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TIPNG Chair Mr. Peter Aitsi, MBE being interviewed by the EMTV media crew during the launch of the 2022 Corruption Perception Index.

TIPNG RESPONDS TO DRAFT NATIONAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Department of ICT on 5th February circulated for public consultation a draft Media Development Policy 2023. The stated aim of the Policy was to address the issues affecting the ability of the media to effectively perform its role in service of the public interest and democratic processes. However, TIPNG and other groups in the Community Coalition Against Corruption (CCAC), expressed concern that the policy included provisions that would compromise the fundamental independence and freedom of media organizations (particularly mainstream or news media). This concern was particularly acute as the consultation period was only 2 weeks.

In our review submission on this draft media policy, we made the following high-level recommendation to the Government:

1. There must be proper, genuine and meaningful consultation – this should not be a 3 week process.
2. Any policy produced must be well informed on the role of the media as the Fourth Estate and advocate a self-regulating model.

3. The Government should focus on up-skilling journalism students and media professionals, and protection of journalists from political and corporate censorship.

In our role as co-chairs of the Community Coalition Against Corruption TIPNG, and the Media Council PNG appeared on FM 100 on 22nd February 2022 to express our concerns and to seek an extension for proper consultation. The Minister for ICT appreciated these concerns and not only extended consultation but also convened a consultation meeting in Port Moresby on 2nd March with media and other concerned stakeholders. TIPNG Board Chair, Mr. Peter Aitsi, and Deputy Director Partnerships and Policy, Mr. Yuambari Haihuie spoke at the consultation meeting about the importance of a self-regulating media and the need for meaningful consultation.

Subsequently, the Minister for ICT expressed in Parliament that a further revised version of the Policy will be released for consultation, and that this policy would be revised to capture the community's and practitioner's views.



FROM THE HELM

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for taking time to read our first quarter newsletter for 2023.

The first quarter went by so fast and as you skim through the pages of this newsletter, you will see that our team at TIPNG were again, fully engaged in various activities across all sectors.

This quarter the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index results were published which saw PNG's score dropping to a low 30 out of 100, highlighting a stagnation in the government's efforts in clamping down on public sector corruption. So, more effort and collaboration is required from all of us to clamp down on corrupt practices.

In February, our nation was taken aback by the introduced draft Media Development Policy. We expressed concern that the policy included provisions that would compromise the independence and freedom of the media organizations and journalists and we've put forward some high-level recommendations in our submission to the Department of Information and Communication Technology.

We continued to engage with our partners to share our work and expertise. We were also honored to forge a formal partnership with the Center for International Private Enterprise to empower our women folk in combatting corruption.

You'll read that we conducted a number of lunch & learn sessions with various organizations. If you'd like us to visit your organization, please get in touch soon!

I would like to end with the reminder that Membership is still open; I urge our members to renew your membership for 2023 or sign up if you are not yet a member and support our work. I thank the business houses and families that have renewed their support for 2023. We are looking forward to engaging more with each of you.

Yours in partnership,
Arianne Kassman

CCAC CONCERNED OVER LACK OF THOROUGH CONSULTATION ON THE NATIONAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT POLICY

On 5th February 2023, the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) released the draft National Media Development Policy and gave just 12 days for public feedback.

The policy included provisions for the regulation of media and establishment of a Government Information Risk Management (GIRM) Division within the Department of ICT to implement measures to prevent the unauthorized access to 'sensitive information'.

The Community Coalition Against Corruption (CCAC) in a media statement called on the DICT to extend the time and breadth of consultation on this vital national policy. An extension was granted but only by another week following the release of Version 2 of the Media Policy.

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The Community Coalition Against Corruption is a loose network of organizations that come together to discuss national governance issues. The CCAC is currently co-chaired by Transparency International PNG and the Media Council PNG.

"The proposed Media Policy includes provisions that could be used by corrupt actors to limit the editorial independence of newsrooms in Papua New Guinea. It is therefore essential that wide and thorough consultation occurs so that global best practice is applied and local contextual considerations are taken into account, said Transparency International PNG Chairman Peter Aitsi, in his capacity as co-chair of the Community Coalition Against Corruption.

"The editorial independence of newsrooms is a cornerstone of a functional democracy. Undermining media freedom, diminishes the other freedoms within our Constitution, as the media is the mouthpiece of the people and holds the powerful to account. Failure by the Government to provide adequate time and conduct meaningful consultation, will ultimately undermine confidence in the Government and the country, both domestically and abroad," said Media Council PNG President Neville Choi, in his capacity as co-chair of the Community Coalition Against Corruption.

