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FOREWARD MESSAGE



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Auditor General of Papua New Guinea

Dear Colleagues and Stakeholders,
It is with immense pride and responsibility that I present this foreword, highlighting the significant advancements and strategic initiatives undertaken by the Office of the Auditor General (AGO) of Papua New Guinea. Our journey reflects an ongoing commitment to upholding public sector auditing standards, promoting transparency, and strengthening governance. These efforts are critical to building a resilient, equitable, and prosperous Papua New Guinea.

Central to our mission is the development of a skilled and ethically driven audit workforce. Our engagement with the Professional Education for SAI Auditors (PESA) Program is a cornerstone of this commitment. As a globally recognized certification aligned with INTOSAI's competency framework, PESA enhances the qualifications of public auditors through structured learning, practical assessments, and mentoring. Through this program, we equip our auditors with the tools and foresight needed to navigate modern financial complexities and contribute effectively to national development.

Institutional reform remains a priority. A key milestone in this

journey was the Validation Workshop held on June 19, 2025, at the Grand Papua Hotel in Port Moresby. Organized in partnership with the European Union-funded Strengthening Transparent and Accountable Governance (STAG) Programme, the workshop focused on aligning our operations with international best practices. This event was informed by a comprehensive GAP Analysis and Training Needs Assessment, conducted by Ms. Nadya Topalova and Mr. Anthony Mataitini. Their findings provide critical insight as we continue to improve our systems and capacity as the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of Papua New Guinea.

In our pursuit of operational excellence, the AGO has embraced digital transformation. A major step in this direction is our partnership with VirtualFlex Solution Ltd to implement a fully paperless document management system. Signed by VirtualFlex CEO Mr. Pradeep Mascarenhas, this agreement reflects a shared vision to modernize internal processes, streamline documentation, and improve record security and accessibility ushering in a new era of efficiency within our organization.

The AGO also plays an active role in promoting national dialogue on transparency and accountability. We proudly collaborated with Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) at their Integrity and Action Exhibition on March 28, 2025. This event brought together stakeholders from government, civil society, and education to engage on good governance and anti-corruption strategies. Following this, we also supported the 18th annual Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption, held at the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium. With over 180 participating teams, this public demonstration underscored the collective demand for accountability and integrity across Papua New Guinea.

In conclusion, the AGO remains resolutely committed to upholding the highest standards of public auditing. Our work in professional development, institutional reform, digital innovation, and civic collaboration reaffirms our mission to strengthen governance and ensure the responsible use of public resources. Together, we move forward in service of a more transparent, accountable, and prosperous nation.



Building Audit Excellence: AGO Celebrates PESA-Certified SAI Auditors



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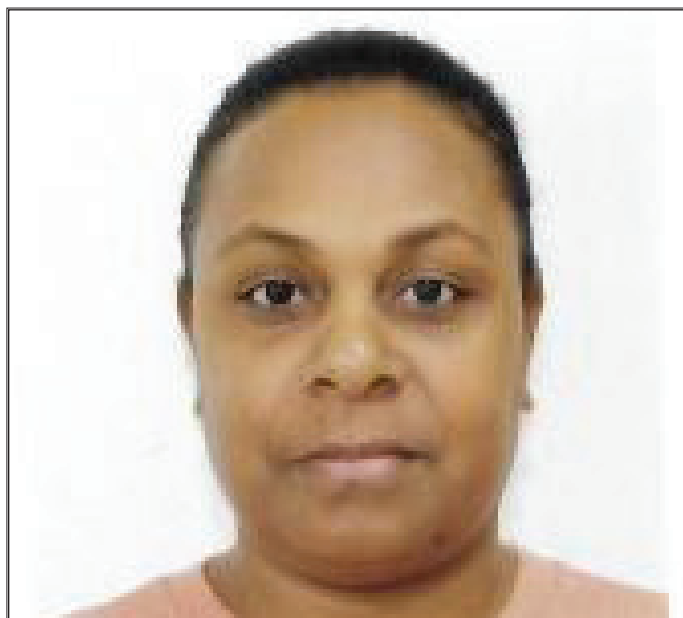


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The Professional Education for SAI Auditors (PESA) Program is a global certification initiative aimed at boosting the skills and qualifications of public auditors. Designed around INTOSAI's international competency framework, the program offers structured learning, practical assessments, and mentorship opportunities in collaboration with Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs). PESA plays a vital role in enhancing the professional standards and value of public sector auditing.

