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### NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FISCAL COMMISSION LAUNCHES ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY

Under TIPNG's Promoting Anti-Corruption & Integrity Strategies (PAIS) project, five state agencies signed MoU's in September 2021 to develop anti-corruption strategies to strengthen their internal governance and anti-corruption mechanisms and restore public trust in national integrity institutions. These agencies are the National Economic and Fiscal Commission, National Judicial Staff Services, Interim ICAC, Public Service Commission and the Constitutional Law Reform Commission.

In June, the National Economic and Fiscal Commission (NEFC) launched its Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategy 2022 – 2025. The NEFC is established under the Constitution and defined under Section 117 of the Organic Law on Provincial Governments and Local-level Governments. The Commission's overarching role is to advice the national government on economic and fiscal matters.

The objectives of NEFC's Anti-Corruption & Integrity Strategy are based on four (4) key focused areas:

- 1. Strengthening & mainstreaming intergovernmental funding systems
- 2. Ensuring accountability, transparency, and compliance
- 3. Promoting effective anti-corruption leadership and practices
- 4. Fostering an anti-corruption culture.

This initiative is part of TIPNG's PAIS Project funded by the European Union. to strengthen public trust in national integrity institutions.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the PAIS Project.











#### Dear Members and Friends,

Second quarter was an extremely busy period for us at TIPNG.

At the top of the quarter, we engaged regional liaisons to facilitate observer trainings in all provinces of each region – Momase, Highlands, NGI and Southern.

We recruited and trained more than 340 volunteers who would observe the 2022 National General Elections.

Under our Building Elections Integrity through Partnership Project, we engaged with security forces to discuss corruption in the elections and how security forces can uphold integrity during elections and ensure a truly fair election in PNG.

We continued to engage with our financial members and organizations interested in the work that we do and facilitated voter education sessions for their staff.

In terms of our working partnership with the government sector, we continue to Co-Chair the PNG Open Government Partnership (OGP) initiative and we encourage other CSOs to engage in the OGP National Action Plan 2 (2022 – 2024).

The preparation and delivery of the national election has faced multiple administrative, legal and logistical challenges. The disjointed manner in which requisite electoral preparatory processes such as; the creation of new electorates, enrolment of new voters, updating of the roll, objection to the roll, appointment of returning officers, commencement of nomination, and gazettal of election and polling schedules have caused tension among our people. Some governance issues came to the fore and prompted our responses through the media. We pushed out media statements and overall, our position was clear: we want agencies to abide by the Constitution.

We held our 2021 Annual General Meeting in June and saw the appointment of the 2022 Board. We achieved another unqualified audit report that you can read in our 2021 Annual Report.

All in all, the highlight of this quarter for us at TIPNG was seeing the National Economic & Fiscal Commission (NEFC) launch their Anti-Corruption Strategy. This partnership has been a fulfilling one and we acknowledge the work and determination of NEFC put into the Strategy to enhance their mechanisms for addressing corruption.

Finally, I thank all our financial members for the continued support to our work. We appreciate you.

Yours in partnership,

#### Arianne Kassman

#### WORKING WITH SQUARE CIRCLE TO RESTORE CITIZENS' TRUST IN GOVT AGENCIES

In August of 2021, we engaged an offshore agency to help us develop an Anti-Corruption Strategy Template to assist our MoU Partners through our Promoting Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategies (PAIS) Project.

Square Circle is a global development consulting company headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, that works critically, adaptively, and creatively with development partners to facilitate a more inclusive development process that enables sustainable and equitable impact. To do this, Square Circle partners with communities, governments, civil society, the private sector, and development partners to connect policy and capacity to better serve diverse communities. Working at the intersection of theory and practice, we provide services in governance and social impact, education and capacity development, and research and evaluation.

Square Circle's interest in supporting transparency, accountability, and anti-corruption efforts goes hand in hand with its efforts to work with our partners and friends in Papua New Guinea to support inclusive development and effective service delivery. The PAIS project offered great synergy with Square Circle's other work in our country. The development of anti-corruption strategies in key government agencies directly enhances good governance, strengthens leadership, and promotes inclusive and effective service delivery.

Square Circle looks forward to continuing to support TIPNG's anti-corruption and good governance efforts. Importantly, they understand that the development of a strategy document is only the point of departure. The hard work of implementation is still to come!

Both TIPNG and Square Circle envision that this hard work will produce a stronger ecosystem of anti-corruption, integrity, and transparency within agencies, as well as contribute to increased trust between the government and the people of Papua New Guinea.



