





Future-Ready Evaluation: Integrating Voices and Localizing Evaluation for Global Impact

Summit for the future of *evaluation*

27 – 30 May, 2025 | Courtyard by Marriott Colombo, Sri Lanka

Logistics Note













Conclave and Summit Dates and Location

The Evaluation Conclave 2025 and the Summit for the Future of Evaluation will be held from 27 – 30 May, 2025 (both days inclusive) at the Courtyard by Marriot, Colombo, Sri Lanka.



- Venue: Courtyard by Marriott, Colombo.
- Address: Level 9, Colombo City Centre, 137 Muttiah Road, Colombo 2, Sri Lanka, 00200
- Car Parking: Dedicated Parking for the Hotel at level 3
- Website: Courtyard by Marriott Colombo
- Google Maps Location: Click Here



Conclave Format, Event Schedule & Format



Key Dates:

The Conclave and the Summit is a 3-day event, running from Tuesday 27 May to Friday 30 May, 2025. Capacity Development Workshops will be held on the first day (27 May). There will be nine capacity building workshops on various topics aligned with the themes of the Conclave.

This will be followed by the Inauguration of the Evaluation Conclave and the Summit on 27 May at 6:00 pm.

Structure and Schedule of the four-day event at a glance

Date	Event	Time	Hall Names	
27 May, 2025	Pre-Conclave Capacity Building Workshops	09:00 AM – 05:00 PM	Sapphire, Jade and Emerald	
27 May, 2025	Inauguration	06:00 PM - 07.30 PM	Sapphire Ballroom	
28 May, 2025	28 May, 2025 Evaluation Conclave 2025: Keynote plenary and technical sessions		Sapphire, Jade and Emerald	
29 May, 2025 Evaluation Conclave 2025: Technical sessions		09:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Sapphire and Jade	
29 May, 2025	Summit for the Future of Evaluation: Plenary sessions	01:30 PM – 05.30 PM	Sapphire Ballroom	
30 May, 2025	Summit for the Future of Evaluation: Plenary sessions	09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sapphire Ballroom	
30 May, 2025	Closing of the Conclave and the Summit	12.10 PM - 01:30PM	Sapphire Ballroom	





All participants are requested to register for the **Evaluation Conclave** and the **Summit**; registration will open in March 2025. Please follow the instructions in the link from March 2025 onward and pay the registration fee.

Registration fee could be paid online.

(Please note that registration is being managed by **TIIKM Events**, a premier event management company based in Sri Lanka.)



Registration link: CLICK HERE





Help Desk:

Open from 8:00 AM on 27 May at Level 9, Courtyard by Marriott, Colombo







Visa Process:

• Apply for Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) at <u>www.eta.gov.lk</u> before traveling.

(**Note:** Nationals of China, India, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan are eligible to apply for a free visa. Visitors from Cameroon, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ghana are required to apply through Head Office of the Department of Immigration & Emigration, Sri Lanka.)

- Click here for fee details.
- Contact +94 71 99 67 888 for ETA inquiries.

Travel Advisory:

- Arrival Airport: Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB), Colombo.
- Airport Transfers:
 - Official airport taxi (Supervised by Airport & Aviation Services) Approx. \$24 (LKR 7200)
 - Uber and PickMe (ride hailing) and Kangaroo Cabs are available.
 - Pre-book a taxi: Kangaroo Cabs
 - **Public Transport:** Buses, Tuk-Tuks, and ride-hailing services (Uber, PickMe) are available.

G Meals & Accommodation



- Meals provided as a part of the Conference package:
 - Lunch & tea/coffee breaks: Provided from 27-30 May at the venue.
- Accommodation:
 - Official Venue: Courtyard by Marriott, Colombo
 - A list of hotels by distance to Courtyard by Marriot has been appended in the annex.



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• Greeting Etiquette: A slight bow or clasped hands ("Ayubowan") is a common greeting.

- Dress Code:
 - Formal / Business Casual for the event.
 - Modest clothing is recommended when visiting religious sites.

Cultural & Logistical Tips

• **Electricity:** Standard **230V**, **50Hz** power supply. The Square or Round Three Pin power sockets (illustrated below) are the most commonly used in Sri Lanka.

Internet & Communication

- Wi-Fi Access: (To be updated later)
- Mobile SIM Cards: Available at the airport and in local stores.











- Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)
- **Airport Exchange Counters:** Open 24/7; Banks are usually open from 08:30 am to 3:00 pm. ATM machines which accept a variety of debit cards are readily available.



• **Banks for Exchange:** Currency exchange is available with banks and authorized dealers. There is a bank within 5 minutes from Marriott.

Next Steps for Participants

- Complete your registration once the portal opens in March 2025
- Apply for your visa in advance at <u>www.eta.gov.lk</u>
- **V** Book accommodation as per your choice



- For inquiries, contact:
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 - Organizing Committee conclave2025@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to **Evaluation Conclave 2025 & the Summit for the**

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To stimulate conversation online, live posts will be made on social media. You are encouraged to share your ideas, views and insights via social media channels using the hashtag **#EVALCONCLAVE2025** and **#EVAL4ACTION**

