

## **Technical Assistance by the UK HM Treasury, Coordinated by the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering, for Sri Lanka's 3rd Mutual Evaluation**

With the coordination of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG), the United Kingdom's (UK) HM Treasury, in collaboration with the British High Commission in Sri Lanka, provided Technical Assistance (TA) to Sri Lanka in preparation for the upcoming Mutual Evaluation (ME) on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) targeting Sri Lanka's 3rd ME scheduled to commence in 2026.

As part of this initiative, a delegation from HM Treasury visited Sri Lanka from December 8 to 11, 2025, to deliver TA on Immediate Outcome 3 and IO 4, relating to supervision and preventive measures, for Financial Institutions and DNFBPs respectively. The programme was conducted under the leadership of Ms. Claire Emma Wilson, Illicit Financial Technical Assistance Advisor, Technical Assistance Unit, and Mr. George Edward Macauley Sherwin from the UK HM Treasury.

The four-day programme focused on pre-ME preparation, writing of case studies and mock interviews for regulators. This engagement was highly valuable and significantly strengthened the regulators' preparedness for the upcoming ME.

During the visit, the delegation also met with the Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to discuss the regulators' progress, key challenges, and strategic priorities ahead. Ms. Theresa O'Mahony, Acting High Commissioner, and Ms. Lakshila Wanigasinghe, Economics and Prosperity Officer of the British High Commission, also participated in the meeting and expressed their willingness to support Sri Lanka's AML/CFT Regime.



