

Enhancing Cyber-Financial Investigations: Interpol's Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY+) Workshop in Sri Lanka - 22 – 24 May 2023

The world of information technology is constantly changing, which has unfortunately led to increased cybercrime. Additionally, In a world where the line between the good and the bad is diluting continually, this has created a significant issue for law enforcement agencies around the globe. Criminals are taking advantage of the anonymity provided by cryptocurrencies and virtual assets to conceal and collect funds from illegal activities.

The Interpol GLACY+ workshop was held in Sri Lanka to address these new threats from May 22 to 24. This three-day workshop aimed to encourage cooperation between law enforcement, public, and private sectors to combat cyber-facilitated money laundering.



Experts from various fields joined forces at the Interpol Glacy+ workshop to combat cyber-enabled money laundering. This three-day workshop promoted best practices for cybercrime and financial crime investigations, bringing together practitioners from the Attorney Generals Department, the Ministry of Justice, the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and Law Enforcement Authorities (LEA), representing officers from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), and various units of the CID, which included the Human Trafficking and Maritime Division, Illegal Assets Investigation Division (IAID), Financial Commercial and Crime Investigation Division (FCCID), Counter Terrorism Investigation Department (CTID), Homicide and Serious Investigation Crime Division, Organized Crime and Gang Robbery Division, Compute Crime Investigation Department, Prosecution Unit, and Social Media Unit. The workshop was a crucial step towards tackling the growing threat of cybercrime and its impact on society.

The event focused on comprehensively understanding the latest trends in collecting and laundering criminal proceeds from cybercrimes. Its primary objective was to increase awareness of cybercriminals' constantly evolving modus operandi, empowering law enforcement agencies to stay one step ahead in their fight against financial crimes. The participants shared their expertise

and best practices in cyber-financial investigations, further enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of future investigations.

The Interpol Glacy+ workshop held in Sri Lanka was a resounding success, providing invaluable insights into the world of cybercrime, and it was a crucial platform for tackling the growing challenges of cyber-facilitated money laundering. By collaborating and sharing knowledge, this workshop aimed to equip law enforcement agencies with the tools and insights to combat financial crimes effectively in the digital age. The outcomes of this event, which include improved understanding, shared expertise, and practical recommendations, will significantly contribute to the ongoing fight against cyber-facilitated money laundering, ensuring a safer digital environment for all.