



NATIONAL FILM CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA



Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

CALLING FOR COMMENTS, PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS IN THE CINEMA INDUSTRY REGARDING THE DRAFTING OF A NEW ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SRI LANKA NATIONAL CINEMA COUNCIL

The government has taken a policy decision to introduce a new Act, incorporating provisions that enable both the regulation of cinema and the promotion of cinema culture, while repealing the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka Act No. 47 of 1971.

Accordingly, the Corporation has decided to obtain comments and proposals from stakeholders engaged in the cinema industry regarding the drafting of a new Act to repeal the National Film Corporation Act No. 47 of 1971 (as amended by Act No. 45 of 1980) and to establish the Sri Lanka National Cinema Council. It is expected to create a strategic direction for areas not currently covered by the existing National Film Corporation Act.

REGULATORY AREAS

In this regard, it is expected to include regulatory mechanisms under the new act for:

- Film registration / Issuing guidelines for film production or direction.
- Import / Distribution of films / Export of films.
- Screening methods / Film Hall classification / Entertainment tax / VAT.
- Film conservation / Promotion of cinema culture / Cinema education.
- Cinema Fund / Regulation of foreign filming within Sri Lanka / International film representation and other related matters.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS

Please submit the comments/proposals of your institution/organization to reach us on or before January 31, 2026, via the following methods, to be presented to the committee drafting the new Act for the establishment of the Sri Lanka National Cinema Council:

- **Submission by Post:** If submitting by post, please mention "**Calling for Comments and Proposals regarding the establishment of the Sri Lanka National Cinema Council**" on the top left corner of the envelope and provide information in the following order:

1. Name of Institution/Organization/Individual Name
2. Address
3. Email Address
4. Telephone Number
5. Related Field
6. Your Comments / Proposals / Suggestions
7. Justification of Proposals
8. Date and Signature

- **Submission via Digital Link:** <https://forms.gle/ZfRzvzj1KciuAuzA9>

Our Address:

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