

Inaugural Meeting of the Joint Working Groups for Designated Non-Finance Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs): DNFBP Working Group for Professions and DNFBP Working Group for Businesses - May 27, 2026

As a forward looking initiative to strengthen coordination, sector engagement, and effective implementation of Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism/Countering Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF) measures within the Designated Non-Finance Businesses and Professions (DNFBP) sector, the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) established two Joint Working Groups: **DNFBP Joint Working Group for Professions** and **DNFBP Joint Working Group for Businesses**. This initiative reflects the FIU's commitment in promoting a coordinated and risk-based approach to improving compliance outcomes and strengthening operational collaboration across DNFBP sectors.



The inaugural session of the Joint Working Groups was successfully held on May 27, 2026 at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The session was attended by around eighty-five members of two Working Groups representing regulatory authorities, self-regulatory bodies, professional bodies and industry associations demonstrating broad stakeholder engagement and commitment towards strengthening AML/CFT/CPF implementation.

The DNFBP Joint Working Group for Professions comprises the Lawyers, Notaries, Other Independent Legal Professionals, Trust or Company Service Providers (TCSP) and Accountants, while the **DNFBP Joint Working Group for Businesses** comprises Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones (DPMS), Real Estate Agents, and Casinos. These Working Groups bring together relevant regulatory authorities, self-regulatory bodies, professional bodies, industry associations, and DNFBPs to establish an institutional platform for continuous dialogue, coordination, and implementation support.

The programme commenced with opening remarks by Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Director of the FIU, on Sri Lanka's preparation for the ongoing Mutual Evaluation. The session was further strengthened by the presence and keynote address of Dr. P. Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Chairman of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) on AML/CFT. His participation underscored the high-level national commitment to strengthening AML/CFT/CPF compliance and enhancing coordination among stakeholders in the DNFBP sectors. Key insights on the expected outcomes of the Joint Working Groups and the way forward were presented by Mrs. Theja Pathberiya, Deputy Director of the FIU. The session concluded with closing remarks delivered by Dr. Ayesha Ariyasinghe, Additional Director of the FIU.