

Awareness Session on Managing Financial Crime Risks in the Financial Services Sector of Sri Lanka (Programme 5)

The fifth awareness programme of a series of awareness programmes on “Managing Financial Crime Risks in the Financial Services Sector of Sri Lanka” for Financial Institutions (FIs) was held successfully at the Centre for Banking Studies (CBS), Rajagiriya on November 24, 2023 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. This series of awareness programmes is organized by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in collaboration with the Association of Compliance Officers of Banks (ACOB). The workshop was conducted in a hybrid format where over 100 participants representing Licensed Banks, Licensed Finance Companies and Money or Value Transfer Service Providers has participated.



The session was conducted by Mr. Amaury Dirckx, Senior Investigation Manager, Asia Pacific (HSBC – Hong Kong). Further, he spent seven years in HSBC’s Financial Crime department, covering the Bank’s Asia Pacific markets. With a background in East and Southeast Asian geopolitics, history, and international relations, Amaury has developed SMEs in various Financial Crime fields, including drug trafficking, bribery and corruption, and large money laundering networks. Amaury currently holds a role of senior investigator with HSBC’s Complex Investigations team, with a specific focus on the proactive identification of money laundering networks.”

The following topics with regard to best practices sharing on conducting Financial Crimes Investigations were discussed during the session:

- Introduction to financial crime investigations
- Introduction to large scale Money laundering networks
- Introduction to conducting a complex investigation
- Conducting transaction reviews and counterparty analysis
- Conducting network analysis
- Conducting portfolio level reviews

The session with case studies and group work encouraged active participation, making it an immense learning experience for all participants.

