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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Civil Society Ready for Open Government Partnership in PNG

Wednesday, 25th August 2021 Port Moresby – In the lead up to the creation of PNG's 2nd Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan (NAP) next month, Transparency International PNG (TIPNG), has now rallied civil society organizations (CSOs) to participate in the national OGP effort to co-create an agenda of reform.

TIPNG facilitated an OGP CSO session last week (Tuesday 24 August 2021) at the Catholic Bishop Conference. In an effort to ensure CSOs are well equipped to meaningfully participate and contribute in the National OGP Workshop scheduled for later in September 2021. The session was attended by The Voice Inc, Consultative Implementation & Monitoring Council, the Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights, Equal Playing Field, Oxfam, the Institute of Engineers, the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the International Monitoring for Elections Systems Foundation, the PNG Resource Governance Coalition and Bread for the World.

As the CSO Co-chair of the PNG Open Government Partnership, TIPNG is responsible for coordinating the participation of CSOs in the work of the PNG OGP and by doing so, ensuring greater representation of PNG citizens in the development of priorities and approaches for the National Action Plan.

“Civic participation is critical to the OGP in Papua New Guinea, most notably in the development of new commitments for the next two years. It is for this reason that we have hosted this session with CSOs. TIPNG wants civil society to be well equipped and knowledgeable about the OGP process and in doing so, ensuring a higher level of engagement in the NAP co-creation process,” said TIPNG Deputy Director Policy & Partnership, Mr. Yuambari Haihuie following the meeting.

PNG's 1st OGP National Action Plan will lapse on August 31st ,2021 while co-creation of the 2nd OGP National Action Plan (2021-2023) is currently underway. The OGP platform promotes partnership from Government and civil society to co-create ambitious reforms with principles of accountability, transparency, public participation, innovation and technology. The focal point for OGP in Papua New Guinea is the Department of National Planning and Monitoring, who house the OGP Secretariat.

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