

**Awareness Programme on “Anti Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)”, for Real Estate Sector and Gem and Jewellery Dealers - August 08, 2024**

An awareness session on “Anti Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Compliance Requirements”, was successfully conducted for the Real Estate Sector and Gem and Jewellery Dealers. The session was organized by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), at the Centre for Banking Studies (CBS) in Rajagiriya on August 08, 2024. About 80 participants from the Real Estate sector and Gem and Jewellery sector representing private institutions and officers from the National Gem and Jewellery Authority participated in the programme.



Following topics were discussed during the sessions,

- Customer Due Diligence (CDD) Rules for Designated Non-Finance Businesses and Professions (DNFBP) sector
- Suspicious Transactions Reporting (STR)
- Experience sharing by a senior officer of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) on sector related offences with relevant case studies
- Experience sharing by a Compliance Officer of a bank
- Introducing a tool for Targeted Financial Sanctions (TFS) screening

Mr. A A M Thassim, Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Sri Lanka delivered the opening remarks at the programme and highlighted the importance of compliance for both these sectors as critically important. Mrs. Theja Pathberiya, Deputy Director of Financial Intelligence Unit of Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mr. Mahinda Jayasundara, Chief Inspector of Police, Criminal Investigations Department, Mr. Kosala Harshadewa, Senior Assistant Director of Financial Intelligence Unit of Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mr. Supun Gunasekara, Senior Assistant Director of Financial Intelligence Unit of Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Mrs. Chaya Gunarathna, Compliance Officer of Seylan Bank PLC., addressed the sessions as resource persons. Dr. Ayesh Ariyasinghe, Additional Director of Financial Intelligence Unit of Central Bank of Sri Lanka, delivered the concluding remarks.