2022 CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX HIGHLIGHTS URGENT NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE SERIOUS ACTION



The year of activities for us at TIPNG started of with the launch of the results of the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI).

The CPI is a survey that scores countries and territories around the world based on perceptions of public sector corruption. The scores reflect the views of experts and surveys from businesspeople, not the public.

The theme for this year's CPI report was Conflict, Peace and Security and honed in on how corruption fuels conflict, threatens durable peace and puts pressure on resources, weakens the independence of watchdog agencies, fuels impunity, undermines state legitimacy and weakens public trust in the state's capacity and willingness to enforce laws.

This year, Papua New Guinea a low 30 out of 100 on the CPI, highlighting a stagnation in the government's efforts in clamping down on public sector corruption. While there have been positive developments, unfortunately these have largely been isolated and have not yet been fully

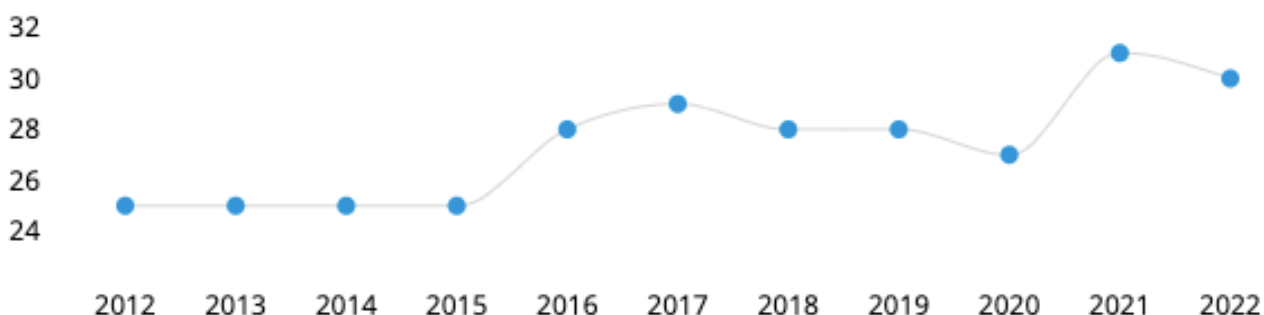
implemented and as a result minimizing their impact and effectiveness.

TIPNG Board Chair Peter Aitsi said at the CPI launch occasion: "Political leaders must recognize the dire threat that corruption poses to national and international peace and security, and must make anti-corruption efforts an integral focus of foreign and domestic policy by prioritizing transparency which will enable proper oversight and enable meaningful engagement of civil society in scrutinizing the use of public funds."

Following the country's 2022 National General Elections and all the irregularities pertaining to the administration and conduct of elections as highlighted in TIPNG's Election Observation Report, TIPNG has recommended four core areas which, if focused on, have the potential to drastically reduce the impact of corruption in country.

1. Strengthen and secure the independence of watchdog agencies.
2. Improve access to public information.
3. Limit private influence by regulating lobbying and promoting open access to decision-making.
4. Combat transnational forms of corruption.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA Score changes 2012 - 2022



Here shows the PNG CPI scores since 2012.

TI AUSTRALIA HOSTS CPI ONLINE PANEL ON ANTI-CORRUPTION IN ASIA PACIFIC

Following the release of the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), TIPNG was invited by sister chapter, TI Australia, to participate on an online panel.

TIPNG CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman, represented our chapter alongside Mr Wawan Suyatmiko, Deputy Secretary General of Transparency International Indonesia and Zoe Daniel, MP, an Australian Member of Parliament. The panel took a deep dive into corruption in Australia and the Asia-Pacific.

