



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 14.09.2026

01. Conducting of “Disrupt Asia – 2026” Technological Summit and Innovative Festival

The Ministry of Digital Economy and GovTech Sri Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. has planned to hold a national Technological summit and innovation festival titled 'Disrupt Asia - 2026.' It is expected to be held this summit and the festival as a two-day program featuring a startup competition, main sessions under various themes, an exhibition, a networking event, and other affiliated programs. Key stakeholders, including ministries, government institutions, the private sector, industry stakeholders, academia, development partners, and international organizations are scheduled to participate for this event. The Sri Lankan Office of the United Nations Development Program has expressed its willingness and readiness to act as a strategic partner of the Ministry of Digital Economy to conduct the aforementioned "Disrupt Asia - 2026" Technological Summit and Innovation Festival. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Digital Economy to conduct the "Disrupt Asia - 2026" Technological Summit and Innovation Festival in collaboration with the Sri Lankan Office of the United Nations Development Program as a strategic partner.

02. Declaration of “A National Children's Day Week”

Sri Lanka commemorates Children's Day on 1st October every year with the objective of further strengthening social attention towards protecting the rights of children, education, health, and well-being. It has been observed that the challenges encountered by present-day children, such as risk, psychological and social stress, negligence, and various social and economic vulnerability conditions related to the internet and digital technology, have broadened rather than traditional child protection issues. Furthermore, it has been recognized that there is a need to develop awareness regarding the rights of children and the protection of not only children but also all parties involved, including parents, teachers, public officials, service providers, and the general public who are consistently associated with children. Consequently, it has been proposed to establish "A National Children's Day Week" in line with the national commemoration of Children's Day with the objective of raising public awareness of the rights of children, fostering social sensitivity towards children, and encouraging community involvement in the protection of children. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Women and Children Affairs to implement special programs declaring “A National Children's Day Week - 2026” from 25-09-2026 to 01-10-2026.

03. Hosting the SAARC Training Workshop on Financial Modeling for Renewable Energy Projects

The Energy Centre of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has planned to conduct a training workshop under the theme 'Financial Modelling for Renewable Energy Projects' in Colombo from 2026-10-05 to 2026-10-07. It is expected that two persons from each member country, including Sri Lanka, will participate in this workshop. The Energy Centre of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) will provide all local hospitality facilities and airport transport, excluding airfare. Taking into consideration the resolution furnished by the Minister of Energy regarding this workshop, which is vitally important for the capacity building of public officers and other related parties regarding project evaluation and financial modeling in the renewable energy sector, the Cabinet of Ministers has decided to grant its consent to hold this workshop and extend Sri Lanka's hospitality for this event.

04. Hosting the 8th Asian Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and the 3rd Joint Asian and South-East Asian Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The 8th Asian Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and the 3rd Joint Asian and South-East Asian Regional Conference of the CPA are planned to be held over three days in Colombo during April/May 2027. Approximately 90 delegates including speakers, Deputy Speakers, Member of Parliamentarians, and Parliamentary officers representing member countries of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, in the Asian and South-East Asian regions, are expected to participate in these conferences. The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister for the Parliament of Sri Lanka to host the said conferences considering the opportunities to strengthen parliamentary diplomacy and regional cooperation, as well as to enhance international recognition of the Parliament of Sri Lanka within the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

05. Providing Additional Funds to the Paddy Marketing Board for Paddy Purchasing

Out of the provisions allocated under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation to implement the 2026 Yala season paddy purchasing program, Rs. 6,000 million has been provided to the Paddy Marketing Board, and the Paddy Marketing Board is currently carrying out paddy purchasing activities using that money. However, since paddy harvesting has not yet ended in the Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Puttalam, Mannar, and Mullaitivu districts, as well as Mahaweli Zones B, C, and H, it has been observed that the provisions currently allocated are insufficient for paddy purchasing in those areas. The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation to provide an additional Rs. 2,500 million to the Paddy Marketing Board on a reimbursable basis from the Rs. 7,500 million additional allocations granted to the Ministry to implement the expedited paddy purchasing program for the 2026 Yala harvest.

