Course Content

Specialized Programme on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) (with emphasis on Trade-Based Money Laundering and Narcotics-linked financial flows)

Duration: 01 week (03rd February, 2027 to 09th February, 2027)

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This specialised programme aims to strengthen the capacity of enforcement and regulatory agencies to detect, investigate and disrupt money laundering and terrorist financing linked to international trade and narcotics trafficking. Illicit financial flows increasingly exploit legitimate trade channels through techniques such as trade-based money laundering (TBML), mis-invoicing, phantom trade, misuse of logistics chains and cross-border value transfer mechanisms.

The course will examine how criminal proceeds generated from narcotics trafficking and other organised crimes are integrated into global trade systems. Participants will explore key typologies of TBML, high-risk commodities and trade routes, and vulnerabilities present in international supply chains. The programme will also introduce the broader AML/CFT architecture, including the roles of Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), financial regulators and enforcement agencies.

Special emphasis will be placed on the role of Customs and border agencies in identifying suspicious trade transactions and initiating investigations that may lead to financial crime cases. Participants will also examine international cooperation mechanisms such as MLATs, FIU-to-FIU exchanges and law-enforcement cooperation channels.

Designed as a highly interactive programme, the course will use case studies, simulation exercises and group discussions to build practical understanding. It is open to officials from Customs administrations, police and investigative agencies, financial intelligence units, regulators and other government departments engaged in combating financial crime and illicit financial flows.