



Joining instructions

http://cabaret.buildresilience.org/2020_Symposium/

1. Conference venue details



International Symposium on Tsunami and Multi Hazard Risks, Early Warning and Community Awareness in supporting the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, will be held from 16th to 18th March 2020, at the Cinnamon Grand, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

35 kilometers from the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), luxurious Cinnamon Grand Colombo is located in the heart of Colombo City's business, shopping and entertainment center. Elegantly designed, spacious rooms at the Cinnamon Grand offer a wide range of in-room amenities, king size beds, and a pillow menu to ensure your comfort and pleasure. All rooms feature carefully attended-to bathrooms and toiletries, large flat screen TVs, a mini bar, and WiFi access. The hotel's 14 restaurants provide an electric mix of international cuisines, including award-winning Sri Lankan seafood at the Lagoon Restaurant & Garden, and the best of European fine dining at the London Grill. Cinnamon Grand Colombo is fully accessible and is an environmentally friendly property.

More details about the conference venue can be found here:

<https://www.cinnamonhotels.com/cinnamongrandcolombo>

2. Internal transport (for overseas visitors)

Sri Lanka's main international airport is situated just outside its capital Colombo and transport needs to be arranged between the airport and the conference venue. You can arrange taxis at the airport, however, in making sure you will be picked up on time, you can be in touch with Mr. Ziyam Ameen (ziyan@aitkenspence.lk) who will meet and greet you at the airport and also will facilitate group transfers depending upon your arrival flight schedules. He will also help you if you need any other options for travel and any other options pre and post conference.

Further details:

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3. Currency

Sri Lanka currency is Sri Lankan Rupees. The currency code is LKR. Rates used within Sri Lanka may vary so please check on the up to date rates. There are a number of ATMs and currency exchange booths at the airport. Sri Lanka being a tourist friendly country, changing money is easy. Some small notes (50LKR and 100LKR) are useful for tipping. Most large towns have an ATM with a daily withdrawal limit of 40,000 LKR. Further, hotel does have a cashier for foreign currency exchange.

4. Time

The time in Sri Lanka is 5.5 hours ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+5.5).

5. Registered delegates

There is no delegate fee to attend the conference. Accordingly, attendance at the conference **will strictly be based on prior registration**. There won't be on site registration facility available. If you haven't still registered please do it as a matter of urgency.

All paper authors can register here: http://cabaret.buildresilience.org/2020_Symposium/registration.html

All other officially invited delegates can also register via the same page. Please carefully follow the instructions.

Conference registration covers the meals and accordingly, please collect your meal coupons when you confirm your registration at the conference reception area.

6. Conference language

The official language of the conference is English. No interpretation will be provided.

7. Conference programme

Overall outline programme is available at:

http://cabaret.buildresilience.org/2020_Symposium/programme.html

More details programme with detailed information on individual paper presentations will be available here shortly.

8. Key note speeches

There will be several key note speeches delivered by the experts in both the academics and in practice. Please visit "key notes" web page for further details of these sessions.

9. Paper presentation details

Paper presentation details are now available within the conference web site, also including guidelines for speakers and chairpersons, including the format of sessions and instructions for the preparation and submission of presentation materials. In order that the sessions operate smoothly, it is important that all delegates read and adhere to these guidelines.

10. Dress code

The dress code for the Conference Inauguration and Welcome Reception on the evening of the 16th March 2020 is as follows:

- Gentlemen: Lounge/National
- Ladies: appropriate
- Services: No.5 and equivalent

The dress code for all plenary and parallel sessions on the 17th and 18th March 2020 is smart casual.

11. Internet Access

There will be wi-fi internet access at the conference venue for all delegates, free of charge.

12. Mobile Phones and Data Availability

Sri Lanka has a good mobile phone networks. You can obtain competitive phone and data packages at the airport.

13. Liability and insurance

It is recommended that participants and companions arrange personal health and travel insurance. The organisers will not assume responsibility for injury or damage to persons or property during the conference.

14. Other Excursions

Delegates can participate in various excursions both pre and post conference. You have lot of choices in Sri Lanka !

15. Corona outbreak

Sri Lanka, is not considered a high-risk country for further spread of the virus. Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), UK, is not advising against travel to Sri Lanka as a result of coronavirus risks. Further details: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/sri-lanka>

However, Sri Lankan Government is taking various precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. Details on the Covid-19 preparedness and related advisories can be found from the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health, Government of Sri Lanka:

http://www.epid.gov.lk/web/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=228&lang=en

As all of us deal in disasters and risk reduction, we have already undertaken a review of the delegates origin and recent travel in view of COVID-19. We advise you to closely follow the following check list;

- Have you travelled through on of the high risk regions for COVID-19 in the last 28 days
- Have you come into contact with a person from one or more of these high risk regions in the last 28 days?
- If yes – have you got temperature/fever and cough or cold/flu like symptoms?
- Are you likely to transit through one or more of the high risk region – including airport?

At the event, various resilience measures will be imposed:

- England national cricket team players will not shake hands during their current tour of Sri Lanka because of the coronavirus outbreak, so we too are following them! Accordingly, no handshakes. let's use the Sri Lankan way of welcoming!



"Ayubowan" is the word used in Sri Lanka to greet someone. It means Long Life. One is Generally greeted by joining two hands in prayer-like manner and saying "Ayubowan". This phrase can be used any time of the day.

What can I do to reduce my risk of catching coronavirus? There are things you can do to help stop germs like coronavirus spreading:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

What's the best way to wash your hands – is hand sanitiser effective?

Further information:

Public Health matters - UK

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

16. Other information about the symposium

For a reminder about details on dress code, the conference programme, the conference airport counter, transfer arrangements, companion registration and other information, please refer to

http://cabaret.buildresilience.org/2020_Symposium/index.html

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