06. Further Implementation of the Project to Protect the Boundaries and Conservation Areas of Selected Major Tanks

Approval from the Cabinet of Ministers has been received at the Cabinet meeting held on 16-06-2025 to implement a project by the Department of Irrigation using the Rs 100 million allocated from the provisions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation relevant to the year 2025 under the Clean Sri Lanka Project. This project aims to precisely mark the boundaries of the main tanks under the control of the Department of Irrigation on the ground, using the boundary posts of the Department as a step to protect water sources affected by current land use patterns. Accordingly, the works on 21 tanks, which are being affected in different ways, commenced in the year 2025, and bordering and fixing boundary posts relevant to the activities for 3 tanks—Nuwara Wewa, Kantale Wewa, and Tissa Wewa—were completed within that year. In addition, the remaining works that have to be started in the 48 tanks included in the project proposal approved by the Department of National Planning are to be completed in the coming year. Accordingly, the estimated cost of the overall project for the duration 2025-2028, including the surveying of the remaining tanks, preparing and fixing the bordering posts, and tree planting, has been calculated as 400 million. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation to implement further the aforementioned project through the Department of Irrigation.

07. Mudun Ela Rainwater Drainage and Environmental Improvement Project

The Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation has proposed to implement the “Mudun Ela Rainwater Drainage and Environmental Improvement Project” with the objective of mitigating rainwater drainage issues severely impacting development in the Peliyagoda and Kelaniya areas belonging to the Mudun Ela sub-catchment zone. The proposed project has been planned based on the feasibility study conducted in the Mudun Ela River Basi Region by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the year 2023 and the feasibility study conducted in the Mudun Ela River Basi Region by the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation in the year 2024. Through the implementation of this project, it is expected to provide solutions to rainwater drainage problems in the Mudun Ela sub-catchment area, minimize the effects caused by drainage issues for the currently implemented development projects and economic activities, and release lands required for future development projects. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to implement the "Mudun Ela Rainwater Drainage and Environmental Improvement Project" within the period 2027-2036 in phases at an estimated total cost of Rs. 46,190.6 million.

08. Rainwater Drainage System and Environmental Improvement Project Adjacent to the Piliyandala - Kesbawa Sub-Way Road

The natural rainwater drainage pattern in the Piliyandala area has been adversely affected due to the urbanization activities conducted centralized in the Piliyandala area during the past decades such as constructing Piliyandala- Kasbawa sub-way (route No. 120) by filling paddy lands, construction of Piliyandala Bus Stand under the Piliyandala Urban Development Project. Due to the filling of such low-lying lands, the capacity to retain rainwater naturally has been considerably reduced, and the flow of surface water has been significantly increased. Consequently, there is a risk of flooding even with small amounts of rainfall. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to implement the proposed rainwater drainage system and environment-enhancing project in lowland areas associated with the Piliyandala-Kasbawa subway areas to develop drainage systems and construct canal banks, renovate the existing culverts and construct new culverts construct water retention areas, and declare environmentally sensitive areas as wetlands.

09. Project to Enhance Dickwella Beruwala Rainwater Drainage Systems and General Facilities.

Wewurukannala, a semi – urban area in the proximity to Dickwella town is subject to constant inundations. The fundamental cause of this inundation is filling the swamp named Beruwala and the informal urbanization beside the main canal named Sandees and it being narrowed causing insufficient water drainage. Owing to this situation, Sri Lanka Lands Development corporation has carried out a hydro - scientific of the relevant area and relevant plans have been drawn to upgrade the water drainage system in the area whereas relevant recommendations and approvals have been obtained from applicable institutions. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to execute the Project to Enhance Dickwella Beruwala Rainwater Drainage Systems and General Facilities to an estimated sum of Rupees Million 2,946 within the period of 2027 – 2030 and carryout the following activities under the same.

