

## Dr. Keerthiratne on Sri Lanka's Mutual Evaluation Preparation



At the Tokyo panel discussion on “Strong AML/CFT Leadership” (August 27, 2025), held in parallel with the APG Plenary from August 25–29, Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Director of the FIU Sri Lanka, spoke on the country’s preparation for the upcoming Global 5<sup>th</sup> Round Mutual Evaluation. She highlighted that Sri Lanka will be one of the first APG-only members to undergo this new round of assessments.

In her remarks, Dr. Keerthiratne stressed the importance of leadership and strong coordination across agencies, noting that Sri Lanka has taken steps to align with FATF standards and strengthen its AML/CFT regime. She explained that the preparation process involves not just technical compliance but also ensuring that all stakeholders—from regulators and law enforcement to policymakers—are engaged and working toward common objectives.

She emphasized that the evaluation is not merely about “ticking boxes” or compliance on paper, but about showing tangible results that reflect the effectiveness of Sri Lanka’s system in mitigating money laundering and terrorist financing risks. Dr. Keerthiratne underlined that visionary leadership, clear direction, and sustained political commitment are central for the mutual evaluation preparation of Sri Lanka.