

THE 14th WORLD CONSTRUCTION SYMPOSIUM 2026

“Towards a Regenerative Built Environment: From Foresight to Action”

10 & 11 July 2026

AGENDA

FRIDAY, 10 JULY 2026 – DAY ONE AT HILTON, COLOMBO.	
08.30 am	Symposium Registration At ‘The Blue’
09.00 am	Symposium Inauguration
09.10 am - 09.20 am	Welcome address by President, CIOB Dr. Rohan Karunaratne
09.20 am - 09.30 am	Address by Conference Chairperson Prof. Chitra Weddikkara
09.30 am - 09.40 am	Address by Guest of Honour, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Moratuwa Prof. Dileeka Dias
09.40 am - 09.50 am	Address by Guest of Honour, Deputy Minister of Urban Development Hon. Mr. Eranga Gunasekara
09.50 am -10.05 am	Address by the Chief Guest Hon. Dr. Dammika Patabendi Minister of Environment
10.05 am - 10.35am	Keynote Address <i>“From Extraction to Circulation: Rethinking Cities as Sources of Building Materials”</i> Dr Josephine Vaughan, University of Newcastle, Australia
10.35 am- 10.40 am	Sponsors Video
10.40 am- 11.00 am	Refreshments
11.00 am – 11.10 am	Guest Talks organised by the CIB Student Chapters of Massey University, New Zealand, and the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka Speaker 1: Dr. Eziaku Rasheed, Massey University, NZ <i>“Connect, Learn, Lead: What the CIB Student Chapter Can Do for You”</i> Speaker 2: Associate Professor Mostafa Babaeianjelodar, Massey University, NZ <i>“Advancing Sustainability in the Built Environment through Modern Methods of Construction and Automation”</i>
11.10 am – 12.00 noon	
12.00 noon – 12.15 pm	Address by Editor-in-Chief, Built Environment Project and Asset Management (BEPAM) Journal <i>“Mobilising Urban-Rural Linkages for an Integrated Built-Natural Environment”</i> Prof. Mohan Kumaraswamy
12.15 pm - 12.20 pm	Sponsors Video
12.20 pm -12.30 pm	Vote of Thanks by the Hon. Secretary, CIOB Eng. Saliya Kaluarachchi
12.30 pm - 02.00 pm	Lunch Break
02.00 pm - 03.30 pm	Parallel Sessions 1
03.30 pm - 04.00 pm	Refreshments
04.00 pm - 05.30 pm	Parallel Sessions 2
05.30 pm	End of Day 1

SATURDAY, 11 JULY 2026 – DAY TWO AT HILTON, COLOMBO.	
08.30 am	Symposium Registration
09.00 am - 10.30 am	Parallel Sessions 3
10.30 am - 11.00 am	Refreshments
11.00 am - 12.30 pm	Parallel Sessions 4
12.30 pm - 01.30 pm	Lunch Break
01.30 pm - 02.50 pm	Parallel Sessions 5
02.50 pm	End of Parallel Sessions
03.00 pm - 03.10 pm	Launching New CIB Task Group TG129: Urban-Rural Built and Natural Environment Synergies (URBANES) Ch.QS Dr. Suranga Jayasena (TG129 Lead Coordinator) At ‘The Blue’
03.10 pm - 04.40 pm	CIB TG129-W107 - WCS Roundtable Brainstorming on: “Sustainable Supply Chains for Resilient Construction Industries in Developing Countries” Expert Panellists: Prof. Hemanta Doloi (W107 Lead Coordinator) Dr. Josephine Vaughan Senior Prof. Ananda Jayawardena Ch.QS. Lalith Ratnayake Moderator : Prof. Mohan Kumaraswamy Rapporteur : Dr. Suranga Jayasena (TG129 Lead Coordinator) Coordinator : Dr. Dilani Abeynayake (TG129 Early Career Researcher-ECR)
04.40 pm - 04.50 pm	Announcing the Award Winners Prof. Mohan Kumaraswamy Prof. Anuradha Waidyasekara
04.50 pm - 05.00 pm	Vote of Thanks by Scientific Committee Co-Chairperson Dr. Gihan Tennakoon
05.00 pm - 05.30 pm	Refreshments
05.30 pm	End of Programme
07.00 pm Onwards	Awards Ceremony and Symposium Dinner at the Hilton, Colombo