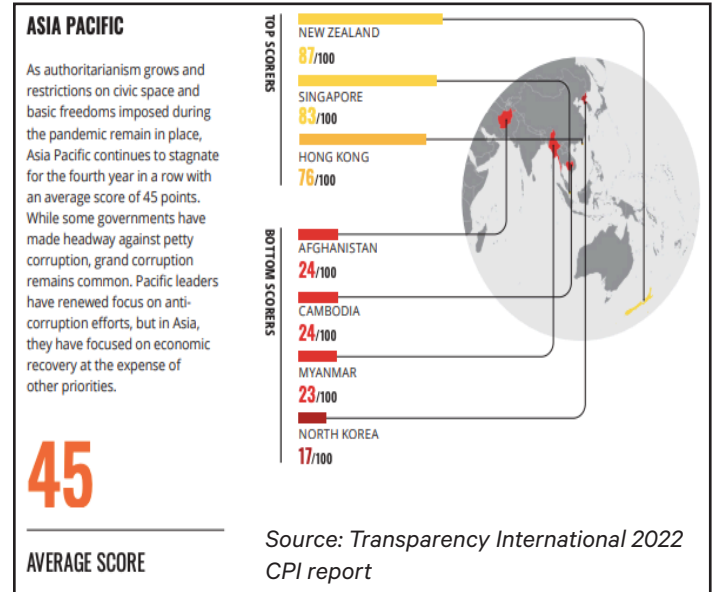
The results of Asia Pacific region's average score of 45 points out of 100 for the fourth year in a row revealed a continued stagnation of anti-corruption efforts in the region.

Several Asian countries are making headway in their fight against petty corruption according to the last Global Corruption Barometer in 2021, but grand corruption remains common, and the overall situation has barely improved.

A number of important diplomatic summits held in the region in 2022 produced differing results: Asian leaders persisted in allowing anti-corruption commitments to fall on the back burner, while Pacific governments refocused

and recentered their efforts to combat it. Yet across Asia Pacific, states maintain restrictions on civic space and basic freedoms imposed during the pandemic, as leaders continue down the path toward authoritarianism.

Hosted by TI Australia's CEO, Mr Clancy Moore, each speaker shared latest developments in their country and what the government and international community could do to bring about much needed change.



Tackling corruption in Australia and the Asia-Pacific

ARIANNE KASSMAN
TI Papua New Guinea

WAWAN SUYATMIKO
TI Indonesia

CLANCY MOORE
TI Australia

ZOE DANIEL MP
Member for Goldstein

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INFORMATION SESSION WITH INTERIM ICAC ON CPI



A group photo of TIPNG staff with Interim ICAC officers.

The 2022 CPI launch was done in collaboration with the Interim ICAC (IICAC) Office. As a key partner, TIPNG felt it appropriate to strengthen IICAC office staff's knowledge on the CPI so that they would be able to talk about the CPI with more confidence and use it effectively as an advocacy tool to push for the operationalize of the ICAC proper.

Prior to launch date of the 2022 CPI, TIPNG conducted a lunch & learn session with the IICAC Office. The lunch & learn was attended by all staff of the IICAC office. The information session was followed by an extensive discussion time with staff of IICAC asking questions pertaining to the scores, sources and rank of Papua New Guinea's perceived level of public sector corruption.



TIPNG Deputy Director Communications Ms. Yvonne Ngutlick facilitating the CPI Lunch & Learn at the Interim ICAC office.

OPENING OF 2023 AUDIT YEAR – AGO A KEY PARTNER FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

TIPNG was honored to be invited by the Auditor General's Office (AGO) to attend the opening of the 2023 Audit Year. The event was an opportunity to hear first-hand of the agency's priorities for 2023 which included the completion of all special audit report, audit of the public accounts of the PNG Government, PNG Foreign Mission audits, government department/agency audits and audits of public interest such as the COVID 19 Funding and Sub-National levels including HSIP Trust.

The functions, mandate and powers of the Auditor General's Office stem from Section 214 of the Constitution of Papua New Guinea and in the Audit Act 1989. The function of the Auditor General's Office is to inspect and audit, and to report at least once in every fiscal year to the Parliament on the public accounts of Papua New Guinea, and on the control of and on transactions with or concerning the public monies and property of Papua

New Guinea, and such other functions as are prescribed by or under a law of Papua New Guinea.



Auditor General Mr. Gordon Kega during his presentation.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH THE ROTARIANS

Upon invitation by the President of the Rotary Club of Port Moresby, Mr Rio Fioco, TIPNG conducted an information awareness with its members in March 2023.

The Rotary club is comprised of volunteer members who work locally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and promote peace.

We took advantage of this opportunity to share the work we do in promoting integrity through our Promoting Anti-Corruption Integrity & Strategies Project and our civic education amongst young people Papua New Guinea through our Building Elections Integrity through

Partnership Project.

**INTERESTED IN A LUNCH & LEARN SESSION?
CONTACT US TODAY!**

TIPNG welcomes the opportunity to provide information to institutions and organizations that want to take action against corruption.

