

Thank you, Mr. President, for allowing Tuvalu to share our progress and future plans at this 10th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). We extend our gratitude to the United States for hosting this significant event and commend the Secretariat for their diligent preparation.

In a display of transparency and commitment to the UNCAC, Tuvalu completed their second cycle of the UNCAC review. This was facilitated by the UNODC Secretariat and the reviewing countries, Fiji and the Solomon Islands. The process involved comprehensive consultations with various stakeholders, including government officials, civil society representatives, private sector entities, and media personnel.

In August 2023, a Tuvalu National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) drafting workshop was held. The workshop provided an overview of the role of a NACS and recapped the 2019 initial draft NACS process. The four Thematic Areas of the draft NACS were validated: Integrity in the Three Pillars of Government; Integrity in the Civil Service; Criminalization and Law Enforcement; Public Oversight, Awareness Raising and Education. It is hoped that this Strategy will be implemented by the first quarter of next year.

The Auditor-General and Parliament of Tuvalu, including GOPAC Tuvalu members, are to be involved in the regional UNODC-GOPAC Pacific Regional Triangle of Integrity workshop. This workshop aims to strengthen the work of Auditor-Generals, anti-corruption agencies, and Parliament Committees in anti-corruption.

A Code of Conduct Workshop was conducted with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, which resulted in a draft Code of Conduct. Advice was also provided, along with a UNODC technical adviser, and our Senior Magistrate, who organised a Code of Conduct workshop based on UNODC's Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct. This workshop aimed to adopt a Judicial Code applying to all levels of the judiciary in Tuvalu.

Participation was noted in the APTC workshop with Tuvalu Stakeholders involved in training to assist them with developing a Code of Conduct and strengthening their governance. Tuvalu stands firmly in support of the Teieniwa Vision. This commitment is reflected in Tuvalu's active participation in the development and implementation of the framework. Recognizing the importance of collective action in combating corruption, Tuvalu sees the Teieniwa Vision as a vital tool for fostering integrity, transparency, and accountability across the Pacific region. By aligning its NACS with the principles of the Teieniwa Vision, Tuvalu aims to contribute significantly to the realization of a corruption-free Pacific. We look forward to continued collaboration with other Pacific Island countries under the Teieniwa Vision to create a future where every citizen can trust in the fairness and integrity of their institutions.

In conclusion, Tuvalu's unwavering commitment to combating corruption is evident in its strategic actions and initiatives. These efforts not only strengthen Tuvalu's governance but also pave the way for a future where integrity and honesty are at the heart of public service. Thank you.