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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIPNG VOTED NEW PNG RESOURCE GOVERNANCE COALITION SECRETARY

Monday July 27, 2020 - Following its inaugural annual general meeting (AGM) last Tuesday 21st July 2020, the PNG Resource Governance Coalition (PNGRGC) has now elected Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) as the coalition's new secretary.

In addition to TIPNG as the Secretary, the following positions on the PNGRGC Council were voted in the 2019 AGM; Center for Environmental Law and Community Rights (President), Suau Development Foundation (Vice-President), and the PNG Institute of National Affairs (Treasurer).

Following their collective election to the PNGRGC executive during the AGM, all officer bearer agencies will serve in these roles for the next 12 months.

TIPNG Chief Executive Officer Arianne Kassman, who was present at the AGM highlighted the unique opportunity that the PNGRGC presented for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to work together in improving the accountability and good governance of PNG Extractive Industries.

"Ensuring the transparent and accountable management of revenue collected from the Extractives Sector in Papua New Guinea has been a consistent priority for TIPNG. While our focus towards ensuring this integrity continues, we are privileged to now have the opportunity to combine our efforts with those of other like-minded CSOs in PNG as we push for good governance from both Industry and Government agencies within the Sector," said Ms Kassman.

Founded in 2015 and incorporated in 2018, the PNGRGC is an organization that is broadly responsible for coordinating the efforts of CSOs in promoting and advocating the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in PNG.

The coalition now aims to achieve this through raising public awareness on resource governance and sustainability issues, and specifically advocate for accountability and good governance in the planning & management of the extractive sector.

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What is TIPNG?

TIPNG is a member of Transparency International a global anti-corruption movement committed to fighting corruption. TIPNG is an independent organization in PNG known as a Chapter of the international movement. The PNG chapter advocates against corruption and promotes transparency, good governance, honesty and accountability both in private and public sector dealings. TIPNG tries to assist strengthen the integrity systems of our country such as the police, the parliament, the public services and the judiciary.