- Restoration of approximately fourteen (14) acres of Beruwala low lands as a hydro retention area (a reservoir)
- Construction of the bund of the reservoir which is 1.8 kilometres in length as Perahara Mawatha and a walking path for public
- Expansion of the Sandees canal that carries the storm water stagnated in this area from the swamp to the lagoon and development of it up to the lagoon with a road that facilitates for maintenance.
- Construction of a new canal from the proposed reservoir to Beliatte detour way as a by way canal and construction of other dual canals.
- Renovation of culverts across the roads and culverts related to the reservoir.
- Development of general facilities catering the requirements of the community in the surrounding area of the proposed reservoir.

10. Renovation of Blackpool – Ambewela – Pattipola – Horton Plains (B 512) highway (from 5+200 to 12+000 kilometre post)

Bids have been called adhering to the national competitive bidding scheme for upgrading the Blackpool – Ambewela – Pattipola – Horton Plains (B 512) highway (from 5+200 to 12+000 kilometre post) which was devastated due to Ditwah cyclone that struck Sri Lanka towards the end of November 2025. Four (04) bids have been received in this connection. Subsequent to evaluating those bids, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to award the relevant contract to a sum of Rupees Million 791.68, to M/s Asset Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd., who is the minimum substantially responsive bidder adhering to the recommendations given by the Higher - Level Procurement Committee.

11. Awarding the Contract of Supplying Global Network of Infrastructure Facilities to Sri Lankan Airlines Company Limited.

A secure, sustainable, and highly efficient global network infrastructure facility platform is required for the relationship among the specifically important airline services including the aviation passenger systems, departure control systems, systems to reservations for air tickets and seating, goods management systems and airport monitoring systems. Therefore, bids have been invited adhering to the international competitive bidding scheme for selecting a new service supplier on completion of contract period for supplying relevant services for Sri Lankan Airlines Company Limited. Only one bid has been submitted in this connection. Accordingly, considering the recommendation provided by the Higher - Level Standing Procurement Committee in the regard, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation to award the contract of supplying global network of infrastructure facilities to Sri Lankan Airlines Company Limited by SITA Switzerland SARL who is the only substantially responsive bidder to a contracted sum of United States Dollars Million 4.01 for a period of five (05) years from 01.10.2026 to 30.09.2031

12. Execution of Projects in the Health Sector for Enhancing Public Health Services.

Proposals have been made to implement development projects aiming at enhancing the facilities that caters modern health services standards through development of infrastructure facilities that caters the state – of – the - art infrastructure facilities development as well as circumventing infrastructure facility shortages recognized to be in most of the government health service institutions including the hospitals for accomplishing the escalating public health service requirements. Consequently, 41 project proposals among the project proposals that have been forwarded in the years 2025 and 2026 have been evaluated and recommended by the Department of National Planning for execution after initiating them during the year 2027. The project proposals have already been included in the state investment programme applicable to the period 2027 – 2031. Considering the preparation to execute 39 projects out of them, it has been planned to allocate provisions for them from the 2027 budget. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to execute 39 new projects mentioned above.

13. Nominating a Business as a Primary Business with Strategic Importance under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act.

Provisions have been formulated to award the encouragements for nominating an enterprise as a strategically important business venture and exempt or encourage for such businesses as per section 53 of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act No. 11 of 2021 whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers should be obtained for that. Accordingly, Prime Melwa (Pvt.) Limited which is proposed to be nominated as a primary business with strategic importance has planned for an investment of United States Dollars Million 112.2 and a Sri Lankan Rupees Billion 15.9 within the next couple of years, to execute a landmark mixed – use waterfront project, and generate approximately 800 employment opportunities for individuals. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to award the proposed exemptions or encouragements adhering to the provisions of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act to the Prime Melwa (Pvt.) Limited, and nominate the same enterprise as a Prime Melwa (Pvt.) Limited as a strategically important business venture.

14. Submission of the Draft of the Appropriation Bill for the Financial Year 2027 to the Parliament.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted to the preparation of the Appropriation Bill for the financial year of 2027 at their meeting held on 30.06.2026. Accordingly, clearance of the Attorney General has been given to the Appropriation Bill prepared by the Legal Draftsman. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to publish the aforementioned draft bill in the government gazette notification and thereby submit the same to the Parliament for its concurrence.

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