If your organization would like to schedule a session for TIPNG to inform and empower your staff on how they can take action against corruption, please send an email to info@transparencypng.org.pg



TIPNG staff group photo with Rotarians.

SHOWCASING ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGIES, BUILDING CITIZENS' TRUST

Though our Promoting Anti-Corruption & Integrity Strategies (PAIS) project funded by the European Union, we have been able to sign MoUs with five state agencies to develop their internal anti-corruption strategies. If you ask any head of agency in Papua New Guinea as to what is the major impediment to their ability to deliver, they will almost certainly identify corruption as being a concern. And yet, there are almost no agencies that have developed an internal anti-corruption strategy to address this concern. TIPNG is working with five (5) state agencies to help them develop integrity strategies to provide support in ensuring that corruption is being addressed internally, be more effective and rebuild citizen's trust in their functions in PNG. These agencies are the National & Economic Fiscal Commission, Interim ICAC Office, National Judicial Staff Services, Constitutional Law Reform Commission and Public Services Commission.

In January, we brought together civil society organizations (CSO) for the agencies to showcase their internal Anti-Corruption Strategies; the event also provided an opportunity for CSOs to learn of the roles of the agencies and build public trust in their functions.



TIPNG PAIS Project Lead Ms. Daera Ganiga during the civil society workshop.

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universities to create new educational curriculum on entrepreneurship, and supporting PNG women’s business organizations.

The WBRC provides a safe place where women of all backgrounds can network with each other, learn from each other, and receive professional training and financial literacy education.

The formal partnership with strengthen our shared goals for the empowerment of women to take action against corruption in PNG.

(L-R) Country Director for CIPE Ms. Eli Webb and TIPNG CEO Ms. Arianne Kassman.

TIPNG Official commenced a Memorandum of Understanding with the Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) in PNG on Monday 27th March 2023.

Both TIPNG and CIPE in PNG had collaborated in the past with notable activities including the drafting of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2020-2025 Program of Work, Non-State Actors and conducting the 2021 National Integrity Systems Assessment.

The CIPE is operating a Women’s Business Resource Centre (WBRC) in Port Moresby, working with PNG



EXXONMOBIL PNG HOSTS TIPNG ANTI-CORRUPTION LUNCH & LEARN



particular on the everyday lives of our communities.

TIPNG Board Chair, Mr Peter Aitsi, during the session said, “TIPNG’s activities are aimed at fixing the gaps in existing laws, strengthening governance procedures and reinforcing the work of institutions in order to improve the deterrence, prevention and prosecution of individuals involved in corrupt practices.”

TIPNG works to build effective coalitions through broad engagement with partners to build stronger alliances against corruption. The Lunch & Learn with ExxonMobil PNG management and staff is part of the coalition building initiative.

ExxonMobil PNG has supported TIPNG as corporate members and through participation in the Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption over the years. ExxonMobil PNG has also contributed to developing young Papua New Guineans through TIPNG’s Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp.

TIPNG Chair Mr. Peter Aitsi, speaking to ExxonMobil PNG staff.

By the invitation of ExxonMobil PNG, Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) took part in a lunch & learn with the staff of ExxonMobil PNG on Tuesday 7th February in Port Moresby.

We were invited to speak about our work in combatting corruption as part of ExxonMobil PNG’s team refresher and to reinforce their Anti-Corruption Policy. Our session covered our work, a closer look at corruption and also highlighted the negative impacts of corruption, in

LEADERSHIP WEEK FOCUSES ON COURAGE

TIPNG Board Director Mr. Richard Kassman was invited by the Justice Service & Stability for Development Program (JSS4D) as a panelist to discuss Anti-Corruption and Leadership to mark International Leadership Week in March 2023.

The panel consisted of: Chief Justice Sir Gubuma Gibbs Salika GCL KBE CSM OBE; Dame Carol Kidu DBE AO; Mr. Thomas Eluh, Interim Chairman - Independent Commission Against Corruption; Mr. Richard Kassman OBE, Board Director of Transparency International Papua New Guinea; and Mr. Wilson Onea, Acting Director Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit - Bank of Papua New Guinea.

International Leadership Week (20 – 24 March 2023) is an awareness week that aims to unite a global community of people who are passionate about raising leadership standards for themselves and others.

Mr. Richard Kassman, challenged the participants of the event to be more courageous in standing up for what is right and to be accountable now to bring positive change to Papua New Guinea.

