

**3rd (Third) AML/CFT Familiarization Programme for Restricted Dealers in Sri Lanka
July 9, 2024 at Atrium, Central Bank of Sri Lanka**



The Third Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Familiarization Programme for Restricted Dealers in Sri Lanka was conducted successfully by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in collaboration with the sector regulator, Department of Foreign Exchange (DFE) at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka on July 9, 2024. The primary objective of this programme was to raise awareness on “UNSCR sanction screening” and “conducting an institutional risk assessment” and “enhance the capacity on AML/CFT compliance matters”, of the Compliance Officer’s of Restricted Dealers (RDs).

48 participants representing 44 restricted dealer institutions participated in this programme and, it underscores the widespread interest and collective effort within the sector to address AML/CFT concerns and strengthen compliance measures.

The programme was inaugurated with the welcome remarks by Mrs. Theja Pathberiya, Deputy Director, Financial Intelligence Unit. The session was then addressed by Mrs. A P Liyanapatabendi, Director, Department of Foreign Exchange who emphasized the importance of complying as a responsible money changer.

The first session of the programme covered AML/CFT requirement in relation to Targeted Financial Sanctions (TFS) and the FIU demonstrated an inhouse developed tool for TFS screening.

The second session of the programme was on how to conduct a risk assessment for RDs and sample format for AML/CFT risk assessment for the institution was introduced.

Mr. Kosala Harshadewa Head of Financial Data Management Division and Mrs. A.D Premathilaka, Senior Assistant Director from the supervision division of Financial Intelligence Unit conducted the sessions as resource persons.

Concluding remarks were delivered by, Dr. Ayesh Ariyasinghe, Additional Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit.