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## **Pacific Women leaders in PNG to mark World Anti-Corruption Day**

To commemorate the International Anti Corruption Day Transparency International (PNG) is hosting a number of activities including a visit by 3 leading Pacific women to give presentations with anti corruption messages in the country.

While the designated International Anti Corruption day is 9 December TIPNG presentations on 6 December will be hosted to cater for the Pacific Women Tour that starts in Papua New Guinea and will include Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

Presentations by the women speakers from the three countries at the Holiday Inn in Port Moresby on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm to 5pm will highlight the difficulties and challenges that can be faced when standing against corruption and corrupt individuals.

Presentation topics will include; The accountability of Institutions by Marie-Noelle, Corruption in Politics by Francesca Semoso and Challenges of Leadership in the Public service by Ruth Liloqala

Marie-Noelle from Vanuatu has a legal background and was the first Ombudsman of the republic of Vanuatu in 1994 till 1999 and was instrumental in setting up Transparency International Vanuatu.

The other speaker Ruth Liloqala from Solomon Islands works with the Solomon Islands National Executive Council while our own Lady Politician Francesca Semoso is the Deputy Speaker in the Government of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Other activities planned to mark the day involve youth members of TI PNG speaking on radio talking to other youth about their role in fighting corruption and highlighting the activities planned for the 9 and 10 December. These programs will be run on two national radio stations.

These radio programs are aimed at empowering youth to encourage other youth far and wide through the sharing of their experiences in carrying out anti corruption activities within their respective schools and communities.

The aim of observing World Anti-Corruption Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December is to highlight the impact of corruption on our communities and raise further awareness to encourage more citizens to support the positive and pro-active stance against corruption.

The Day was designated in 2003 by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Anti-Corruption Day in order to raise awareness of corruption and the role of the United Nations in combating and preventing it.

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