Dr Michael Spann (left), Founder Director Research and Operations and Dr Kamil Shah (second from left) posing with TIPNG staff during a catch-up meeting in Port Moresby recently.

## MEMBERS MEET AT AGM



TIPNG Board Directors, Staff and Members taking a group photo after the 2021 Annual General Meeting held in June this year.

We held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday 25th June 2022 in Port Moresby. In compliance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1966, at the AGM we presented to our members the 2021 Annual Report containing a further successful, unqualified audit report, on its accounts for 2021.

During the 2021 AGM, TIPNG's financial members elected Mr. Peter Aitsi as Chair, Ms. Belinda Kanau as Secretary and Mrs. Akae Beach as Treasurer to serve for the coming year. A further eight (8) Directors were also elected to serve on the board; Jerome Sesega, Richard Kassman, Michael McWalter, Paul Barker, Mary Udu, Christopher Elphick, Seini Fisi'ihoi and Bill Neill. The role of director of TIPNG is voluntary and directors receive no payment. The TIPNG Board is responsible for setting of the organisation's vision, articulating its purpose, managing its financial performance, statutory compliance and overall performance of the Association.

In his address, TIPNG Chair Peter Aitsi, acknowledged the support of TIPNG members and reported on TIPNG's key activities in 2021 which included the release of media statements on the issuing of contracts to Borneo Pacific Pharmaceuticals, the need to respect the independence of industry regulators such as the Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit (FASU) and the National Gaming Control Board (NGCB), the lack of current audits on all public bodies and, of course, the need for constitutional adherence

and integrity with regards to the conduct of the Moresby Northwest By-Election and 2022 National General Election preparations.

"In line with our Strategic Plan, during 2021 TIPNG worked with like-minded individuals and organizations and convened high-level meetings with key actors across all sectors in the country. This was evident in our engagement in ensuring integrity in the preparations for the 2022 National General Election, our involvement in hosting the PNG Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Seminar and cocreation of the 2nd National Action Plan. Most notable of TIPNG's engagements was the coordination of the 1st National Integrity Summit that involved all three arms of government, state agencies, constitutional bodies, the private sector, civil society and international friends of Papua New Guinea sharing openly on both the challenges and the opportunities to strengthen national integrity," reported Mr Aitsi.

TIPNG's Strategic Plan (2019 – 2023) has four (4) Strategic Priority Areas: Maintaining & Enhancing Brand, Enhancing Organizational Capacity, Stronger & More Active Partnerships and Financial Sustainability. We are committed to doing the work and remain optimistic to the fact that corruption can be stopped.

### NGCS ENGAGES ON ETHICS

We facilitated ethics learning sessions with the police force and officers from the Correctional Service to support their preparations for the National Elections.

The aims of the ethics sessions were to help promote accountability and oversight of the election process.

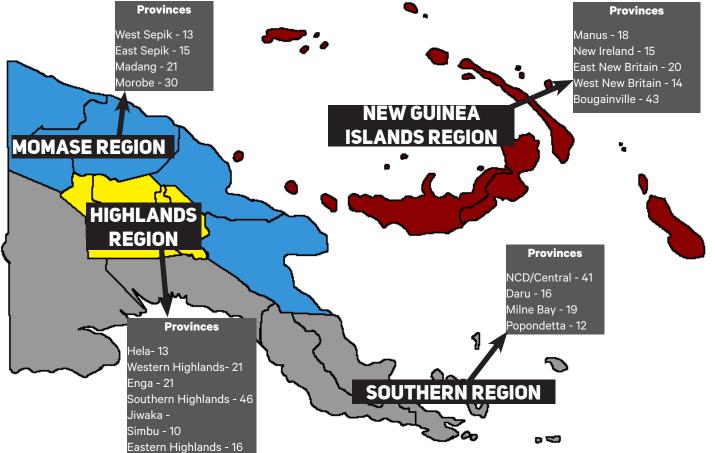
During the sessions, we presented ethical dilemmas to each group for participants to analyse what they would do if faced with such a dilemma. Discussions were held about corruption in the elections and how security forces can uphold integrity during elections and ensure a free, fair, and safe election in PNG.



PNGCS Officer speaking during the session.



# TRAINING OBSERVERS FOR TH



We recruited more than 340 volunteer observers across the nation to observe the 2022 National General Elections.

In quarter 2, our team was out in all the regions of the country training our volunteer observers. We conducted observer trainings in 21 provinces. We trained our observers to understand the process of polling and to effectively use our survey instrument to observe the election. Our observation focused on the environment and process of polling.