At the Auditor General's Office (AGO), three dedicated officers have proudly completed the PESA Pilot Program, earning their status as IDI Certified SAI Auditors. These individuals are the first from PNG to achieve this international certification, having passed rigorous exams and practical evaluations. Their success marks a major milestone in strengthening AGO's audit capacity and professional credibility.

Three of the newly certified auditors, Ms. Maureen Adadikam, Ms. Jennifer Piwi, and Ms. Norma Dalu Heritrenggi shared their insights on the experience, highlighting the program's focus on real world financial auditing skills, ethical practices, and professional growth. Their journey through the PESA program is not just a personal achievement but also a big step forward in AGO's commitment to producing world-class audit professionals for Papua New Guinea.



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Strengthening Audit Capacity: AGO Hosts Validation Workshop on GAP Analysis



AGO staff and European consultants pose for a group photo following the GAP Analysis Validation Workshop held at the Grand Papua Hotel, Port Moresby.

The Auditor General's Office (AGO) of Papua New Guinea, in collaboration with the European Union-funded Strengthening Transparent and Accountable Governance (STAG) Programme, hosted a Validation Workshop on 19 June 2025 at the Grand Papua Hotel in Port Moresby. The event marked a critical step in advancing institutional reforms, with a focus on enhancing audit standards and capacity in line with international benchmarks. The workshop was based on a detailed GAP Analysis and Training Needs Assessment conducted by Ms. Nadya Topalova and Mr. Anthony Mataitini, aiming to strengthen AGO's performance as the country's Supreme Audit Institution (SAI).

Findings from the analysis highlighted significant gaps in the practical application of the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs), particularly in financial, compliance, and IT audits. The current AGO Audit Manual was found to lack clarity and alignment with ISSAI requirements, while audit documentation was often incomplete or inconsistent. A large portion of AGO staff expressed the urgent need for updated training, hands-on guidance, and user-friendly tools to improve audit planning, reporting, fraud detection, and adherence to international standards. The absence of a formal quality assurance framework was also identified as a major weakness, undermining the credibility and reliability of audit results.

The workshop engaged AGO senior leadership, technical teams, and the STAG Technical Assistance Team to validate the analysis findings and agree on priorities for the AGO Training Strategy

2024–2028. Key recommendations included rolling out targeted training programs, introducing standardized audit methodologies, and establishing a comprehensive quality assurance system. As part of the EU-PNG Multiannual Indicative Programme (2021–2027), this initiative underscores the shared commitment to strengthening transparency, accountability, and good governance in Papua New Guinea's public sector.



Ms. Nadya Topalova delivers an in-depth GAP Analysis Training Needs Assessment session to staff of the Auditor General's Office.



Auditor General's Office Signs Agreement to Go Paperless with VirtualFlex Solution Ltd



Contract signing ceremony: Chief Executive Officer of VirtualFlex Solution formalizes agreement to implement a fully paperless document management system for the Auditor-General's Office (AGO).

The Auditor General's Office has officially entered into a contract with VirtualFlex Solution Ltd to implement a fully paperless document management system. This strategic move marks a major milestone in the office's digital transformation journey. The agreement was signed by Mr. Pradeep Mascarenhas, Chief Executive Officer of VirtualFlex Solution Ltd, confirming the company's commitment to delivering an integrated solution to streamline documentation processes.

