

Awareness Session for the Competent Authority of Sri Lanka (December 20, 2023)

The Financial Intelligence Unit of Sri Lanka (FIU), in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence, successfully conducted the second awareness session for the Competent Authority (represented by the Chief of National Intelligence on behalf of the Secretary of Defence) and various Intelligence Agencies on December 20, 2023.



Held at the Center for Banking Studies (CBS) in Rajagiriya, this interactive session saw the participation of 70 intelligence officials actively involved in the process, along with representatives from key stakeholders. The primary objective of the session was to enhance the precision of domestic designations through effective information exchange with the Department of Registration of Persons (DRP) and the Department of Immigration and Emigration (DIE). Additionally, it aimed to strengthen the coverage of domestic assets under UNSCR TFS provisions by leveraging internal asset freezing mechanisms within the Department of Motor Traffic (DMT) and the Registrar General's Department (RGD).

The session was conducted by Mr. Kosala Harshadewa, Senior Assistant Director of the FIU. Officials from the DRP, DIE, DMT, and RGD presented insightful explanations of their respective processes. The program also included a dedicated segment for discussing practical challenges encountered by intelligence agencies in the domestic designation process. Senior officials from the Attorney General's Department and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributed valuable insights to address these challenges.