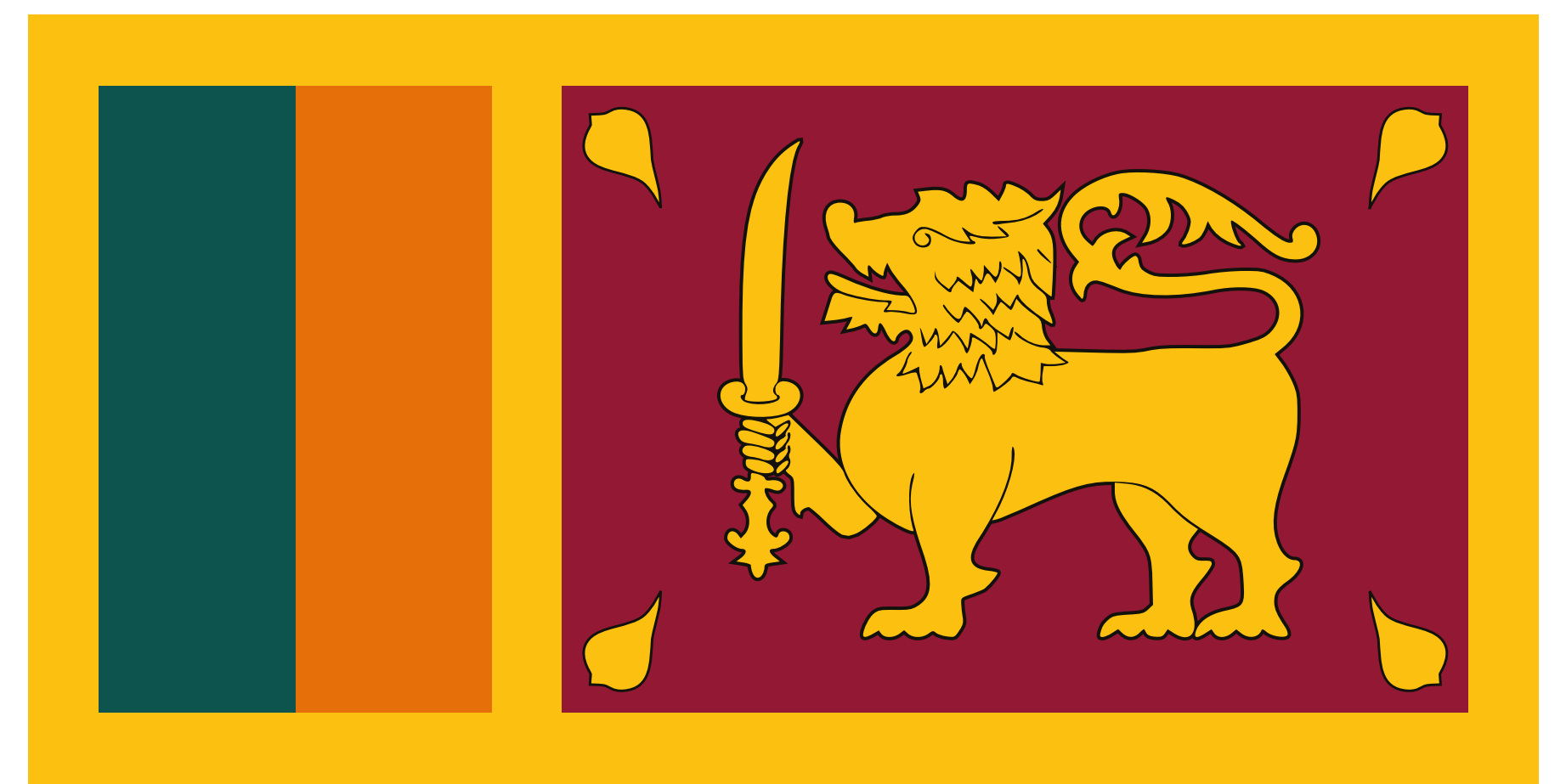# SRI LANKA

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> —
> **Kanaka Herath**
> State Minister of Technology, Sri Lanka

DIGITAL IDENTITY

IMPLEMENTING

SL-UDI
The Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identity (SL-UDI) initiative aims to provide every citizen with a unique digital identity which will overhaul the way digital interactions and transactions are conducted. By eliminating duplicates in identity records across government departments, SL-UDI seeks to ensure data accuracy and efficiency in government operations.

CURRENT DPI FOCUS

DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING

NATIONAL SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE (NSDI)
To enhance the use of spatial data and promote SMART and spatial-based decision-making, the Government of Sri Lanka launched the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) program. Recognized as a key initiative under the National agenda, NSDI was established in 2016 with the primary goal of developing world-class infrastructure and solutions for spatial data.

NSDI focuses on standardizing spatial data, eliminating data duplication, enhancing data quality, and improving transparency in data sharing across departments. It also provides a technological platform for developing spatial data decision support tools. By fostering an ecosystem where government and private sector organizations can collaborate, NSDI enables the management, improvement, and exchange of spatial data and information.

DIGITAL PAYMENTS

IMPLEMENTING

GOVPAY
Through GovPay, Sri Lanka's largest social welfare program, Aswesuma, provides monthly support payments to individuals from less privileged backgrounds. 1.7 million beneficiaries receive monthly support payments through Aswesuma.

GovPay also facilitates the Pohora Sahanadara fertilizer cash grant scheme, offering financial assistance to smallholder paddy farmers to purchase fertilizer and enhance productivity. 1.2 million farmers were supported in the 2023-2024 Maha season through Pohora Sahanadara.

COUNTRY COOPERATION

The Sri Lankan Government and the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka have organized a dedicated forum helping to fast track DPI implementation.

DIGITAL PUBLIC GOODS SPOTLIGHT

DIVOC
The Digital Infrastructure for Verifiable Open Credentialing, is a digital public good that enables countries to verify and certify certificates. It is often used to help digitally orchestrate large-scale health campaigns including vaccination and certification programs. Sri Lanka used DIVOC, alongside DHIS2, which is also a digital public good, for pandemic response efforts.

FORMSG
The Sri Lanka Government has also adopted FormSG, a digital public good created by the Government of Singapore, that allows for public officers to create secure digital forms and improve data collection.