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The Preventing and Countering Corruption in Papua New Guinea Project (PNG Anti-Corruption Project) is funded by the European Union and implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Papua New Guinea and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

EU-PNG Partnership for Good Governance

The European Union-funded PNG Anti-Corruption Project is part of the European Union's wider commitment to support the Papua New Guinea government to strengthen its integrity systems and law enforcement mechanisms to achieve its development objectives. It is implemented jointly by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Around the world, dysfunctions of the national integrity system contribute to high rates of violence in and among communities. The lack of transparency and accountability undermines the achievement of development objectives, thus harming disproportionately the people that are most in need of public goods and violating their right to security and basic services.

The EU-PNG Partnership for Good Governance, signed in December 2020, is a clear demonstration of the EU's firm commitment to stand by the PNG government, the civil society and the international community in

the fight for better governance and integrity.

Through this Partnership, the EU is providing 100 million kina of EU funding support, of which over 20 million kina has been allocated to the PNG Anti-Corruption Project.

In recent years, the EU welcomes the important steps taken by PNG towards strengthening its transparency and accountability systems. The establishment of the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC) and the passing of the whistleblower legislation have been two key milestones in this direction, paving the way to a fairer society for citizens.

We need to continue to work together ensuring that those crucial reforms gain momentum as their implementation is key to ensure that laws are enacted and that all actors have the means and the capacity to operate effectively. Police, public prosecutors, judges and financial institutions all play a crucial role while strengthening the capacity of the media and civil society is equally important.



EU Ambassador to PNG
H.E. Jacques Fradin

As the European Union Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, I wish to reiterate that Good Governance will remain a crucial component of the EU-PNG Partnership in the coming years. The EU is firmly committed to stand by the PNG government, the civil society and the international community in supporting the fight for better governance and integrity in this country.



Participants at the Advanced Training on Corruption Investigations on Europe Day 2023 in Central Province

Advanced UNODC Anti-Corruption Investigation Training

World First Delivered in PNG on Europe Day

Central Province (Papua New Guinea), 10 May 2023 - On Europe Day (9 May), corruption investigators and prosecutors in Papua New Guinea (PNG) were the first in the world to participate in the UNODC advanced training program. The intensive program was delivered by UNODC and co-organised by the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

Building on the introductory UNODC training delivered last year in Lae,

Morobe Province, the advanced training from 9-11 May in Central Province further boosted skills and enhanced the cooperation between key integrity agencies to conduct more effective investigations of corruption, money laundering, and other financial crime.

“As criminals get smarter and adopt new methods to conceal their conduct, corruption fighters need the best available techniques and skills to respond effectively. Effective

enforcement of anti-corruption laws is critical to Papua New Guinea’s Vision 2050 by supporting effective systems and processes to bring corrupt actors to account,” said Mr. Graeme Gunn, UNODC Officer-in-Charge and Anti-Corruption Adviser, Papua New Guinea.

The Department of Justice and Attorney General, Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit, Auditor General’s Office, Investment Promotion Authority, interim Independent Commission Against Corruption, Office of the Public Prosecutor, Ombudsman Commission, and the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary participated in the training.

Mrs. Josephine Pitmur, Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice and Attorney General, said: *“While anti-money laundering laws and proceeds of crime powers are recent concepts in our legislation, we need to ensure these laws are used to their full effect.”*

“All public agencies engaged in the fight against corruption need to work together – this is what the people of Papua New Guinea expect. I commend all the agencies attending this training and encourage all of us to adopt good practices to help destroy corruption,” said Mr. Thomas Eluh, Chair of the interim PNG Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Papua New Guinea to Assess Corruption Risks in the Public Sector

Central Province (Papua New Guinea), 5 May 2023 – Over 70 officials from all over Papua New Guinea attended a “Corruption Risk Assessment and Management” workshop in Port Moresby. The workshop was co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Prime Minister and National Executive Council Office (PMNEC) in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), as part of the PNG Anti-Corruption Project.

“This workshop is critical for identifying corruption risks in our institutions. I believe exposing corruption risks within institutional systems and processes will enable us to fight corruption more effectively at the national level,” said Mr. Jeffrey Murley, the Acting Director of the Governance Branch of the Prime Minister and National Executive Council.

