

LOCAL PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (LPAC) FOR “THE PROJECT FOR PROMOTING PROSECUTION OF CORRUPT PRACTICES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANTI-CORRUPTION MECHANISM”

25th June 2025

02.00 PM – 03.00 PM

Conference Halls A&B

Attendees	Designation / Affiliation
Ms. Azusa Kubota	Resident Representative, UNDP
Ms. Mayuri Udawela	Additional Director General, CIABOC
Mr. P.A.D.M.D. Ponweera	Director – Monitoring, National Procurement Commission
Ms. Gayani Hansika	Assistant Director, Department of External Resources
Ms. Sonali Thahir	Integrated Support Team Lead, UNDP
Ms. Vagisha Gunasekera	Economist, UNDP
Mr. Mohamed Muzain	Programme Analyst – IGT, UNDP
Ms. Dilshana Kareema Sathar	Programme Associate – IGT, UNDP
Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake	Technical Specialist – Anti-Corruption, UNDP
Ms. Shihara Rajakaruna	Project Analyst – Anti-Corruption, UNDP
Mr. Thushanthan Loganathan	Programme Operations Associate, UNDP
Mr. Daiki Hayashi	Programme Analyst (JPO) – IGT, UNDP
Ms. Ashara Warnakulasuriya	Project Associate – Anti-Corruption, UNDP
Ms. Aishwarya Ravinthiran	Programme Assistant – IGT, UNDP

OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Azusa Kubota, Resident Representative of UNDP, opened the LPAC with a warm welcome and expressed appreciation to the government representatives for their continued support in the implementation of the UNDP Anti-Corruption (AC) projects.

Following considerable efforts to negotiate with the Government of Japan, a multi-year project has been secured to support national anti-corruption priorities. Ms. Kubota noted the growing momentum in strengthening the anti-corruption ecosystem, with more partners expressing willingness to support national efforts.

The signing ceremony is scheduled for 1st July 2025 and will be hosted by the Ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka, His Excellency Mr. Akio Isomata. The Honorable Minister of Justice is expected to attend on behalf of H.E. The President, along with CIABOC leadership and other key dignitaries, including representatives from the Ministry of Finance.

She reiterated the purpose of this LPAC: to seek insights and secure the overall endorsement of the project from the invited stakeholders. It is essential that all stakeholders are informed about the programme and commit to its collective implementation.

While the project document has already been approved, this meeting serves as a platform to discuss potential risks and challenges in implementation. With regard to the direct implementation modality, it was clarified that UNDP will manage the funds, while programmatic decisions will be made through a Steering Committee comprising the government institutions.

The opening remarks concluded with a call for collaborative support to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

PRESENTATION

The attached PowerPoint Presentation (Annex 1) captures the key recommendations presented to the members

- The project will fall under Pillar 3: Strong and Efficient Institutions of the SDG 16 Portfolio on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and will be overseen by its respective steering committee
- The Project also complements the Economic Governance Portfolio as well, which intersects with economy and governance

FEEDBACK AND ENDORSEMENT

- **CIABOC**
 - Expressed gratitude to H.E Mr. Akio Isomata, Ms. Kubota and the Project team for their extensive support
 - The LPAC was positively received and was endorsed by CIABOC
- **NPC**
 - Appreciation was expressed for the support from UNDP and the Government of Japan in developing the e-procurement monitoring system
 - There is a high demand for innovative training within NPC, making this project is timely
 - Strengthening internal expertise through international exposure was seen as a valuable way to support institutional growth and long-term achievement
 - The LPAC was positively received and was endorsed by NPC
- **ERD**
 - The project budget must be included in the 2026 National Budget preparation, and UNDP is currently in the process of completing the required template for submission
 - As required by Act No. 44 of the Public Finance Management Act, NPD approval must be obtained for new projects before implementation begins
 - CIABOC to initiate the process for approval, and ERD has assured support for swift approval
 - The LPAC was positively received and was endorsed by ERD

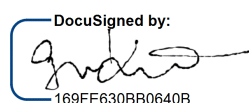
CLOSING REMARKS AND WRAP UP

The Technical Specialist noted that the timely execution of the action plan requires strong support from all partners. He called for close cooperation to ensure a successful partnership, enabling the swift rollout of planned activities.

Ms. Kubota closed the LPAC by acknowledging the overall endorsement of the project, assuring UNDP's full cooperation and support to the partners, and expressing appreciation for a successful LPAC.

Next steps;

As the project was endorsed by the PAC members, the project proposal is recommended for approval.

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Azusa Kubota

Resident Representative

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