

# THE 14<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONSTRUCTION SYMPOSIUM 2026

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

10 & 11 July 2026

## AGENDA

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

**SATURDAY, 11 JULY 2026 – DAY TWO****AT HILTON, COLOMBO.**

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| 08.30 am            | Symposium Registration   |
| 09.00 am - 10.30 am | <b>Parallel Sessions 3</b>   |
| 10.30 am - 11.00 am | Refreshments   |
| 11.00 am - 12.30 pm | <b>Parallel Sessions 4</b>   |
| 12.30 pm - 01.30 pm | Lunch Break  |
| 01.30 pm - 02.50 pm | <b>Parallel Sessions 5</b>   |
| 02.50 pm            | <b>End of Parallel Sessions</b>  |
| 03.00 pm - 03.10 pm | <b>Launching New CIB Task Group TG129: Urban-Rural Built and Natural Environment Synergies (URBANES)</b><br><b>Ch.QS Dr. Suranga Jayasena (TG129 Lead Coordinator)</b><br><b>Venue: ‘The Blue’</b>   |
| 03.10 pm - 04.40 pm | <b>CIB TG129-W107 - WCS Roundtable Brainstorming on:</b><br><b>“Sustainable Supply Chains for Resilient Construction Industries in Developing Countries”</b><br><b>Expert Panellists: Prof. Hemanta Doloi (W107 Lead Coordinator)</b><br><b>Dr. Josephine Vaughan</b><br><b>Senior Prof. Ananda Jayawardena</b><br><b>Ch.QS. Lalith Ratnayake</b><br><br><b>Moderator : Prof. Mohan Kumaraswamy</b><br><b>Rapporteur : Dr. Suranga Jayasena (TG129 Lead Coordinator)</b><br><b>Coordinator : Dr. Dilani Abeynayake (TG129 Early Career Researcher-ECR)</b> |
| 04.40 pm - 04.50 pm | Announcing the Award Winners<br><b>Prof. Mohan Kumaraswamy</b><br><b>Prof. Anuradha Waidyasekara</b>   |
| 04.50 pm - 05.00 pm | Vote of Thanks by Scientific Committee Co-Chairperson<br><b>Dr. Gihan Tennakoon</b>  |
| 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  |