“The European Union has made funds available under the EU-PNG Partnership for Good Governance. The PNG Anti-Corruption Project is embedded in that partnership,” stated Mr. Davide Messina, the Programme Manager of the European Union’s Delegation to Papua New Guinea reaffirming the EU’s commitment to supporting the Government of PNG through that partnership.

“Undertaking a Corruption Risk Assessment will be beneficial for Papua New Guinea’s public institutions to determine specific corruption-related risks and to develop an effective response to them, in accordance with the National Anti-Corruption Plan of Action (2020 – 2025),” said Dr. Alma Sedlar, UNDP Chief Technical Adviser for Anti-Corruption.

Participants included representatives from the Prime Minister & National



Davide Messina, Programme Manager from the European Union Delegation to Papua New Guinea during his opening remarks.

Executive Council, the Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG), the Interim Independent Commission Against Corruption of Papua New Guinea (ICAC), the Ombudsman Commission Office, Transparency International PNG, the Department of Finance, the Department of Treasury, all other Social Law and Order Sector agencies and departments, and the provincial and district governments.



Group photo of the participants of the training

UNDP Hosted an Advanced Training on Investigation of Administrative Complaints

Central Province (Papua New Guinea), 4 May 2023 – Over 90 officials attended a three-day advanced training on investigation of administrative complaints in Port Moresby.

UNDP organized the training in partnership with the Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG) under the PNG Anti-Corruption Project.

The training was an advanced continuation of basic training on investigating administrative complaints, organized in October 2022. The advanced training focused on the practical application of the knowledge the participants had gained during the previous training.

“I am pleased that this project specifically focuses on addressing corruption. We have never had an opportunity to undertake a series of specialized trainings on anti-corruption before. I encouraged all participants to take full advantage of this training,” said Mrs. Josephine Pitmur, Deputy Secretary from the Department of Justice and Attorney General.

“Based on the feedback we received after the previous session and from our discussions with national partners, we have identified this particular training as relevant for the context of PNG,” added Dr. Alma Sedlar, UNDP Chief Technical Advisor for Anti-Corruption.

Participants included officers from the Ombudsman Commission, Auditor General, Public Service Commission, Department of Justice and Attorney General, Financial Analysis and Supervision Union, National Fraud and Anti-Corruption Directorate, Provincial Fraud and Anti-Corruption units, Customs Anti-Corruption units, Tax Anti-Corruption units, Independent Commission Against Corruption, Investment Promotion Authority, provincial governments and their audit committees, National Procurement Commission, Department of Finance, Department of Treasury, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, Department of Personnel Management and Prime Minister and National Executive Council.

Enhancing Integrity in the Private Sector

Central Province (Papua New Guinea), 1 May 2023 - The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in partnership with the Business Council of Papua New Guinea (BC PNG), organized a workshop on “Business Integrity for the Private Sector” in Port Moresby. The workshop was organized under the PNG Anti-Corruption Project.

The workshop was held to raise awareness and discuss tools and measures to enhance the integrity of the private sector in Papua New Guinea.

“One of the key issues that prevent improving business and economic development in Papua New Guinea is corruption. You will see stronger European investments and better business in the systems and structures where the rules are clear and enforced and business is not linked to corruption,” said Mr. Carlos Padilla Perez, the Policy Coordinator of the European Union’s Delegation to Papua New Guinea.

“This workshop is vital for public servants and the private sector to find common ground in addressing corruption. With the assistance provided by UNDP through the EU-funded PNG Anti-Corruption Project, we have received vital knowledge that will greatly help us in our mission to fight corruption,” stated Mr. Thomas Eluh, the Chairman of the Interim Commission Against Corruption of Papua New Guinea and thanked the EU and UNDP for facilitating the workshop and for their continued assistance and support.



Mr. Carlos Padilla Perez, Policy Coordinator from the European Union Delegation to Papua New Guinea, during his opening remarks.

Central Province (Papua New Guinea), 28 April 2023 – A workshop on coordination and collaboration between anti-corruption agencies and institutions was held by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Interim Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) of Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby.

The workshop was organized under the PNG Anti-Corruption Project funded by the European Union and implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Papua New Guinea and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The workshop focused on anti-corruption legislation in Papua New Guinea. The participants discussed the country’s comprehensive anti-corruption framework, as well as methods for the efficient and coordinated implementation of existing legal provisions by the country’s anti-corruption agencies.

“Corruption is an immense problem in our country and something that we must not take lightly. It is incumbent on every one of us, regardless of where you come from, which organization you

Strengthening coordination and collaboration between anti-corruption institutions



Group photo of the participants of the workshop

work for, or whatever your culture and traditions are, to fight corruption,” said Mr. Thomas Eluh, Interim Chairman of the Independent Commission Against Corruption of Papua New Guinea.

Participants included representatives from the Department of Prime Minister & National Executive Council, Department of Justice &

Attorney General, Department of Finance, Department of Treasury, Department of National Planning & Monitoring, Department of Education, Internal Revenue Commission, PNG Immigration & Citizenship Authority, PNG Customs Service, National Procurement Commission, and other departments that work on anti-corruption.

Bring corruption cases to court, says PNG Chief Justice



Parade for the 2023 Legal Year Opening in Port Moresby.



Mr. Graeme Gunn and Ms. Rebecca Pealiwan Koralyo of UNODC meeting with Chief Justice Sir Gibuna Salika.

Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), 3 April 2023 - Dispensing justice according to law without fear or favour, self-interest, or deceit, remains the mainstay of PNG courts, affirmed the Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea, Sir Gibuna Gibbs Salika, KBE, during briefings with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Lawyers and all law enforcement officers need to use PNG’s anti-corruption legislation by bringing strong cases to test them in the Courts, Sir Gibuna told UNODC.

The judiciary is an independent pillar of Government under the doctrine of the separation of powers enshrined in Section 99 of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and is instrumental in upholding the rule of law and the prudent oversight of enforcement in the criminal justice system.

UNODC, as custodian of the UN Convention Against Corruption, and

through the PNG Anti-Corruption Project took the opportunity to be updated personally by the Chief Justice and by Justice Berrigan, who administers the National Fraud Courts.

The PNG Judiciary established its fraud court in 2013 to address the large number of corruption and fraud cases in the country. The fraud court hears cases of corruption, financial crime, and fraud-related offences. It also has its own registry and has been dealing with corruption cases for almost a decade.

“There are many good laws to combat corruption in this country, and I encourage lawyers and all law enforcement officers to test them in the Courts. We, the Judiciary, are committed to meeting the expectations of our people. We are committed to the protection and adherence to the rule of law and dispensing justice according to law without fear or favour, self-interest, or deceit,” said the Chief Justice.

“Follow the Money” for Effective Corruption Investigations

Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), 23 March 2023 - “Follow the Money” was the message of UNODC in Papua New Guinea during a recent training held for anti-corruption investigators to combat corruption and carry out financial investigations more effectively.

Participants included highly experienced investigators, prosecutors, lawyers, and accountants from the Auditor General’s Office, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the National Fraud & Anti-Corruption Directorate, the Office of the Public Prosecutor, and the Ombudsman Commission.

The training targeted specific operational activities to enhance the use of financial intelligence and pursue asset recovery proceedings.

Core competencies imparted at the training included the technical skills and methods to assess and calculate wealth, to identify possible unexplained wealth, and to pursue non-conviction-based recovery of assets under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2015.

“Non-conviction-based criminal assets investigation can run parallel to criminal proceedings in PNG. I hope the learnings



Mr. Thomas Eluh, Mr. Raphael Luman and other participants at the UNODC training workshop in Port Moresby

from the UNODC training will be applied in practice,” said Mr. Raphael Luman, Deputy Public Prosecutor-Courts.

Participants were also trained to recognize organized crime activities and conspiracies when assessing or investigating corruption- and fraud-related offences.



Training participants at the Bomana Police College, Port Moresby

Key law enforcement agencies tasked with preventing and investigating corruption participated in this training. They were introduced to online sources and software that could lead to effective and efficient investigations of corruption-related offences, corrupt conduct, and money laundering activities in the country and overseas.

Participants included officers from the National Fraud & Anti-Corruption Directorate, Boroko Fraud, the Ombudsman Commission, and the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

“Relatively simple digital tools can be used to great effect by the intelligence and investigation areas of PNG’s key anti-corruption law enforcement agencies. The training is part of paving the way for more effective investigations on corruption,” said Mr. Graeme Gunn, UNODC PNG Officer-in-Charge and Anti-Corruption Adviser.