During the discussions, key components of the project were outlined, including the automation of existing workflows and integration with other systems already in use. The implementation will occur in phases, with initial rollout expected over four to six weeks, followed by a three-month adjustment period to fully customise the solution to the Auditor General's operational needs.

Malcolm Winger, Assistant Auditor General for ICT, expressed his appreciation to VirtualFlex Solution Ltd, thanking Mr. Mascarenhas and his team for their support and partnership. He ac-

knowledgeed that the agreement marks a significant step forward in modernising internal processes and reinforces the Auditor General's commitment to embracing digital innovation across the organisation.





TIPNG Launches Integrity and Action Exhibition at Holiday Inn



AGO staff engaging with visiting students, highlighting the vital role of public sector audits conducted by the Auditor General's Office in promoting transparency and accountability.

Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) officially launched its Integrity and Action Exhibition on March 28, 2025, at the Holiday Inn in Port Moresby. The two-day event, running from March 28 to March 29, 2025, brings together key stakeholders, government agencies, civil society organizations, and students to engage in discussions on good governance, transparency, and the fight against corruption. This marks TIPNG's fifth exhibition since its inception in 2012, following a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, TIPNG Treasurer Michelle Hau'ofa welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of the exhibition as a platform for dialogue and action. "This exhibition is not just about showcasing information it is a call to action," she stated. Hau'ofa highlighted that transparency and accountability are the pillars of sustainable development and urged everyone to take an active role in promoting integrity. She also acknowledged the participation of exhibiting partners, students, and members of the public who arrived early to engage with the event.

Delivering the keynote address, Dame Meg Taylor, a founding director of TIPNG, reinforced the critical role of integrity in society. "Integrity is the foundation upon which trust is built trust

between individuals, institutions, and leaders," she said. Taylor commended TIPNG's relentless advocacy for good governance and called on all Papua New Guineans to champion integrity in their personal and professional lives. She stressed that tackling corruption requires collective effort, vigilance, and a strong commitment to ethical leadership.

The exhibition features displays from major institutions, including the Auditor General's Office, PNG Ombudsman Commission, Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit, Business Coalition for Women, and many others. Attendees are encouraged to explore the exhibits, interact with representatives, and gain insights into the country's ongoing efforts to promote accountability and good governance.



Public Unity Fuels Anti-Corruption Drive at Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk



The Office of the Auditor General proudly joined the walk, reinforcing its commitment to transparency and accountability in public service

More than 180 teams, including students, families, businesses, civil society groups, and government agencies, converged on Sir Hubert Murray Stadium in Port Moresby for the 18th annual Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption. Hosted by Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG), the event served as a powerful public call for integrity, accountability, and good governance. The walk also commemorated the legacy of TIPNG founding figure Sir Anthony Siaguru, while paying tribute to the late Santa Niña Siaguru Guerrero and Kipling Wari for their pivotal roles in advancing the organization's mission.

This year's event raised K202,100, which will directly support TIPNG's ongoing initiatives to promote transparency and combat corruption nationwide. Participants showcased creative anti-corruption messages through banners, t-shirts, and performances, with awards presented across Corporate, SME, School, and Civil Society categories. Judges evaluated entries based on creativity, clarity, relevance, and alignment with the event's central message of ethical leadership. A total of 186 teams participated, including 50 school groups and 24 civil society organizations, each receiving materials on TIPNG's advocacy work and ways to stay engaged.

The walk took on added significance as Papua New Guinea approaches its 50th year of independence. TIPNG used the occasion to inspire citizens to reflect on their role in shaping a more honest and accountable society. Among the many participating institutions, the Office of the Auditor General proudly joined the walk, reinforcing its commitment to transparency and accountability in public service. The strong turnout, positive atmosphere,

and support from sponsors such as Kina Bank, Credit Corporation, and BNG Trading signaled growing national momentum toward ethical governance. TIPNG reaffirmed its commitment to lead this movement and called on all Papua New Guineans to remain actively involved in creating a corruption-free future.