

Conference of Chief Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officers (CAMLCOs) of Scheduled Banks – 2026

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A two-day conference of Chief Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officers (CAMLCOs) of scheduled banks was held on May 08–09, 2026, organized by Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU). The conference aimed to strengthen the role of banks in combating money laundering and terrorist financing, as well as to enhance overall awareness and compliance. The event took place at a local hotel in Cox's Bazar and was attended by Managing Director & Chief Executive Officers and CAMLCOs of scheduled banks across the country. Senior officials from BFIU and Bangladesh Bank also participated in the conference.



The Chief Guest, Mr. Iqtiauddin Md. Mamun, Head of BFIU, emphasized in his address the importance of integrity, governance, digital transformation, and collaboration in strengthening Bangladesh's anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing (CFT) framework. He noted that while the expansion of digital banking services has significantly improved financial inclusion, it has also led to the rise of financial crimes such as e-commerce fraud, trade-based money laundering, and cyber risks. He stressed the need for effective corporate governance, technology-driven monitoring systems, risk-based compliance, and timely reporting of suspicious transactions. He further highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts among banks, regulators, and law enforcement agencies to build a transparent, secure, and sustainable financial system. The Chief Guest also provided guidance on necessary preparations for Bangladesh's upcoming Mutual Evaluation by the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) for the 2027–2028 cycle, emphasizing the urgency of strengthening institutional readiness.



The inaugural session was chaired by the Deputy Head of BFIU. The Chairman of the Association of Bankers, Bangladesh (ABB), Mr. Mashrur Arefin, attended the program as a special guest. The theme of the conference was: **“Strengthening AML/CFT Compliance through Integrity, Governance, Digital Transformation and Collaboration.”**

The conference featured keynote presentations and technical sessions on several critical issues, including Challenges in the recovery of laundered assets, Risk-based supervision, Prevention of loan fraud and capital flight, Ethical practices in compliance and Preparation for mutual evaluation. Panel discussions included representatives from BFIU, Bangladesh Bank, and scheduled banks, along with officials from the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Bangladesh Police, and the Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) of the National Board of Revenue.

The conference emphasized the importance of ensuring good governance in the banking sector, addressing emerging technology-driven risks, advancing digital transformation, and strengthening inter-agency coordination to combat financial crimes effectively. Special focus was also given to mitigating risks in lending and investment, including fraudulent entities, fake collateral, fund diversion and willful default. Participants highlighted the importance of robust customer due diligence (CDD/KYC), transaction monitoring, and timely submission of Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) and Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs).



Recognizing the growing cyber and technological risks associated with the expansion of digital financial services, the conference called for enhanced capacity building, training, and the adoption of modern technologies by relevant officials. The conference concluded with a strong call for collective efforts from all stakeholders and the development of a sustainable compliance culture to effectively combat money laundering and terrorist financing in Bangladesh.