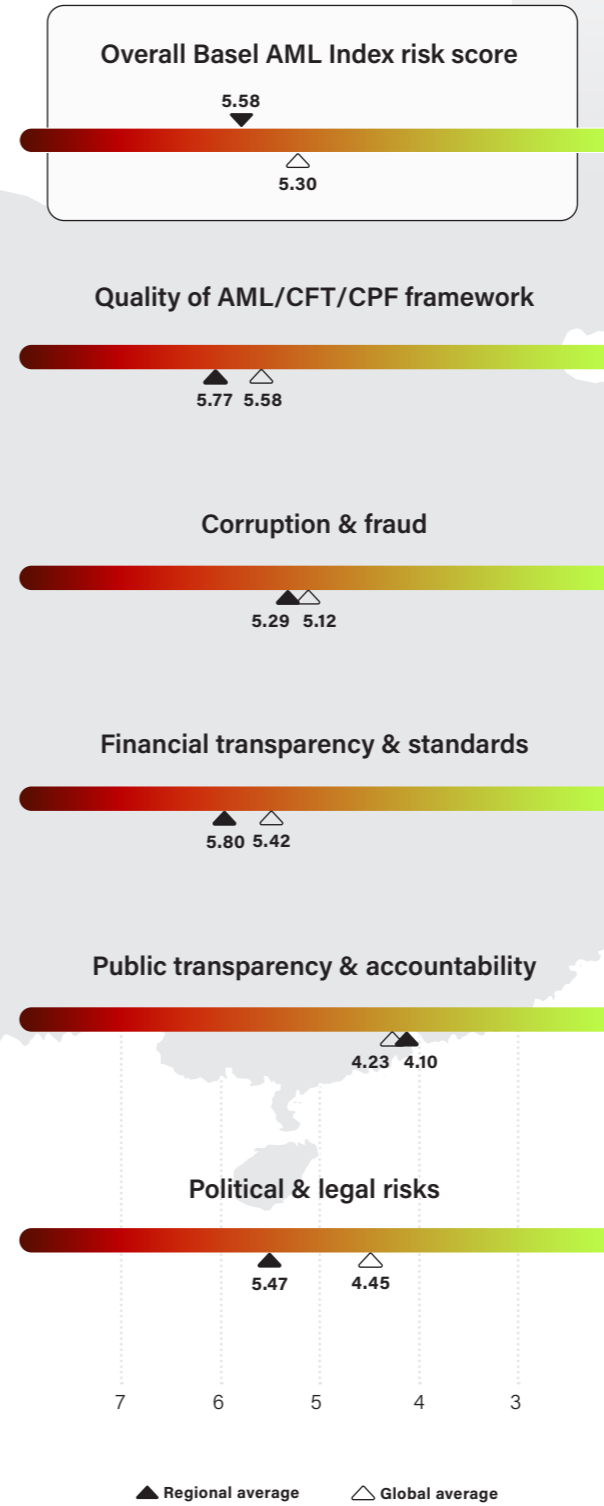


South Asia

India and Nepal were added to the Public Edition this year due to increased availability of data. Most countries in the region score similarly, with all except Sri Lanka above the global average. Average scores for all domains except public transparency & accountability remain below average.

1	Nepal	6.01
2	Bangladesh	5.62
3	Pakistan	5.56
4	Bhutan	5.51
5	India	5.49
6	Sri Lanka	5.28



WEAKEST AREA
Financial transparency & standards

In terms of effectiveness, the weakest area is the application of preventive measures by financial institutions and DNFBPs.

Apart from deficiencies in the quality of AML/CFT/CPF frameworks, judicial independence is also a concern for the region.