Asia Digital Trust Summit 2026 Brings the Digital Trust Community Together in Colombo

"Trust by Design: Building Secure, Interoperable and Resilient Digital Ecosystems"



The **Asia PKI Consortium (APKIC)** held the **Asia Digital Trust Summit 2026** on **12th November 2026** at **The Kingsbury Colombo, Sri Lanka**, co-hosted by **Sri Lanka CERT|CC**. The full-day Summit brought together leaders and experts from governments, regulators, industry, international organizations, standards bodies and the technology community to discuss how **identity, security, assurance, interoperability and resilience** can be built into the foundations of digital services and infrastructure.

The programme combined keynote and special guest addresses, moderated panels, featured talks and industry presentations, with participants from across Asia, Africa and Latin America sharing real-world experience on PKI and trust services, digital identity, electronic signatures, cross-border recognition, wallets, AI and post-quantum readiness.

Opening Ceremony and Keynotes



The Summit opened with the **lighting of the traditional lamp**, followed by welcome addresses from **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, Secretary General of APKIC, and **Dr. Kanishka Karunasena**, Ag. CEO of Sri Lanka CERT|CC. APKIC Chairperson **Ms. Eva Chan** delivered the opening address.

The programme continued with a keynote by **Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya**, Chief Advisor to the President of Sri Lanka on Digital Economy and Chairman of the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, and a special guest speech by

Hon. Eng. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy, Sri Lanka.

Two special guest addresses followed:

- **Mr. Jayantha Fernando**, Director, Sri Lanka CERT and Director, Data Protection Authority, on **Legal Recognition of Digital Transactions: Future of PKI and Interoperability**.
- **Dr. Vincent Ngundi**, Director, Cyber Security and Head, National KE-CIRT/CC, Communications Authority of Kenya, on **Securing the Digital Superhighway: Building Resilient Cross-Border Trust Ecosystems, the Africa Story**.

Panel Discussions

Three moderated panels explored the Summit theme from different angles.



Panel 1: Next-Generation Trust: AI, Wallets and PQC. Moderated by **Mr. Arvind Srinivasan** (Africa PKI Consortium), with Dr. Vincent Ngundi (Communications Authority of Kenya), Mr. Thilak Pathirage (Chairman, Sri Lanka CERT), Mr. Sanjaya Karunasena (Director, GovTech, Sri Lanka) and Mr. Nazril Mohd Ghani (POS Digicert, Malaysia).

Panel 2: Trust by Design: From Identity to Digital Transactions. Moderated by APKIC Vice Chair **Mr. Biju Varghese**, with Mr. Sanjee Balasuriya (CISO, Central Bank of Sri Lanka), Prof. Kasun De Zoysa (University of Colombo), Mr. Dimuth Athapaththu (Director General, Data Protection Authority, Sri Lanka) and Dr. Wei-Chung Hwang (Chinese Taipei).





Panel 3: Cross-Border Trust for Paperless Trade. Moderated by **Mr. Amir Suhaimi Hassan** (COO, Pos Digicert, Malaysia), with Ms. Keren Leung (Hong Kong PKI Forum), Mr. Tshewang Chojay (GovTech, Bhutan), Mr. Pham Quoc Hoan (Deputy Director General, National Electronic Authentication Centre, Viet Nam) and Ms. Aye Aye Thinn (Myanmar).

Featured Talks and Industry Presentations

Featured talks looked at the practical building blocks of national and cross-border trust:

- **Remote Signing Across Borders: Standards for Global Interoperability** – Mr. Fabio Rego, Ascertia and Co-Chair, Advocacy Committee, Cloud Signature Consortium.
- **National Trust Backbones: Payments, PKI and Identity** – Mr. Dinuka Perera, Deputy CEO, LankaPay, Sri Lanka.
- **Kazakhstan's Blueprint for National PKI and Digital ID** – Ms. Assem Kappar, Ministry of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development, Kazakhstan.

- **Bridging Digital Signatures through Global Standards and Regional Compliance Across Latin America** – Prof. Jean Everson Martina, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Member companies shared industry perspectives:

- **From Compliance to Confidence: Building Automated Enterprise Workflows on Digital Trust** – Mr. Rajesh Srinivasan, Head, SAARC, eMudhra.
- **HSM and KMS Infrastructure for PQC Migration** – Mr. Poh Soon Teo, Head, APAC, Utimaco.
- **From PKI to Digital Trust: Building an Interoperable Wallet Trust Framework for Asia** – Mr. Tejas Lagad, IN Groupe (Nexus).



Reflections, Closing and Outlook



The Secretary General, **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, closed the programme with **Summit Reflections and Key Takeaways**, and **Ms. Keren Leung**, Co-Chair of the Legal and Policy Framework Working Group, delivered the closing remarks and vote of thanks.

The Summit provided a platform for knowledge exchange, networking and collaboration among policymakers, regulators, technology leaders, trust service providers and practitioners from different economies. It was followed on 13th November 2026 by the Consortium's Annual General Assembly and Steering Committee Meeting, also held in Colombo.

APKIC thanks **Sri Lanka CERT|CC** for its partnership as co-host, and all speakers, panellists, members and participants for contributing to a successful Summit.

