

# SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT



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FACETS 2025 is only two months away! In less than 60 days, industry professionals, experts, exhibitors and buyers will gather from around the world in Colombo to celebrate the finest of coloured gemstones, forge new connections, strengthen the old, and witness the masterful culmination of rich tradition, modern design and meticulous craftsmanship. Accompanied by a host of events such as mine tours, a visit to Port City, the elegant Sapphire Night, a VIP Golf Tournament and FACETS' first Women's Power Breakfast, the keenly anticipated show is sure to be a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn from and connect with the global industry.

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# FACETS & SUSTAINABILITY



FACETS, alongside the Sri Lankan gem and jewellery industry, has long upheld a commitment to uplifting local mining communities and preserving the natural ecosystems that surround our country's mines. However, as the global industry's awareness of social and environmental concerns continues to grow, FACETS has worked to adapt and improve its sustainable practices to further suit the industry's changing landscape and ensure that our communities and natural environments continue to thrive.

The Sri Lankan industry employs several measures that aim to protect our natural land and ensure fair-trade practices, including supporting the restoration of mined land and the development of rural mining villages. FACETS has launched several initiatives to contribute to these efforts.

Through the FACETS Tree Planting Program, committee members helped enrich and preserve Sri Lanka's flora and fauna by planting over 300 trees in the region surrounding the Kiriella mining district. With our projects, we have made sure to prioritise enacting sustainable and enduring change by partnering with several other national organisations to implement long-term initiatives. This ensures that we are able to make substantial and long-lasting contributions to the social and environmental welfare of our mining districts. For instance, by donating to the Rotary Club's Livelihood Project, FACETS was able to contribute to strengthening the food security of rural villages in Sri Lanka. Our ongoing project with the Wilderness and Wildlife Conservation Trust aims to advance the habitat restoration efforts taking place along conservation corridors in Sri Lanka's central highlands. This restoration project will help preserve freedom of movement for the region's teeming wildlife and leopard population, as well as enhance awareness and engagement amongst communities who interact with wildlife and cultivate native land.

To share our experiences with sustainability and Sri Lanka's long history of endurance and community, FACETS unveiled its first Sustainability Pavilion at last year's show. The pavilion offered visitor's a glimpse into the unique combination of both traditional and modern methods that we employ and depicted the evolution of our communities and practices since the industry's inception centuries ago, revealing our consistent efforts to maintain responsible sourcing and community engagement.





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At FACETS 2025, we will continue to promote community-based initiatives and spread awareness on sustainability measures. This year, at the ICA meeting in Hong Kong, we donated to Gems Keep Giving - a non-profit dedicated to improving the welfare of artisanal coloured gemstone mining and cutting communities worldwide through localised development projects. By supporting such organisations, we hope to play a part in uplifting our global community and strengthening ties between every branch and tier of our international industry.

At the exhibition, our Story Corners will carry on the work of last year's Sustainability Pavilion, exploring the mine to market process, providing key insights into the sustainable practices we have adopted, and highlighting the local communities that make our work possible.



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