Using Digital Tools to Enhance Corruption Investigations

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 7 March 2023 - PNG police and other investigators are now better placed to tackle corrupt activities following upgraded training on the effective use of digital tools and open-source intelligence to investigate corruption. The training was delivered at the Bomana Police Training College by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The training was aimed at using available digital software to identify, classify, and proactively investigate corruption-related offences.

“The training helped to build my computer-based investigative skills and strategies and I look forward to more training with UNODC in the fight against corruption,” said Sergeant Ali Tepi, Police Investigator, National Fraud & Anti-Corruption Directorate.

Entries are open for the Youth Anti-Corruption Essay and Photography Competition

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) continues to engage the youth of Papua New Guinea in anti-corruption initiatives under the PNG Anti-Corruption Project.

The UNDP Papua New Guinea Country Office launched the 2023 Youth Essay Competition and the Youth Photography Competition to mark Europe Day, celebrated on 9 May 2023. The first youth anti-

corruption competition was launched on Europe Day in May 2022, and the winners were announced during the celebration of 9 December, International Anti-Corruption Day, organized by Interim Commission Against Corruption of Papua New Guinea with support through the PNG Anti-Corruption Project.

These competitions aim to promote integrity, anti-corruption, and unity among youth in the country.

Essay and Photography Competition theme: Peace, Unity, and Anti-Corruption in Papua New Guinea

Winners will be announced at the celebration of International Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December 2023.

More information here: [Photography competition](#) and [Essay competition](#).



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YOUTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2023

Be part of the Europe Day celebration by entering our Essay Competition!

This competition, launched on Europe Day on 9th May 2023, is aimed at promoting integrity, anti-corruption and unity among Papua New Guinea youth.

The Essay Competition is launched by the UNDP Papua New Guinea Country Office within the PNG Anti-Corruption Project, funded by the European Union and implemented by UNDP Papua New Guinea and UNODC.

ESSAY THEME
Peace, Unity and Anti-Corruption in Papua New Guinea

LENGTH
150 - 2000 words

CATEGORY
Students 14 – 18 years old

PRIZES
1st - Laptop & Accessories
2nd - Tablet & Accessories
3rd - Smartphone & Accessories

FORMAT
A4 paper size
Font: Times New Roman
Font Size: 12
Nestly handwritten essays on A4 size page also accepted

ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE PARTICIPANT'S NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SCHOOL AND EMAIL ADDRESS.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Only original essays which have not yet been published will be considered for this competition. Any form of plagiarism will result in the entry being disqualified. Research and further reading on the topic are encouraged.

Participants are allowed one submission, which is final. Revised versions will not be accepted.

By submitting an entry, the participants and parent/guardian consent to having their work published on multiple platforms for any PNG Anti-Corruption Project advertising.

UNDP Papua New Guinea reserves the right to disregard entries that do not meet the specified requirements.

Female students are highly encouraged to enter the competition.

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Submissions must be in the English language. All entries close on Friday 29 September 2023. Winners will be announced at the celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day on 9th December 2023.

Submissions can be emailed to communications.png@undp.org or sent to: UNDP Papua New Guinea, PNG Anti-Corruption Project, Level 14, Kina Bank Haus, Douglas Street, N.C.D. Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.



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YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2023

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PHOTOGRAPHY THEME
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2nd - Tablet & Accessories
3rd - Smartphone & Accessories

FORMAT
Hi Res jpeg images. RAW images are also preferred.
3-10MB size

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Profile on PNG Anti-Corruption Project staff

Mr. Ranson Sam Micah joined the UN Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC) as a Programme Driver (Anti-Corruption) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, on the 3rd of August 2022. Ranson has over ten years of work experience in the transport management field. He started off in the telecommunications industry (Digicel PNG Limited) as the Facilities Administration Coordinator, then moved into the financial services industry (Kina Bank Limited) as

the Fleet Coordinator and recent employment with the Australian High Commission as the Transport Supervisor. He is a father to four children and enjoys traveling and meeting locals in his spare time. He loves watching rugby league, especially the NRL and supports the Canberra Raiders. Apart from this, he is passionate to help stop corruption and be part of the growth of the UNODC in Papua New Guinea.

