Special Event: Pacific Unity Against Corruption

Time: 13.00-14.00, Thursday, 19 December 2019. Venue: CR1

Introduction: Pacific unity against corruption is seen as a prerequisite for the achievement of the region’s sustainable development and resilience aspirations. Pacific Island countries are committed to anti-corruption measures through a whole-of-society approach and will be showcased in this special event.

Goals and Expected Outcome: This event benefits the Conference’s overall agenda by illustrating how UNCAC and Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG16) can be implemented through a whole-of-society approach as seen in the Pacific.

Goals:
- a. Showcase specific experiences, notably how Pacific Governments have engaged with non-State actors to more effectively implement anti-corruption measures.
- b. Transfer knowledge on strengthening integrity frameworks in the Pacific.
- c. Understand how partners and technical assistance providers have supported the Pacific through their whole-of-society approach, such as through the joint UNODC-UNDP Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption (UN-PRAC) Project.

Expected Outcome: Conference participants are aware of the benefits of using a whole-of-society approach to UNCAC implementation.

Panellists:
1) President of Kiribati, His Excellency Taneti Maamau
2) Interim Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (Papua New Guinea), Mr. Thomas Eluh
3) Samoa Chamber of Commerce CEO, Mr. Hobart Vaai
4) Pacific Youth Representative, Miss Miliana Ramatanivai
5) Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Representative, Mr. Terio Koronawa

Moderator: UNODC Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser-Pacific, Ms. Annika Wythes