

Training programme conducted by the U.S Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations on 'Fundamentals on Money Laundering for Prosecutors and Investigators- August 26-30, 2024

A training programme on Fundamentals of Money Laundering for Prosecutors and Investigators was conducted by the Embassy of the United States of America with the participation of officers from the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and officers from other stakeholder agencies. This initiative was a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, focusing on concepts central to a criminal investigation and successful prosecution of money laundering offences.



The five day training session featured subject experts Mr. Patrick Ehlers –Resident Legal Advisor, U.S. Embassy, Mr. Grant Sparks – Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Steven Telisak – Sepcial Agent, FBI, Ms. Candice Moreno – Forensic Accountant, FBI and Mr. David Becerra – Assistant Legal Attaché, U.S. Embassy who shared their expertise on the below areas.

- Best practices on initiating money laundering investigations
- Expanding the investigation through investigator/prosecutor collaboration
- Leveraging international cooperation
- Applying investigative tools to complex investigations
- Forensic Accounting

The programme was held at the NH Collection Hotel, Colombo, with participants from government authorities including prosecutors from the Attorney Generals Department - Money Laundering Unit, prosecutors and investigators from Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption (CIABOC), investigators for Criminal Investigation Department along with seven participants representing the Financial Intelligence Unit. The training also included practical exercises designed with hypothetical scenarios to equip the participants with knowledge and strategies to combat money laundering and terrorist financing in Sri Lanka.