HM Treasury Technical Assistance Programme on AML/CFT Supervision and Preventive Measures (Immediate Outcomes 3 and 4) – August 10 to 14, 2026

With the coordination of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG), the United Kingdom's HM Treasury, in collaboration with the British High Commission in Sri Lanka, conducted its second physical Technical Assistance (TA) programme in Sri Lanka from August 10 to 14, 2026, focusing on Immediate Outcome 3 (IO3) – Supervision and Immediate Outcome 4 (IO4) – Preventive Measures**.** The programme was the second TA programme, following the initial programme conducted in December 2025.

The programme was aimed at supporting Sri Lanka in strengthening its AML/CFT supervisory framework and the effective implementation of preventive measures, with a particular focus on IO3 and IO4**.**

The TA programme was delivered by Ms. Claire Emma Wilson, Illicit Finance Technical Assistance Advisor – Supervision & Preventive Measures, Technical Assistance Unit, and Deputy Chair of the Treasury All Ages Network, and Ms. Hala Najjar of HM Treasury.

The programme was designed to support both regulatory authorities and private-sector stakeholders in strengthening the effective implementation of AML/CFT requirements and enhancing supervisory practices in Sri Lanka. Representatives from Financial Institutions (FIs) and Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) participated in mock interviews, providing them with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the ME process, familiarise themselves with potential assessment questions, and strengthen their readiness for the evaluation.

During the visit, the HM Treasury delegation also met with the Governor and the Senior Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to discuss the progress made by regulatory authorities, key challenges encountered, and strategic priorities in preparation for the ME.

Ms. Theresa O'Mahony, British Deputy High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Ms. Lakshila Wanigasinghe, Economics and Prosperity Officer of the British High Commission, also participated in the meeting and reaffirmed the United Kingdom's continued commitment to support Sri Lanka in strengthening its AML/CFT framework and ME preparedness.

The TA programme provided valuable insights and practical guidance to both regulators and private-sector stakeholders, further contributing to Sri Lanka's efforts to strengthen the effectiveness of its AML/CFT framework and thereby enhance preparedness for the third ME.