He urged participants not to wait until they are appointed prosecutor or become a secretary, but to be the change now and build a strong foundation to be more resilient against bigger challenges including corruption.



(L-R) Chief Justice Sir Gubuma Gibbs Salika GLC KBE CSM OBE, TIPNG Board Director Mr. Richard Kassman OBE and Acting Director Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit Mr. Wilson Onea.

TIPNG FAREWELLS INTERNSHIP BATCH 2022 – 2023

TIPNG farewelled its 6th Batch of Legal Students under the Legal Internship Program (LIP) and first Accounting Student Intern.

The three legal interns selected for the 2022-23 Legal Internship Program batch 6 are;

- Ms. Mariah Bualia
- Ms. Courtneyalla Dotson
- Mr. George Monoluk

The three interns spent 3 months working on producing legal briefs, reviewing advocacy files and providing

technical support to our policy work.

Mr. Rodney Nimiago was our first batch for the Accounting Student Internship Program. Rodney worked with our Organizational Development team, gaining experience in finance and administrative operations of the organization.

While the internship program provided students the environment and the opportunity to apply what they had learnt in Law School and accounting, the experience was also further supplemented with critical insights into key agencies in the PNG governance framework as well as the importance of civil society and civic participation in a functioning democracy.



(L-R) Legal Intern Mr. George Monoluk, Legal Intern Ms. Courtneyalla Dotson, TIPNG CEO Ms. Arianne Kassman, Legal Intern Ms. Mariah Bualia and Accounting Intern Mr. Rodney Nimiago.



Interns cutting their farewell cake.

GUEST SPEAKERS TO ENHANCE INTERNS' LEARNING

The TIPNG 2022–2023 Legal Internship program is an annual program for Law students from the University of Papua New Guinea who are selected by TIPNG for a 14-week period to provide technical assistance to our policy and advocacy work. Last year we also took on our first accounting intern and engaged him to work with our finance and administration team.

While we have the students with us at TIPNG, we utilize the opportunity to ensure the aspiring Law and Accounting Graduates are informed, empowered, and aware of the key stakeholders that TIPNG partners with in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance in PNG.

To do that, we extend invitations to our partners to speak to the students. Before their program ended in February this year, we invited some of our key partners to come in and speak to our interns about the organization they work for and its functions.

This year we hosted the PNG Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to speak on the EITI

process and PNG's journey through the process.

The interns also had the opportunity to listen to a former staff member of TIPNG, Ms Kimberly Kanimba, who worked at our Anti Corruption Help Desk as the program lawyer. Kimberly currently works with NICTA as company secretary and was able to share inspiring insights of her current role.

A key partner of TIPNG is the Center for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR). We invited them to share with the interns the importance of their work for Papua New Guineans and their advocacy priorities.

Added inspiration came from a founding director of TIPNG, Mr Richard Kassman. Mr Kassman's session delved into the importance of living by good values such as integrity and respect, and also to have the courage to do the right thing. Mr Kassman is always a good mentor for the youngsters.

It is TIPNG's goal to provide a holistic internship program for students.



A group photo with the team from CELCOR after the session.



Ms. Kimberley Kanimba speaking to the interns.



Mr. Christopher Tabel with the Interns during the PNGEITI presentation.

TIPNG REPRESENTS MOVEMENT AT THE 2ND SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY

TIPNG CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman, was invited by the Korean Foreign Affairs Ministry of to speak at the 2nd Summit for Democracy in March 2023.

The 2nd Summit for Democracy on 29 –30 March 2023 was co-hosted by the governments of Costa Rica, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Zambia, and the United States. Ms Kassman was invited as a guest to the Indo-Pacific Regional meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The Summit for Democracy Indo-Pacific Regional Meeting on Challenges and Progress in Addressing Corruption, hosted by the Republic of Korea, gathered anti-corruption stakeholders from governments, the private sector, and civil society to take stock of progress in anti-corruption efforts and hear proposals for further actions to prevent and combat corruption in the region.

The Summit for Democracy Indo-Pacific Regional Meeting focused on four main themes of importance to anti-corruption efforts in the Indo-Pacific region:

- International cooperation;
- Financial transparency and integrity;
- The role of non-governmental stakeholders; and
- Technology and anti-corruption.

