

Meeting of the National Committee on AML/CFT/CPF – October 9, 2026

The third meeting of the National Committee on Anti-Money Laundering, Countering the Financing of Terrorism and Financing of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (AML/CFT/CPF) was held on October 09, 2026, at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) under the chairmanship of Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor of the CBSL.



Addressing the members and the invitees, the Chairman highlighted the importance of the remaining two-week period leading up to the Mutual Evaluation (ME) on-site visit. The Governor called on all relevant agencies to give the highest priority to preparatory efforts and remain fully equipped to engage confidently and effectively with assessors.

Providing an update on the country's progress, Dr. Subhani Keerthiratne, Head of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), briefed the National Committee on key legislative reforms underway in the AML/CFT sphere, recent developments in the ME process, and the measures being implemented to strengthen Sri Lanka's preparedness for the on-site assessment. She also updated the audience on the National Risk Assessment on ML/TF/PF. Also, the establishment of the sub-committee on Trade-based Money Laundering (TBML) under the NC was informed at the meeting.

Adding to the discussion, Hon. Eranga Weeraratne, Deputy Minister of Digital Economy provided an update of the Virtual Assets Service Providers (VASP) sub-committee on Virtual Assets Regulatory Framework.

Addressing the gathering, Justice Buwaneka Aluwihare, PC, Chairman of the AML/CFT Task Force, emphasized the importance of collective commitment of all stakeholders. He highlighted the need for institutions to be thoroughly prepared to demonstrate their respective roles and achievements and to respond comprehensively to questions raised by assessors during the on-site interviews.

The meeting brought together members of the National Committee on AML/CFT/CPF, representatives of key stakeholder institutions engaged in national AML/CFT/CPF initiatives, members of the AML/CFT Task Force, as well as members of the Governing Board and senior management of the CBSL.