

Training Programme Conducted by The Wisconsin Project on 'Risk Report' Database and 'Sanctions Impact' Website- June 18-19, 2024



A training and briefing programme on the Wisconsin Project's 'Risk Report' database and 'Sanctions Impact' website was organized by the Embassy of the United States of America for domestic government authorities with participation from the Intelligence Agencies including Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) among other relevant agencies. This initiative was undertaken by the Wisconsin Project, a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Washington, D.C. USA, aimed at curtailing proliferation of mass destruction weapons at its source.

The two day training sessions featured subject experts Valerie Lincy, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Project, and John Caves, Senior Research Associate of the Wisconsin Project, who shared their expertise on the below areas.

- UN and OFAC related sanctions evasion and methods for identifying sanctions evasion techniques
- Methods to identify risky parties, information about dual-use goods and applying advanced search techniques

The programme was held at the Metropolitan Campus KDU, Colombo 01, with participants from government authorities such as Sri Lanka Customs, Department of Immigration and Emigration, Import and Export Control Department, etc. along with five participants representing the Financial Intelligence Unit. The training also included practical exercises designed to equip the participants with knowledge and strategies to combat proliferation of mass destruction weapons as well as terrorist financing.