TIPNG’s CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman, spoke on the role of non-governmental stakeholders in anti-corruption. Ms Kassman spoke of How TI Chapters in the Indo Pacific have progressed on Whistle blower Protection. TI Chapters in Australia, the Maldives, New Zealand, Pakistan and the Solomon Islands, have actively participated in the recent introduction or improvement of whistle blowing legislation in their countries.

Ms Kassman also spoke of TI’s Advocacy & Legal Advice Centre (ALAC) which is a powerful vehicle by which TI delivers local impact in terms of citizen engagement and empowerment, evidence gathering and sanctioning of corrupt acts. TI Chapters in 7 countries currently operate ALACs (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka) to provide support and advice to victims and witnesses of corruption. A strong focus of this work is mobile outreach, which enables rural communities to voice their grievances and seek assistance, resulting in many different instances of people taking action against corruption.

Ms Kassman ended her speech with a call to action for leaders in the Indo Pacific Region to ensure citizens have a safe space to report corruption without fear of retaliation and to enact and enforce strong laws to protect whistle blowers; ensure access to safe and confidential reporting mechanisms; and protect civil society and journalists who report corruption.



BRIDGING CIVIL SOCIETY EFFORTS ON COMBATTING CORRUPTION IS ASIA-PACIFIC

Prior to the Indo Pacific Region Summit for Democracy, Transparency International through its efforts to promote anti-corruption initiatives and engage with civil society actors, TI Korea convened a pre-event meeting of TI chapters in Asia Pacific. The meeting allowed TI Chapters in Asia Pacific to present on their current state of anti-corruption work and efforts in their respective countries. Our CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman moderated the session which was themed around Bridging Civil Society Efforts on Combatting Corruption is Asia-Pacific.



TI PACIFIC CHAPTERS MEET IN SUVA

After two years of pandemic travel restrictions and numerous online Pacific regional chapters of Transparency International met in Suva, Fiji, for the first in-person meeting. The Pacific regional meeting was to take stock of programming, exchange knowledge, plan for 2023 and beyond, and map out regional advocacy priorities for anti-corruption in the Pacific.

TI has five chapters in the Pacific: TI Australia, TI New Zealand, TI Vanuatu and Transparency Solomon Islands and TIPNG. Fiji has a chapter (Integrity Fiji) that is still in formation and yet to be accredited to TI.

TIPNG was represented at the Pacific Regional meeting by the CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman and the Deputy Director Communications, Ms Yvonne Ngutlick.

As part of the TI Pacific advocacy, a panel event was facilitated on the topics of election integrity, business integrity, youth and the findings of the Global Corruption

Barometer for the Pacific.

TIPNG CEO, Ms Arianne Kassman, participated as a speaker on the panel election integrity issues and positive initiatives of youth engagement. She spoke of TIPNG's civic awareness outreach and the engagement of young people in election observation.

Integrity Fiji also organized a visit for the Pacific Chapters to the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption office (FICAC). The visit covered the operations of the FICAC, security and the facilities.

A key outcome of the TI Pacific Meeting was a regional advocacy plan developed by the chapters to push for immediate action by Pacific governments to combat corruption as they committed to in the Teieniwa Vision. Each chapter has a role to play in ensuring that the Pacific anti-corruption voice is strong, loud and forges change.



TIPNG Deputy Director Communications Ms. Yvonne Ngutlick sharing information with colleague Grace Konrote from Integrity Fiji.



Group photo of TI Pacific Chapter reps from Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, PNG and colleagues from the TI Secretariat in Berlin.

TIPNG STAFF UNDERGO SECURITY TRAINING

In February 2023, staff of TIPNG underwent a three-day security training facilitated by International Location Safety. The training covered aspects of security and safety, and risk analysis.

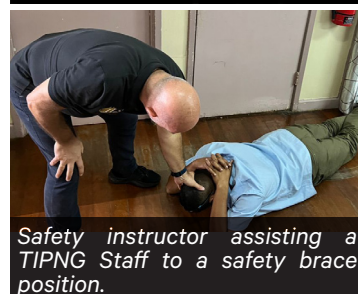
An outcome of the security training was the development of a security policy and plan for TIPNG, which is now in final draft stages.

The purpose of the security policy is to record and communicate the guiding principles and responsibilities that form the governing framework for TIPNG's security risk management.

The policy provides managers and staff direction and guidance to enable TIPNG's program objectives to be effectively implemented while at the same time protecting TIPNG's employees, reputation, and assets from harm.



International Location Safety instructor facilitating the security training with TIPNG Staff.



Safety instructor assisting a TIPNG Staff to a safety brace position.