Our goals are to observe and report on the national general elections in a structured way, to signal to those wishing to break the law, that society is not ignorant of what is going on and will do what it can to mitigate some of the abusive voter and candidate supporter behaviour at the polling stations and to demonstrate and build skills of PNG citizens to take a role, as volunteers, in helping build and preserve



TIPNG observers during the Oro Province Observation Training.

the integrity of the process in a legal and non-violent way.

TIPNG has observed the 2007, 2012 and 2017 National General Elections, using the same observer survey instruments and also the 2013 LLG Elections, 2019 Bougainville Referendum and 2021 Moresby Northwest By-election. Reports from these observations have been presented to the PNGEC and Government and lead to reforms such as the introduction of the Limited Preferential Voting (LPV) system and the Organic Law on the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates (OLIPPAC).

We will release our 2022 Election Observation Report in the 4th quarter of 2022 and will be working alongside other domestic & international observers and state agencies, such as the National Research Institute, on post-election analysis to further inform reforms for electoral integrity in Papua New Guinea.



Observers from Eastern Highlands in session



# **IE 2022 NATIONAL ELECTIONS**



TIPNG Observers in Alotau going through voter survey questionnaire.



TIPNG CEO Ms. Arianne Kassman, presenting to the Bougainvill Observers.



TIPNG Observers in Daru practising the voter survey interview.



TIPNG Observer introducing himself during the Morobe Observation Training.



TIPNG's Mr. Hezron Warike facilitating the East Sepik Observation Training.



TIPNG's Mr. Semie Mansu during introduction session with observer volunteer of West Sepik Province.



TIPNG BEIP Regional Liaison Mr. Aloise Ralai presenting during the Oro Observation Training.

## CSOs ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE IN PNG'S OGP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN



As Co-Chair of PNG Open Government Partnership (OGP), we hosted a Civil Society Organization (CSO) meeting with partner NGOs. The meeting had representatives from: Caritas PNG, Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR), Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC), Equal Playing Field, Institute of National Affairs, Oxfam PNG, PNG Resource Governance Coalition, and The Voice Inc. The Department of National Planning & Monitoring was also present at the meeting as the Chair of the PNG OGP.

The participants were provided a review on the implementation of PNG's OGP National Action Plan 1 (2018 – 2020) and updates National Action Plan 2 and CSO participation (2022- 2024) in the Plan.

The OGP's Participation and Co-creation Standards set out requirements for engaging civil society in the OGP co-creation process. These requirements and recommendations cover three overarching elements of dialogue:

- 1. Dissemination of information CSO's can be able to receive and disseminate information on OGP.
- Spaces and platforms for dialogue and co-creation— CSOs will be able to view public information and have dialogue opportunities to participate, such as the OGP Website.
- Co-ownership and joint decision making Through participation at the Cluster level meetings, the government, civil society, jointly own and develop the processes to achieve the commitments in the National Action Plan.

As the CSO Co-Chair, TIPNG is inviting the CSO's to participate in PNG's 2nd OGP National Action Plan.

Open Government Partnership NATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2022-2024

> Empowering collaborative participation through Open Government Partnership Platform"

SUMMARY OF THE 2ND OGP NAP CLUSTER COMMITMENTS



There are 16 commitments in the 2nd National Action Plan.

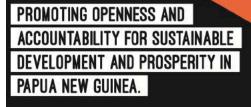
# **COMMEMORATING #OPENGOV WEEK**

To commemorate the global Open Government Week in May, we explored Papua New Guinea's 2nd National Action Plan in a series of social media post.

There are 16 commitments in the 2nd National Action Plan. Each commitment has corresponding Government and civil society representatives responsible to implement the commitment. Each of the Clusters below will have co-chairs (Government & CSO).

You can access the 2nd National Action Plan here: https:// www.opengovpartnership.org/documents/papua-newguinea-action-plan-2022-2024-june/

#### Open Government Partnership



#### PNG OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



Brief Description	Summary	Government	Civil Society
This commitment is aimed at ensuring there is a central government data portal implemented.	Promotes a coordinated approach for data collection, storage, processing, and dissemination through a centralized portal for ease of access and consumption.	Lead Implementing Agency, Department of Communication & Information Technology Member 1. National Statistical Office 2. Department of Provincial 8. Local Lovie 6. Second Provincial 6. Local Lovie 7. Provincial 8. Local Lovie 7. Provincial 8. Local Lovie 7. Provincial 6. Department of Personnel Monagement 5. PNS DataCo 6. National Information and Communication	Civil Society co- chair: Transparency International PNG Members: 1. Center for Environmental Law and Community Rights.

