Awareness Programme on Managing Financial Crime Risks in the Non-Bank Financial Institutions of Sri Lanka – June 22, 2026

An awareness programme on Managing Financial Crime Risks in the Non-Bank Financial Institutions (NBFIs) Sector of Sri Lanka, jointly organized by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and the Finance Houses Association (FHA), under the Public-Private Partnership initiative between FIU and FHA, was held on June 22, 2026 at the John Exter International Conference Hall (JEICH) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

The programme commenced with opening remarks by Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Director, FIU, highlighting Sri Lanka's preparedness for the Mutual Evaluation 2026, key milestones in the Mutual Evaluation timeline, findings of the National Risk Assessment (NRA) 2024/25 and the obligations of NBFIs in strengthening the country’s Anti-Money Laundering, Countering the Financing of Terrorism, and Counter Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF) framework.

This was followed by a speech by Mrs. Chanoori Jayasinghe, Director, Department of Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions, emphasizing the critical role of NBFIs sector in enhancing the effectiveness of Sri Lanka's AML/CFT/CPF regime.

During the programme, the Terms of Reference (ToR) formalizing collaboration between the FIU and FHA under the Public-Private Partnership initiative was signed. Thereafter, Mrs. Thamali Fonseka, Chairperson, Compliance Forum of FHA addressed the gathering and reaffirmed the industry's commitment to fulfilling AML/CFT/CPF compliance obligations.

The programme was enriched with two technical sessions on "key concerns highlighted by Dr. Gordon Hook, international AML/CFT consultant, based on the second mock evaluation carried out in March 2026" and "feedback on reporting Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs)", delivered by Mr. Dilan Siriwardana, Senior Assistant Director, Head of Project Office and Mr. Supun Gunasekara, Senior Assistant Director of the FIU, respectively.

The programme was attended by approximately 60 participants, representing Licensed Finance Companies, as well as officers from the Department of Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions of CBSL.