



**CORRUPTION WORKING GROUP  
MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Friday 16 February 2024**

12 noon Nauru time

1. **Welcome:** The Corruption WG Chair – **Andie Driu** – Director Public Prosecution, Republic of Nauru welcomed everyone to the first WG meeting for the year 2024.

**2. Present**

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| i. Bernard Adiniwin            | - | Attorney General RMI                 |
| ii. Sarah Kossatz              | - | Logistic Officer, Australia          |
| iii. Andrew Kelesi             | - | DPP Solomon Islands                  |
| iv. Geraldine Naigulevu        | - | Legal Officer, Fiji                  |
| v. Lucinda Rishworth           | - | Crown Counsel, Cook Islands          |
| vi. Tewia Tawaria              | - | Assistant Attorney General, Kiribati |
| vii. Anieli Fuatino Noa-Teetua |   | Senior State Attorney                |
| viii. Tarai Brechtefeld        | - | State Attorney, Kiribati             |
| ix. Sasae Walter               | - | Coordinator PILON                    |

**Apologies:**

- x. NZ
- xi. PNG

**3. Matters for Discussion:**

Approval of Minutes from 17 February 2024 meeting

Motion moved by Andie Driu of Nauru and seconded by Australia

I. Welcome to new members

Chair welcomed the new members of the WG, as endorsed in the PILON Annual Meeting in Nauru. The 4 new members are Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand and Tonga.

There are 10 current members of the WG are Nauru – Chair, Solomon Is, Cook Is, RMI, FSM, Palau, Australia, PNG, and American Samoa. The total number of members for the Corruption WG are **14**.

II. Update from 2023 PILON Annual Meeting

- a. Chair thanked the WG invited speaker, **Ms Tania Ott**, Deputy Commissioner for the Public Service Fale and **Ms Madeleine Pears**, lead of the Strengthening Governance work stream in the Public Service Fale. Chair acknowledged their presentation and promotion of the accountability-training module rolling out in late 2023, which featured whistleblowing resources developed by the Corruption Working Group.

The Fale programme offers specific training programmes to support the needs and goals of Pacific Public Service agencies.

- b. The Chair also informed WG members that at the AM, Members endorsed the PILON Strategic Plan 2024-26 with an amendment to reflect the Corruption Working Group to consider how its activities can support civil matters such as **Asset Confiscation and Forfeiture**.

Chair also informed members that there were discussions on other themes and Fiji suggested future consideration of environmental crime and resource security, to be included in the work of PILON Corruption WG.

Members agreed to discuss these issues further in next WG meeting.

**Action:**

The Chair directed that the above themes as endorsed in last AM meeting be included for discussion as Agenda items in next WG meeting.

III. Members update on Corruption related activities in each jurisdiction”

Members informed each other on their current corruption related cases. They also shared their work on Mutual Evaluations and relevant matters on national and international AML/CTF, and their engagement with FATF and APG on work activities and matters areas around money laundering and terrorist financing.

Update on Working Group meetings and activities for 2024”

Members agreed that their first WG activity for 2024 is a Webinar on overview of the Mutual Evaluation process, and focusing on the key changes for the next round of Mutual Evaluations. It is envisaged that the seminar will provide information and advice on how jurisdictions can effectively prepare for and engage with the assessment conducted by the APG Secretariat.

**Action:**

The Chair directed that the webinar details be organised with relevant speakers, and this information to be available for members to discuss in next WG meeting.

4. **Next Meeting:** Friday 15 March 2024

5. **Meeting Closed:** 1.40pm Nauru time