#### **Commitment 3: Digital Government** Legislation & Strategy. **Brief Description Civil Society** Government Summary Promotes digitizing This commitment is Lead Implementing Civil society cogency: Departme communication & of Government nt of chair: TIPNG aimed at developing information to make and endorsing the Information Technology Digital Government it open to citizens Members: 1. Oxfam PNG Bill and Strategy. for engagement and accessibility 2. Center for 1. National Statistical Office Enviromental 2. Civil Registry Law and 3.National Information Community Rights Communication Technology Authority. 4.PNG DataCo



#### **PNG DELEGATION TO UNCAC** IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW MEETING, VIENNA

We were invited by the Government of Papua New Guinea to join the official state delegation attending the 13th Session of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Implementation Review Group (IRG) from 13-17th June 2022 in Vienna, Austria.

Papua New Guinea was the only state party to have a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) representative as a member of the official delegation, with TIPNG's Deputy Director Partnership & Policy Mr. Yuambari Haihuie, joining the UNCAC IRG Meeting.

This participation by TIPNG continues the collaboration between state agencies and non-state actors to implement PNG's obligations under the UNCAC, through the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2010-2030. In 2021 TIPNG completed a CSO report on PNG's implementation of Chapter 2 & Chapter 5, which was presented to the Government and subsequently shared with the UNODC in May 2022 when PNG underwent a peer review.



TIPNG Dep<mark>uty Director - Partnerships</mark> & Policy d**uring th**e UNCAC meeting in Vienna.



In addition to Mr. Haihuie from TIPNG, Members of PNG's official delegation included:

• Mrs. Josephine Advent Pitmur, Deputy Secretary - Justice Administration, Department of Justice and Attorney General (Head of Delegation)

• Mr. Jeffrey Murley, Acting Director - Governance Unit, Department of Prime Minister and NEC

• Ms. Tapas Kametan, Senior Legal Officer, Office of the Public Prosecutor

• Mr. John Hyde, Anti-Corruption Consultant, UNODC Pacific Secretariat

Enroute to the IRG Meeting the PNG Delegation also had the opportunity to meet with key anti-corruption agencies in the Philippines to learn and share experiences on areas of mutual interest.

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### **TI MOVEMENT SUMMIT**

In June 2022, TI held its 2nd Movement Summit to connect and share ideas and experiences of combatting corruption across the globe.

TI currently has more than 90 chapters worldwide and we all share one vision: to put a stop to corruption.

In 2021, TI adopted a strategy to hold power to account. Colleagues across the Movement have shared their insights and strategized ways that to counter corruption based on their experiences.

TIPNG's Chief Executive Director, Ms Arianne Kassman, was nominated as the chapter representative at the TI Strategy Reference Group. The Strategy Reference Group composes of 15 National Chapter representatives from diverse national contexts, reflecting the diversity of the TI Movement. The Strategy Reference Group advises the Secretariat and the National Chapters in the implementation of the TI Strategy 2021-2023.

At the TI Movement Summit, TI Papua New Guinea as a chapter, are proud of Arianne's engagement at this global forum. During the TI Movement Summit, Arianne led and facilitate due sessions.

The summit was fully virtual and comprised of 30 sessions covering a wide variety of topics and issues. Chapters shared their experiences, ideas and impact stories of addressing corruption and impunity in their countries.



#### **INFORMATION SESSION WITH STEAMSHIPS TRADING**



TIPNG CEO presenting during the Steamships information session.

In May, we were invited by our Corporate Member, Steamships Trading, to facilitate an information session on voter rights and responsibilities.

General information on elections and the voting process was conveyed to the staff members of Steamships, including the election schedule.

Staff of Steamships were proactive in asking questions about current election challenges, including the electoral roll and identifying their polling places Steamships Trading has been a corporate member of TIPNG, supporting the cause since our establishment in 1997.

### **NETWORKING WITH CIPE**

The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) also reached out to us to do an election awareness session with the CIPE Women's Business Resource Center. In our mission to inform and empower people, the information session with CIPE focused on election integrity and voter responsibilities.

CIPE implements women's economic empowerment programs in PNG.

We thank the CIPE for the invite and we look forward to working with them again in the future.



information session pictured with TIPNG CEO.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ENCOURAGED TO ENGAGE IN ELECTORAL PROCESS

The Young Professionals Network (YPN) also invited TIPNG to speak at the first Knowledge Hub on "Voter's Education and Election Awareness". The session was aimed at encouraging young professionals be engaged and informed about the National General Elections.