TIPNG staff trialling a motor vehicle safety drill.

PANEL DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS RESILIENCE OF PNG WOMEN

TIPNG Chair Mr. Peter Aitsi, was part of the distinguished panel to discussion commemorating National Women's Day at the Caritas Technical Secondary School gym.

Coordinated by the Office of the Chief Secretary, the event theme was 'Challenges Women face in the workforce and how corruption affects the empowerment and progress of women.'

The panel discussed various challenges that any women go through even when they are employed, unemployed or into SME's. The dialogue articulated the types of issues that women face in the workforce, home or place of business and how corruption stifles their progress. TIPNG recognizes that from individual acts of courage to community organizing, women



TIPNG Chair Mr. Peter Aitsi in a group photo with distinguished speakers of the panel.

around PNG are courageously fighting corruption and promoting transparency, integrity, and accountability in their workplaces, communities, and beyond.

CELEBRATING THE EMPOWERED WOMEN THAT TAKE ACTION AGAINST CORRUPT



Group photo of TIPNG female staff in display of the theme "Embrace Equity".

To commemorate the International Women's Day (IWD) on Friday March 8th 2023, we recognized that women in Papua New Guinea and around the world are often disadvantaged to social norms, practices and procedures and this vulnerability is worsened by Corruption.

With the theme being "Embrace Equity", the TIPNG men took time to mark IWD to recognize the leadership and contributions of the women in TIPNG are always on the forefront to empower us to take action against Corruption.

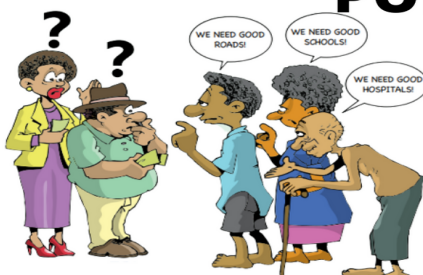
COMMUNITY COALITION AGAINST CORRUPTION ON AIR

Co-chairs of the Community Coalition Against Corruption at the NBC studio in Port Moresby. Following CCAC's media statement calling on the extension of consultation on the draft media policy, the co-chairs were invited by NBC to speak at the Dabai Show on national radio. The CCAC co-chairs used to the opportunity to talk about the independence of the media and urge media outlets to provide feedback to the bill.



(L-R) MCPNG President Mr. Neville Choi and TIPNG Chair Mr. Peter Aitsi, MBE with the NBC Dabai Show host at NBC studio

POLITICAL REPRESENTATION



The roles of a Member of Parliament are to:

- Vote for or against laws.
- Check that our taxes are being properly used.
- Sit on committees and hear evidence for or against new laws.
- Question the actions of government and public officials.
- Meet with Ministers to explain the needs in your electorate.
- Meet with any voter in his electorate to hear their concern and help them in dealing with government offices.
- Meet with all the local ward members helping to develop district plan.



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TIPNG PRESENTS AT PUBLIC HEARING BY THE SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

In our discourse strengthen the integrity of the electoral processes in Papua New Guinea, TIPNG has been providing views to Parliament previously on Limited Preferential Voting, the creation of the Organic Law on the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates working alongside the PNG Electoral Commission on voter awareness, fielding domestic election observers in 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2022 National General Elections, observing the 2013 LLG Elections, observing the 2019 Bougainville Referendum participating within the NCD Provincial Election Steering Committee and the Inter-Departmental Election Committee as civil society representatives and observers respectively.

In response to the notice by the Special Parliamentary Committee on Elections inviting the public to give evidence on the conduct and operations of the General Elections, TIPNG presented a written submission and gave an oral presentation of findings from our observation of the elections.

For TIPNG's 2022 Election Observation a team of 340 TIPNG observers collected election-related information in 20 provinces across all 4 Regions, covering 578 polling places including in areas that posed safety risks with 2,184 individual voters interviewed. These volunteers were drawn from TIPNG's partner organizations that registered their interest to observe, in the two prior elections (2017 and 2012), TIPNG engaged 313 and 282 volunteer observers respectively.

