

# STAKEHOLDER UPDATE



Promoting Anti-Corruption & Integrity Strategies



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## WELCOME TO ISSUE #3

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

May and June were exciting months for the PAIS Project, albeit, busy nationally with preparations for the 2022 National General Elections underway.

Highlights from those 2 months included; our first in-person meeting with Square Circle who had been supporting TIPNG with the Anti-Corruption Strategy development remotely due to COVID-19, the launch of the National Economic and Fiscal Commission's (NEFC) Anti-Corruption & Integrity Strategy, and the opportunity to engage with the Private Sector at the UNDP Conference for Anti-Corruption in Business.

We continue to invite nominations for TIPNG's Investigative Journalism Awards, to recognise journalists, and for the Integrity Awards of Excellence, for agencies with exemplary integrity initiatives. Visit our website or contact us for both nomination forms today.

If you'd like your organisation to learn more about TIPNG's PAIS Project and National Integrity System Assessment, book now for a Lunch & Learn session at your office (more info on pg. 3).

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to TIPNG and our PAIS Project!

## DIGITAL INNOVATION IN INTEGRITY

Since October 2021, Square Circle Global Development Group have been working in partnership with TIPNG and five state agencies to develop internal Anti-Corruption Strategies. Square Circle made it possible for all stakeholder meetings, document development and progress tracing, to be conducted virtually on an online platform.

It was only in May 2022, that we at TIPNG had our first in-person meeting with lead contacts at Square Circle, Dr. Kamil Shah, and Dr. Michael Spann, in Port Moresby.

With the successful progress made on the agency-level anti-corruption strategies thus far, the PAIS Project has demonstrated that digital collaboration to strengthen national integrity is a pathway for change.



L-R: Dr. Michael Spann (SquareCircle), Ms. Daera Ganiga (TIPNG), Dr. Kamil Shah (SquareCircle), Ms. Arianne Kassman (TIPNG), Mr. Yuambari Haihuie (TIPNG)

### WHAT IS THE PAIS PROJECT?

The Promoting Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategies project works with state agencies to enhance their capacity to address corruption complaints both internally and externally. TIPNG believes that when frameworks and actual practice by agencies to address corruption are working well, it enhances the agency's reputation and strengthens public trust in that agency.

### WHY SHOULD AGENCIES PARTNER WITH THE PAIS PROJECT?

#### Demonstrate Leadership

As national integrity institutions, the PAIS project offers the opportunity to your organisation to lead the national discussion on governance reforms.

#### Support National Commitment

With the Government engaging in significant governance reforms as part of its national agenda, the PAIS project provides agencies the opportunity to also act.

#### Innovate on Integrity

The PAIS project will provide an objective assessment of integrity gaps and actively seek to address shortfalls with tailored strategies.

#### Stay informed

Through publications, meetings and workshops, you can stay up to date with anti-corruption efforts across the country.

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# INTEGRITY STRATEGY LAUNCH EMPOWERS AGENCY



L-R: Mr. Thomas Korua, Executive Director - Economic Research and Policy Development (NEFC), Mr. Patrick Painap, Chair and CEO (NEFC), Ms. Arianne Kassman (TIPNG), Mr. Eric Kumasan, Director - Policy Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation (NEFC), with members of the NEFC Strategy Development team, and Western Province Dance Troop.

“The launching of the Anti-Corruption Integrity Strategy (ACIS) sets a significant milestone in the history and life of the NEFC. It is first of its kind for the NEFC since the inception in 1998. It has taken more than two decades, for the Commission to produce the Anti-corruption Integrity Strategy.” These were the comments made by Mr. Patrick Painap, CEO and Chair of the National Economic and Fiscal Commission (NEFC), at the launch of their anti-corruption strategy on June 15th, 2022.

The pervasive presence of public sector corruption is often cited by state agencies as an impediment to delivery of services. However, despite this widely-acknowledged risk, almost all

state agencies lack integrity and anti-corruption strategies.

The NEFC is the first of our five MoU partners to finalize and launch their anti-corruption strategy. Having worked entirely online with strategy consultants, Square Circle, since September of 2021 to develop this document, it was a moment of pride for the NEFC in the collective effort to publicly commit to addressing corruption.

The NEFC Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategy 2022 - 2025 is comprehensive and has 4 key areas of focus: Strengthening and mainstreaming inter-governmental funding systems; Ensuring accountability, transparency and compliance; Promoting effective anti-corruption leadership and practice; lastly, Fostering anti-corruption culture.

This significant achievement for TIPNG’s PAIS Project is a national milestone that demonstrates that agency-level commitment to combatting corruption is possible. A digital copy of this strategy is available online for others that would like to learn from NEFC’s experience.

## PRIVATE SECTOR KEY TO NATIONAL INTEGRITY

The 2021 National Integrity System Assessment, found that the involvement of private sector in anti-corruption policy is limited however there is a readiness to engage via the Business Council of PNG and more recently a greater interest and commitment is being signalled. This observation was realised when TIPNG spoke at UNDP Workshop on Anti-Corruption and Integrity for Business Representatives in the Private Sector.

Mr. Peter Aitsi, TIPNG Board Chair, spoke on the need to the private sector to engage on anti-corruption offered to assist companies in setting up a whistle-blower procedure and code of conduct for their businesses.

This offer was in line with the Workshop discussion on best practices in anti-corruption policies, compliance, and awareness with focus on the development and implementation of anti-corruption measures that can help prevent corruption in the private sector. A key outcome of the workshop, was the resolution to host more anti-corruption, and capacity building



Mr. Peter Aitsi, TIPNG Chair, presenting on the NISA findings seminars for the private sector in PNG.

The workshop was facilitated by the Preventing and Countering Corruption in Papua New Guinea Project (PNG Anti-Corruption Project) funded by the EU, and implemented by UNDP Papua New Guinea, UNODC and co-hosted by the Business Council of PNG for the private sector.

# INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT WE DO?



## SCHEDULE A LUNCH & LEARN!

In August and September 2022, we will be offering Lunch & Learn sessions on the National Integrity Systems Assessment (NISA) 2021 Report.

### What are Lunch & Learns?

A 1-hour interactive presentation where we tell you more about the NISA 2021 Report

### How do I book a Lunch & Learn?

Contact Daera on Ph: 3234917 or email: [daera.ganiga@transparencypng.org.pg](mailto:daera.ganiga@transparencypng.org.pg) and advise of a suitable time and date for your organization

### Do I need to provide lunch for my organization?

Organizations are free to do what they feel is best for their organization

## SIGN UP TODAY!

## 2022 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**AUG**

- Launch of AC Strategies
- Lunch and Learns

**OCT**

- End of Proof of Concept
- Civil Society Workshop

**SEP**

- Launch of AC Strategies
- Media Workshop 2
- Lunch and Learns

**NOV**

- 2nd National Integrity Summit