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# TIPNG facilitates public awareness on anti-corruption bill

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Port Moresby* –Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) held a public information session for the in Goroka last week to inform them of the new anti-corruption legislation, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

The session was held at the Mark Solon auditorium at the University of Goroka. Topics covered included:

- Background on TIPNG,
- the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC),
- the PNG National Anti- Corruption Strategy,
- the ICAC Legislation, its Function and Powers
- Current Status of ICAC Law

The ICAC is intended to be an independent constitutional body that will have powers to investigate arrest and prosecute cases of corruption in both the public and private sector, working alongside existing law enforcement agencies. Successfully implementing the ICAC is a promise the Papua New Guinean Government made in 2007 when it ratified the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

To date, the ICAC bill has not been passed. It is still overdue for tabling in Parliament. TIPNG has been pushing for the establishment of an ICAC that will act without fear or favour in holding perpetrators of corruption accountable for their actions. TIPNG is facilitating wider public awareness to inform citizens of the importance of the ICAC in fighting corruption, ensuring accountability at all levels and creating a better Papua New Guinea.

“TIPNG has been involved in discussions on ICAC since 1997, and has since provided input on the ICAC Bill and the preceding Constitutional Amendments and being part of a panel discussion on ICAC in partnership with the Department of Justice and Attorney General in 2018. In our mission to inform the public on the importance of the ICAC, we have also put an advertisement in the newspaper with a simple explanation of ICAC Bill, so this information session is another one of the activities we have carried out to achieve this mission”.said TIPNG Policy and Advocacy Manager, Mr Yuambari Haihuie.

The second public awareness session on ICAC will be held in Madang at the end of this month, with another to be held in Port Moresby in April. If you would like to know more about TIPNG’s work with the ICAC , you can email [info@transparencypng.org.pg](mailto:info@transparencypng.org.pg) or call 323 4917/7517.

### ***What is TIPNG?***

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