The hotel is approximately 30 km from Bandaranaike International Airport, reachable within 45 minutes to 1 hour by taxi or pre-arranged airport transfer.

VENUE ADDRESS

Club Palm Bay, Thalawila Wella, Thoduwawa, Marawila 61210, Sri Lanka

Hotel transfer assistance available on request • Local taxis and ride-hailing services provide convenient options.

IEEE Handawa

Colors. Culture. Rhythm. Welcome to Handawa.

As the sun sets, it's time to trade your conference notes for an evening of pure cultural energy. IEEE Handawa is crafted entirely for deep vibes and effortless ice-breaking. Nestled between the peaceful lagoon and the coastal breeze, this is a celebration unlike any other.

Every IEEE zone takes the spotlight to showcase its own regional flair, weaving a vibrant tapestry of island traditions through music, movement, and performance. Expect infectious acoustic beats, traditional styles, and a collective energy that naturally pulls everyone into the crowd.

Cheer for your fellow delegates, move to the rhythm, and match the energy of the night. By the time the final beat drops, Handawa won't just be a memory, it will be a feeling you carry forward.



Outbound Training Session

Day 2 — Step up!

The Outbound Training Session takes learning beyond the conference hall and into an interactive environment where teamwork, leadership, and collaboration take center stage.

Through engaging challenges and group activities, you'll put your communication, problem-solving, and decision-making skills into action while working alongside fellow delegates.

More than just an activity, this experience is an opportunity to build confidence, strengthen connections, and create memories that will stay with you long after Congress comes to an end.



IEEE Sri Lanka Section Awards Night 2026

Shining a light on Sri Lanka's brightest volunteers

As the sun sets on the day's events, it's time to celebrate the real heroes behind the scenes, the volunteers whose passion and hard work keep IEEE Sri Lanka thriving. Since 2016, the Awards Night has been the spotlight moment where we honor those who've gone above and beyond.

This isn't just about trophies or titles. It's about recognizing the creativity, dedication, and impact of student branches, affinity groups like Women in Engineering, and individual volunteers who turn ideas into action. From groundbreaking projects to memorable collaborations with industry, these awards tell the story of a community pushing boundaries.

When the applause fills the room, it's a reminder that every effort counts and every contribution shapes the future of technology and leadership in Sri Lanka.



Gala Night

A vibrant celebration to conclude an inspiring day

Following the day's sessions and activities, Gala Night offers the perfect opportunity to unwind, connect, and celebrate with fellow delegates.

With upbeat music from a live DJ setting the mood, the evening promises an energetic and engaging atmosphere for everyone.

Enjoy great company, create lasting memories, and celebrate the spirit of IEEE as the night comes to a memorable close.



Panel Discussions

Diverse viewpoints. Unified impact.

Step into interactive, multi-angle discussions where leading industry specialists, academic researchers, and pioneering changemakers dissect the modern technical landscape.

Moving far beyond abstract theories, these forums bring together valuable insights and real-world case studies to challenge conventional thinking.

Every dialogue is designed to equip you with actionable strategic blueprints, inspiring perspectives, and technical frameworks to directly guide your next professional steps.



Keynote Speeches

Where ideas inspire action

Gain valuable insights from distinguished speakers who are shaping the future of technology, engineering, and innovation.

More than just presentations, these keynote sessions offer fresh perspectives, thought-provoking discussions, and real-world experiences that challenge conventional thinking.

Be inspired by visionary leaders as they share their journeys, lessons learned, and ideas for creating meaningful impact in an ever-evolving world.



What Should You Bring

Your packing essentials for three days at Congress

ESSENTIALS FOR ENTRY

- National Identity Card / Passport or Driving License for identity verification

FOR YOUR IDEAS

- A notebook & pen, sparks of innovation can strike anywhere, and you'll want to capture them

HEALTH & COMFORT

- Any prescribed medications, with relevant prescriptions
- Toiletries and sanitary items

PRACTICAL NEEDS

- Sufficient cash for transport or emergencies
- A cap and umbrella for outdoor sessions

ATTIRE

- Clothing and footwear for 3 days & 2 nights
- Handawa: traditional attire; sarongs, sarees, lungis and jackets
- Awards Night & Gala: formal attire; suits and ties, sarees or evening gowns

Code of Conduct

Building a safe, respectful, and professional environment

All attendees are expected to contribute to a safe, respectful, and professional environment throughout the event. Delegates must adhere to the Congress Terms and Conditions and the guidelines of the Member Activities Subcommittee of SLSAC.

