Governance Action Plan

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1	Enact a Comprehensive Asset Recovery Law to harmonize it with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption	Ministry of Justice	 Submission for Cabinet approval and gazetting by Feb, 2025 Enact the Law by May, 2025 	May, 2025
	Finalize and implement regulations to support the provision of beneficial ownership information as required by the Companies Act and establish a public beneficial ownership registry.	Ministry of Industries Department of Registrar of Companies	 Cabinet Approval for the amendment to the Company Act by March, 2025 Submit the amendment to the Company Act to the Parliament by May, 2025 Issue necessary Regulations by June, 2025 Conducting awareness programs for the stakeholders, company secretaries, directors, and shareholders. Maintenance of beneficial ownership information and registry. 	Dec, 2025
3	Enact a Public Procurement Law that reflects international best practices.	National Procurement Commission	 Draft the Public Procurement Bill and obtain necessary legal clearances by April, 2025 Submit the Public Procurement Bill to the Cabinet for gazetting by May, 2025 Enact the Law by June, 2025 	June, 2025
4	Publish a report on a designated website on the progress in increasing the proportion of competitive tendered procurement contracts of the 10 agencies determined to have the lowest level of competitive tenders in 2022.	Department of Public Finance	 Gather baseline data on procurement where competition is relatively less, number of failed procurements are high and also there are instances of negotiated award of contracts in place of re- tendering by June, 2025. Gather above data for the 2nd half of year 2025 and review data gathered during first 05 months of the 2025 against second 5 months of 2025 to identify, i. Improvement in procurement competition. Reduction in failed procurements. Reduction in negotiated award contracts without re-tendering. 	Dec, 2025
5	Publish on a semi annual basis on a designated website (i) all public procurement contracts above Rs. 1 billion, along with comprehensive information in a searchable format on contract award winners; (ii) a list of all firms receiving tax exemptions through the Board of Investment, the SDP and the Port City Act, and an estimation of the value of these tax exemptions; and (iii) a list of firms receiving tax exemptions on luxury vehicle import.	Department of Public Finance Department of Fiscal Policy	 (i) Published. Link: https://promise.lk/?p=public_cont&a=view_proc_awarded_public ii) Published. Link: https://www.treasury.gov.lk/web/tax-certificates-issued-under-boi iii) Published. Link: https://www.treasury.gov.lk/web/luxury-tax-exemptions Update periodically. 	Jun, 2025

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6	Review SOE Reform Policy with a view to enhance transparency and accountability of SOE management and strategic principles to meet its key objectives.	Presidential Secretariat, Department of Public Enterprises Department of Legal Affairs	 Appoint a Committee to develop a criteria to list the SOEs under a Holding Company and to review the existing SOE Policy and provide recommendations by end March, 2025 Submit the review report and the criteria to the Cabinet by May, 2025. Draft SOE bill by July, 2025 Enact SOE Act by September, 2025 Form a Holding Company by October, 2025. Identify the entities to be absorbed under the Holding Company by November, 2025. 	Dec, 2025
7	Suspend application of the Strategy Development Projects Act until promulgation of a transparent, rules-based eligibility criteria to increase the accountability and effectiveness of granted tax expenditures and to limit duration for which incentives are granted.	Department of Fiscal Policy	 Finalize the proposals for a comprehensive qualitative and quantitative eligibility criteria for SDP projects by March 2025 Amend SDP Act and obtain necessary clearances by end May, 2025 	Aug, 2025
8	Obtain cabinet approval for new National Tariff Policy to ensure revenue optimization, transparency, and accountability including clear rules on eliminating or restricting ministerial authority to introduce tax changes without Parliamentary approval.	Department of Fiscal Policy	 Finalize TOR for the Committee on the National Tariff Policy by March, 2025. Appoint the Committee by March, 2025. Draft New Tariff Policy in line to the Government Policy by August, 2025. Obtain Cabinet approval by September, 2025 	Sep, 2025
9	Establish an online digital land information system and publish on a designated website	Ministry of Lands, Surveyor's General Department	 Establish an online digital land information for 2.4 Mn land parcels system by May, 2025 Publish on a designated website May 2025. Rolling-out Plan to include all lands information in the system through integration, digitization and pilots, by Dec, 2025 	Dec, 2025
10	Establish and implement a plan to modify governance arrangements in the Justice sector to strengthen oversight, monitoring, and proper sector development.	Judicial Service Commission	Develop an implementation plan with interim milestones for the following JSC's five institutional objectives i) Increase the number of courts ii) Introduce case management across all courts iii) Advance digitalization in the justice sector iv) Restructure the JSC Secretariat v) Establish a mechanism to regularize the Quazi courts.	Dec, 2025

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11	Make adjustments to regulations implementing the National Audit Act to facilitate the effective levying of fines on officials, including Chief Accounting officers, who fail to fulfill their responsibilities on overseeing and managing the public assets by June 2025	Ministry of Justice National Audit Office	 Draft an amendment by the Legal Draftsman's Department by March, 2025 Obtain necessary legal clearances by March, 2025 Obtain Cabinet approval for Gazetting the amendment by April 2025. Bill passed by June, 2025 	June, 2025
12	Following a broad consultative process, submit a Cabinet policy paper on options for establishing new management arrangements for the Employee Provident Fund that terminates direct CBSL management.	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Labour	 Appoint a Committee to review the existing nature and management of EPF and to provide recommendations on way-forward mechanism to efficiently manage EPF by April, 2025. Comprehensive review by July, 2025 Submit the Comprehensive study with policy recommendations to the Cabinet by August, 2025 	Dec, 2025
13	Obtain Cabinet approval to enable digital framework for public procurement of goods and works through e-GP system	Department of Public Finance.	 Establishment of digital platform to carryout Government Procurement of Goods by March, 2025 Establishment of Digital platform to carryout Government Procurement of works by June, 2025 Pilot running of e-GP system for the procurement of Goods and Works by Sep, 2025 Establishment of Digital platform to carryout Government Procurement other than Goods and Works by December, 2025 Rollout of e-GP system for Procurement of Goods and works for 10% of Government Entities by December, 2025 	Dec, 2025
14	Obtain Cabinet Approval and enact Public Asset Management Law enabling to create digital framework for maintaining of non-financial assets of public sector institutions to promote transparency and accountability.	Comptroller General's Department Department of Legal Affairs	 Cabinet Approval for Public Asset Management Bill by March, 2025 Enact the Public Asset Management Law by July, 2025 	July, 2025
15	Conduct a comprehensive assessment of entitlements provided to current and former politicians, including the legal framework governing them, and to adopt regulations requiring annual disclose of those benefits to the public which should be subject to regular oversight by Parliament.	Presidential Secretariat	 Ensure implementing existing legal provisions of President's Entitlement Act No 04 of 1986 by Jan, 2025. Issue circular/guidelines to limit staff recruitment and vehicle facilities, fuel allowances, telephone allowances granted to private staff of Ministers and Deputy Ministers by January, 2025. Restrict / Cut-down the unnecessary expenditures of the Presidential Secretariat by March, 2025. Mobilize the existing state-owned bungalows previously allocated for politicians, for better public purposes. 	May, 2025
16	Update and publish the Action Plan on annual basis	Presidential Secretariat	Update annually	February. 2025