

## Financial Intelligence Unit of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Association of Compliance Officers of Banks Signed the Terms the Reference to formalize the Public–Private Partnership

The Financial Intelligence Unit of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (FIU) signed a Terms of Reference (TOR) with the Association of Compliance Officers of Licensed Banks (ACOB) on January 12, 2026, formalizing the Public–Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement between ACOB and FIU.



The FIU and the ACOB have been working collaboratively since September 2023 through several initiatives, which included knowledge sharing sessions, best practice sharing and cross industry collaborations.

This collaboration between the FIU and the ACOB paved way to establish the FIU–ACOB Joint Steering Committee recognizing the shared commitment to strengthen the integrity of the financial system through engagement of structured public–private collaboration between the FIU and the ACOB, with the aim of:

- a. Enhancing detection, prevention, and disruption of Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Proliferation Financing, and related financial crimes.
- b. Providing a trusted forum for the sharing of typologies, trends, and red flag indicators.
- c. Strengthening systemic resilience and supporting the national AML/CFT framework.

Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Director FIU and Mr. Neil Rasiah, Chief Compliance Officer - Hatton National Bank, President of ACOB and Mr. Marius Gunasekara, Head of Financial Crime – Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Secretary of ACOB signed the TOR representing the FIU and ACOB respectively.

The formalization of this partnership reflects both the FIU’s and ACOB’s continued commitment to engage with key stakeholders and fostering a coordinated approach to safeguarding the integrity of the financial system.