TIPNG Board Director, Mr Richard Kassman was the guest speaker and spoke strongly against the apathy of young educated Papua New Guinean professionals who hold the notion that their one vote cannot change anything and in turn disengage themselves from the electoral process.

The YPN PNG is an apolitical association for young professionals in Papua New Guinea seeking avenues for civic engagement. The YPN was established in 2018, and membership is open to professionals within Port Moresby.



TIPNG's Boar<mark>d Director Mr. Rich</mark>ard Kassman sp<mark>eaking</mark> to young YPN members.



### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are two months away from closing off membership for 2022 and are also looking into preparations for renewal notices for 2023 Membership commencing 1st October 2022. We are excited to announce that we have raised K160,800.62 to date and are now K2,636.34 shy of reaching our annual target of K163,436.96 for 2022. Membership for 2022 is still open, if your organization or family would like to be part of the cause, please contact us!

We take this time to thank the 117 individual financial members who have continued to show your support and all the business houses, organizations and families that believe that corruption is stoppable.

# **FEATURE: INDIVIDUAL MEMBER**

In the coming issues of our newsletters, we will be featuring our members. Our first one in this issue is the young individual member, James Lunge.

# **JAMES LUNGE**

#### What TIPNG activities have you joined/volunteered for?

I became involved with Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) when the Youth Against Corruption

Association (YACA) was revived by TIPNG in 2012 when I was a Grade 10 student at Jubilee Catholic Secondary School. Over the years, I have been involved with YACA and various workshops and events conducted by TIPNG including in 2013 where I was a participant in the Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp 2013. I have also walked in several Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption including volunteering for the walk.

#### • Why is stopping corruption in PNG important for you?

Stopping corruption in PNG is important to me because I believe people miss out on opportunities to have a better life when people entrusted with power do not act in the best interest of the people. Universally, the opportunity

to have access to quality education, health care, et cetera, are basic human rights. However, in PNG it is a privilege for a few who can afford it because of rampant corruption. We must stop corruption in PNG for all Papua New Guineans to have access to opportunities to have a better life and to realise our aspirations as a nation.

#### • Who should become a member of TIPNG?

Any citizen or corporate entity who cares about this country. Becoming a member of TIPNG not only means you are supporting a group committed to fighting corruption in PNG, it means you care about this country and you are making a commitment that you choose not to engage in corruption personal and corporate practices.





# UPCOMING EVENTS:



# WE OWN THE PLACE!

At TIPNG, one of our Strategic Priority focus is Financial Sustainability. We want to enhance our financial sustainability so that we can undertake our work with even more certainty and assurance.

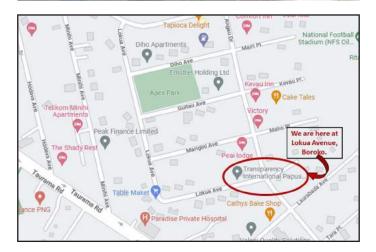
As an NGO, while funding is sometimes available for projects and programs devised to combat corruption in PNG, the funding required for the ongoing operations of the TIPNG office is sometimes inconsistent and sporadic.

As many of you may know, the Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption is our flagship fundraising event which started back in 2007 where organizations, register and pay a fee to participate. After hosting 11 Walks, we raised enough money to purchase the property where we now operate from at Lokua Avenue in Boroko, Port Moresby.

In May this year, we completed our mortgage and the property deed was handed to us! We are excited about this huge step of sustainability that we have taken and we are thankful for the support that all our financial members have given to the cause.

#### THANK YOU!





#### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR **2022 SUPPORTERS:**



#### WHO WE ARE:

Transparency International PNG is a chapter of Transparency International, a global non-profit, NGO dedicated to empowering people to take action against corruption. TIPNG was formed in 1997 with the aim of combatting corruption in PNG and promoting openness, honesty and accountability in private and public dealings. TIPNG is a membership-based association, guided by voluntary Board of Directors who are leaders in the respective sectors in which they work.

#### **OUR MISSION:**

To empower people to act against corruption.

#### WHAT IS CORRUPTION?

Corruption is the abuse of entrusted power for private gain, it hurts everyone whose life, livelihood or happiness depends on the integrity of people in a position of authority.

#### **OUR PROGRAMS:**

- Building Elections Integrity Through Partnership
  - Anti-Corruption Help Desk
  - Active Civic Engagement
  - Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp
    - Campaigns and Coalitions
- Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption
- Promoting Anti-corruption & Integrity Strategies

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