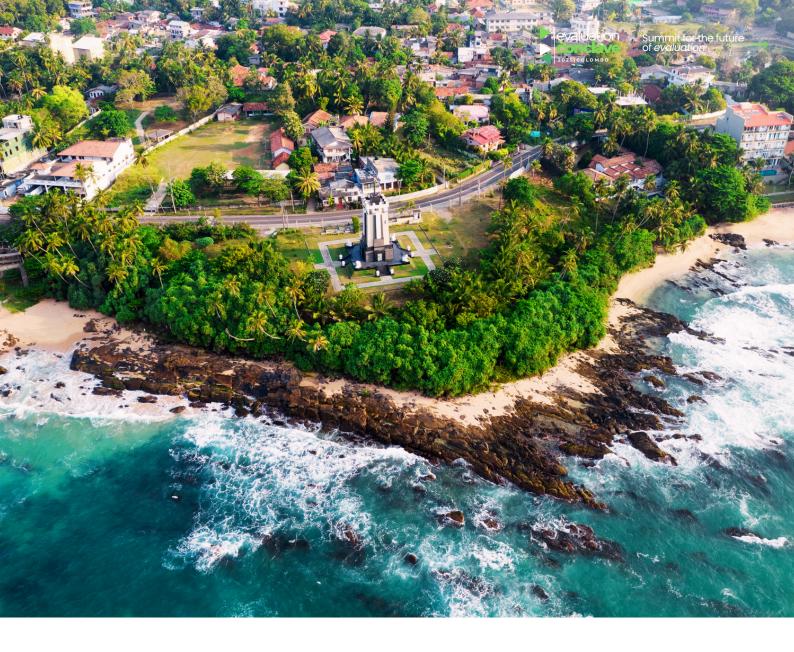
Social Media

Travel and Medical Insurance

- While not mandatory, the organizers highly recommend that all participants obtain appropriate travel insurance prior to traveling to Sri Lanka.
- **Medical Emergencies:** For medical emergencies, please contact one of the following medical care centers: These are private hospitals, in addition there is the Colombo National General Hospital
 - Durdans Hospital, 3, Alfred Place, Colombo 3 | Email: contactus@durdans.com | Tel: +94112140000/0112140643
 - Nawaloka Hospital, 23, Deshamanya H.K. Dharmadasa Mawatha, Colombo 2 | Email: nawaloka@slt.lk | Tel: +94115777777
 - Asiri Hospital, Kirula Road, Colombo 5 | Tel: +94114523300
 - Emergency ambulance service: Call 1990 from any local phone for emergency paramedic service.







Emergency Services & Phone Numbers :

Police Emergency Hotline	118 / 119
Ambulance/Fire and Rescue	110
Accident Service-General Hospital, Colombo	+94 11-2691111
Tourist Police	+94 11-2421052
Government Information Center	1919
Report Crimes	+94 11-2691500
Emergency Police Mobile Squad	+94 11-5717171

ANNEX

List of Hotels by distance to Courtyard by Marriot:

SI. No.	Name of the Hotel	Distance from the Venue in (KM)	Approx. Single room tariff per night inclusive of taxes (USD)	Hotel Website	Trip Advisor Review and online booking through a travel agent
1	Courtyard by Marriot	0.00	130.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
2	Altair Luxury by Miracle	0.35	100.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
3	City Stay by Sunrise	0.45	40.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
4	Hilton Residencies	0.45	115.00	<u>Hotel</u>	Review
5	Rococo Residence	0.50	65.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
6	Bella Vista Apartments	0.50	90.00	Hotel	<u>Review</u>
7	Lavonca Boutique Hotel	0.65	70.00	<u>Hotel</u>	Review
8	Vaux Park Street	0.70	160.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
9	Cinnamon Red	0.80	110.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
10	Nyne Hotels Lake Lodge	0.80	105.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>







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11	Unique Towers Luxury Boutique Suites	0.90	90.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
12	Hotel Nippon	1.10	45.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
13	nH Collection	1.20	100.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
14	Sheraton Hotel	1.40	130.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
15	Granbell Hotel	1.50	85.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
16	Cinnamon Grand	1.50	130.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
17	Galle Face Hotel	1.70	100.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
18	Cinnamon Lakeside	1.70	145.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
19	Amari Colombo	1.80	110.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
20	Ramada by Wyndham	1.90	90.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
21	Renuka City Hotel	2.00	55.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
22	Taj Samudra	2.10	115.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>



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23	Paradise Road Tintagel	2.20	236.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
24	Ivy Lane	2.30	25.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
25	ITC Ratnadvipa	2.30	160.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
26	Mandarina	2.50	55.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
27	Colombo City Hotel	2.70	40.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
28	Fairway Colombo	2.70	55.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
29	Zest Metropole	2.70	65.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
30	Hilton Colombo	2.80	110.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
31	The Residence	3.00	45.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
32	Shangri-La	3.00	135.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
33	Grand Oriental Hotel	3.10	35.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>
34	Marino Beach	3.30	77.00	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Review</u>



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35	Colombo Court Hotel & Spa	3.40	65.00	<u>Hotel</u>	Review
36	The Kingsbury	3.40	85.00	<u>Hotel</u>	Review
37	Pearl Grand by Rathna	3.50	170.00	<u>Hotel</u>	Review
38	Port View City Hotel	4.10	36.00	<u>Hotel</u>	Review
39	Radisson Hotel	5.40	85.00	<u>Hotel</u>	Review

List of places to visit for sightseeing:



Galle Face Green Scenic oceanfront promenade



Gangaramaya Temple One of Colombo's most important Buddhist temples





Independence Memorial Hall A historic landmark



Pettah Market A bustling local marketplace



Dutch Hospital Shopping and Dining precinct







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