



## **CORRUPTION WORKING GROUP MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
1.00pm Nauru time**

1. **Welcome:** - Corruption WG Chair – Ronald Talasasa – Director Public Prosecution Republic of Nauru.
2. **Minutes from previous WG Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**
3. **Present:**
  - a. Ernestine Rengiil – Attorney General, Palau
  - b. Jesse Mihkel – Assistant Attorney General, FSM
  - c. Rachel Olutimayin – DPP, Solomon Islands
  - d. Kashpee Wahid – Senior Legal Officer, Australia AGD
  - e. Meg Rudder – Senior Legal Officer, Australia AGD
  - f. Sasae Walter – Coordinator, PILON
  - g. Rosy Fogatia – Assistant Coordinator, PILON

#### **Apologies:**

Stuart Baker – Solicitor General – Cook Islands

#### **4. Matters for Discussion:**

1. Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> September –
  - a. Members agreed to defer the discussion of the minutes for next meeting.
2. Way Forward: Discussion paper: Online delivery of corruption related webinars

MR informed members that some ideas were proposed for the WG to consider and noted that since pre-recorded webinars were well received last year, it was decided that they be included and a series of pre-recorded webinars looking at Whistle-blower protection have been initiated as an activity for the WG to consider.

There is also the idea of having live engagement such as- an online round table discussion after the webinars, so attendees could come in and discuss what they've learnt from the webinars. They can also raise questions and other countries can share their experiences and practices to basically support each other.

Lastly, another activity is a series of animated videos, and short cartoons to animate the Who, What, Why of the Whistle-blower Protection booklet, the idea is a good way for people who are visual learners or prefer to hear stories and watch short videos.

Members agreed that the 2021 Workplan be sent out again to WG members for any comments and feedback. Members can send their responses by Thursday 18 February 2021 to the Secretariat.

3. Update of Framework for Prosecuting Corruption Booklet

SW informed members that comments and feedback from members have been incorporated with the last set of suggestions, being added earlier this year. Members have been informed to provide any input/additional comments on the Framework for Prosecuting Corruption by 18 February. The Framework will then be updated and finalised and referred back to the WG for an opportunity to review and endorse the updated Framework once it is finalised.

5. **Other Matters:**

SW informed members that the Secretariat and Meg Rudder were involved in the APG Typologies Workshop that was held on the 2-5<sup>th</sup> February. PILON presented and informed the workshop on the current work of the Corruption WG. This includes both the Whistle-blower protection Booklet and the Framework for prosecuting corruption in the Pacific. She also mentioned the interest of delegates on the work of the WG and especially on money laundering cases in the region.

Chair also welcomed senior legal officers Kaspee Wahid and Meg Rudder on board, and thanked them for assisting the WG, and the WG looks forward to working with them for this period.

6. **Next Meeting:** to be advised

7. **Meeting Closed:** 1.46 Nauru time

***Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 endorsed on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021***