Our submission and accompanying views were based primarily on TIPNG's 2022 Election Observation Report highlighting recommendations in response to three thematic areas:

1. One Person, One Vote
2. Voter Participation
3. Integrity of the Electoral System

We put forward a call to action on the Government to prioritize consistent funding of the PNG Electoral Commission and to ensure appropriate oversight of this



TIPNG Observer during the 2022 National General Elections



TIPNG Director Mr. Richard Kassman presenting our submission to the Special Parliamentary Committee on Elections. PC: PNG National Parliament.

funding, starting with the tabling of the 2022 National General Election Report in Parliament. We provided these high-level recommendations at a Public Hearing by the Special Parliamentary Committee on the 2022 General Elections in February 2023.

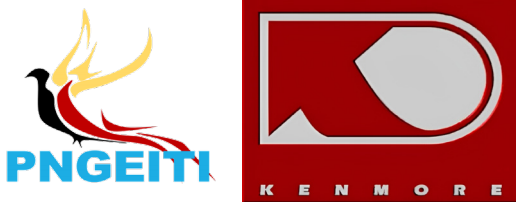
TIPNG supports the work of the Special Parliamentary Committee, Parliament, State Institutions and the people of Papua New Guinea as we learn from 2022 and seek to improve for future elections.

In addition to TIPNG's call for adequate annual funding and oversight of expenditure according to the electoral cycle, notably with roll update, TIPNG also recommended to the Special Parliamentary Committee for the creation of additional commissioners to aid the Electoral Commissioner in decision making, and to establish the Electoral Advisory Committee at least 1 year before the commencement of the 2027 National General Election.

The Special Parliamentary Committee empower citizens to directly engage with legislators. The Parliamentary Committee mechanism also acts as a democratic safeguard to protect reforms from being corrupted in the interest of a few political actors.

The Special Parliamentary Committee on Elections is now conducting regional consultations throughout the country.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 CORPORATE MEMBERS:



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.

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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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE TICK ONE: **New Application** **Membership Renewal**

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY A: INDIVIDUAL, YOUTH, and FAMILY

Applicant Details

Title: Ms. Mrs Mr Dr Others: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Contact number: _____

Why are you becoming an annual member of TIPNG (optional): _____

Annual Contribution (Tick **only one type of membership** and indicate **value** of your contribution):

INDIVIDUAL K10 minimum

(Individual persons over the age of 18)

YOUTH K10 minimum

(Young people between 12 and 18 years of age)

FAMILY K100 minimum

(Several members of a Family)

VALUE OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION: K _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY B: CORPORATE, INSTITUTIONS and CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Applicant Details

Organization/Agency Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Primary Contact person: _____ Email: _____

Why are you becoming an annual member of TIPNG (optional): _____

Contact for Mailing List: (Head of organization)

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms Dr Other _____

Name: _____ Designation: MD ED CEO GM Other _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Annual Contribution (Tick **only one type** and indicate **value** of contribution):

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION K250 minimum

(Civil Society Organisations and Groups)

INSTITUTION K1000 minimum

(Institutions, public or private, including faith-based organisations)

CORPORATE K2000 minimum

(Corporations, partnerships and other business enterprises)

VALUE OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION: K _____

SIGN TO COMPLETE APPLICATION: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

JOIN US!

BECOME A MEMBER OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL PNG!

OUR MISSION IS TO EMPOWER PEOPLE IN PNG TO ACT AGAINST CORRUPTION.

Our mandate comes from our members - people and organisations in Papua New Guinea that oppose corruption and want to see transparency and accountability within the rule of law.







Your support ensures that our movement is financially sustained and governed to a high standard.



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WE OFFER

-  Voting rights at the Annual General Meetings (Financial Member = one vote).
-  Eligible to be on the TIPNG Board upon being a Financial Member for more than a year.
-  Invitation to attend TIPNG events.
-  Access to all TIPNG publications and resources.
-  Recognition of company logo on the TIPNG website and publications (for corporates, institutions and CSOs).
-  Receive regular members update.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

- 1.** Fill out with the membership with the required details, and make the payment for the membership fee.
- 2.** Your membership application is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval on a quarterly basis.
- 3.** Upon approval by the Board. A membership certificate for the year of financial membership is issued. This certificate will be posted in the mail or you will be notified to collect it in person from our office.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES & FEES

INDIVIDUAL- K10 min.

(Persons over the age of 18)

FAMILY - K100 min.

YOUTH- K10 min.

(People between the ages of 12 & 18)

INSTITUTION - K1,000 min.

(Institutions, public or private, including faith-based organisations)

CORPORATE - K2,000 min.)

(Corporations, partnerships and other business enterprises)

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION - K250 min.

(Civil Society Organisations and Groups)

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