- Respect and comply with the laws of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
- Adhere to the IEEE Code of Conduct
- Cooperate fully with Congress officials and organizing teams
- Follow the guidelines and instructions provided by the host venue
- Treat all delegates, speakers, officials, staff, and guests with respect and professionalism
- Attend registered sessions on time and actively participate in scheduled activities
- Dress appropriately for each session and event
- Bear the cost of any services obtained outside the Congress package
- Refrain from using facilities not covered by the Congress package during official hours
- Avoid engaging in unauthorized commercial or promotional activities on Congress premises

Agenda

Three days. Endless impact.

DAY 01 - 18th September 2026

Program Lineup

Time		Event
12:30:00 PM	1:30:00 PM	Delegate Registration
1:30:00 PM	2:00:00 PM	Opening Cermony
2:00:00 PM	2:35:00 PM	Welcome Speech
2:35:00 PM	2:45:00 PM	Congress Protocols
2:45:00 PM	3:45:00 PM	IEEE Standards Session
3:45:00 PM	4:30:00 PM	Keynote Session
4:30:00 PM	5:00:00 PM	Session
5:00:00 PM	6:00:00 PM	Keynote Session
6:00:00 PM	6:10:00 PM	Room Allocation
6:10:00 PM	7:10:00 PM	Getting ready for Handawa
7:10:00 PM	10:10:00 PM	IEEE Handawa & Dinner

Detailed schedule will be shared closer to the event.

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DAY 02 - 19th September 2026

Program Lineup

Time		Event
7:00:00 AM	8:00:00 AM	Chapter Stalls
8:00:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	Breakfast + Chapter Stalls
9:00:00 AM	9:10:00 AM	Opening Pleanary
9:10:00 AM	9:30:00 AM	Session
9:30:00 AM	10:30:00 AM	Session
10:30:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	Panel Discussion
11:30:00 AM	11:45:00 AM	Membership Drive (Session)
11:45:00 AM	1:15:00 PM	Group Photo & Lunch
1:15:00 PM	4:10:00 PM	Panel discussions and Sessions
4:10:00 PM	6:00:00 PM	Outbound training Activites
6:00:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	Preparation for awards night
7:00:00 PM	8:30:00 PM	Awards Night
8:30:00 PM	11:15:00 PM	Dinner and DJ

Detailed schedule will be shared closer to the event.

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DAY 03 - 20th September 2026

Program Lineup

Time		Event
8:00:00 AM	9:00:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00:00 AM	9:15:00 AM	Opening Plenary
9:15:00 AM	10:15:00 AM	Panel Discussion
10:15:00 AM	11:15:00 AM	Membership Drives (Session)
11:15:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	Commencement of Closing Ceremony
11:30:00 AM	12:15:00 PM	Prize giving and Final remarks
12:15:00 PM	12:25:00 PM	After Movie
12:25:00 PM	12:30:00 PM	Vote of thanks
12:30:00 PM	1:30:00 PM	Lunch

Detailed schedule will be shared closer to the event.

Safety & Respect Policies

A safe, inclusive, and professional Congress for all

DRUGS & ALCOHOL POLICY

Usage or possession of drugs and alcohol is strictly prohibited on the event premises. Any drugs, unless prescribed by a licensed medical professional with valid documentation, will be confiscated.

Any disruptive or unruly behavior under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will not be tolerated.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

Congress 2026 is committed to a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all delegates, exhibitors, and officials, in-person and online. Harassment, bullying, or any inappropriate behavior will not be accepted.

Report concerns immediately to a Congress official. All concerns will be handled with seriousness, care, and confidentiality. Violations may result in removal from the Congress or restriction from future IEEE events.

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