

Sector Led High Level Discussion on Mutual Evaluation Preparation for the Banking Sector – September 09, 2025, at the Auditorium, Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC.

A sector led high level discussion on mutual evaluation preparation for the banking sector was jointly organized by Sri Lanka Banks' Association (SLBA) and the Association of Compliance Officers of Banks (ACOB) together with the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under the auspices of Public Private Partnership initiative. The programme was conducted for the chief executive officers, heads of business, heads of operations and compliance officers of licensed banks, at the Auditorium of Commercial Bank Ceylon PLC on September 09, 2025. Around 120 participants took part in the programme.



The programme was inaugurated with the opening remarks by Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Director, Financial Intelligence Unit on Sri Lanka's preparation for the upcoming mutual evaluation - 2026. Key concerns on the banking sector in relation to Mutual Evaluation preparedness was highlighted by Dr. Ayesh Ariyasinghe, Additional Director, Financial Intelligence Unit. The banking sector led initiatives to address such concerns were presented by Mrs. Manique Bandara, Chief Compliance Officer, HSBC.

Ensuing discussions highlighted the high-level commitment from the banking sector to further strengthen its AML/CFT preparedness and proactive measures to be carried out to ensure that Sri Lanka successfully faces the Mutual Evaluation - 2026.