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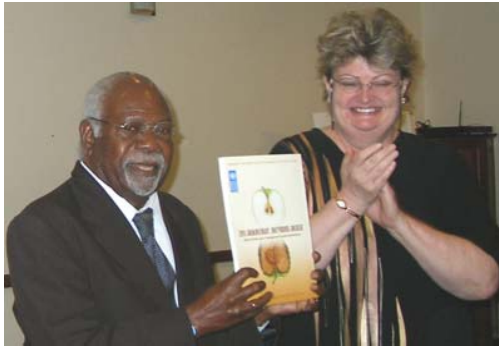
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Launch of the Asia Pacific Human Development Report: Tackling Corruption, Transforming Lives

The launch of the Asia Pacific Human Development Report on Tuesday 28 October 2008 has revived calls for the establishment of an Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).



RC Dr Jacqueline Badcock speaking during the launch said: "I understand that at one stage some years back, legislations were drafted to establish an Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). Perhaps its worth revisiting that given the current reactions in the public domain", said Dr Badcock.

Supporting this call, Commentator Peter Donigi who spoke as an individual said there is a need to set up ICAC because corruption has gone from bad to worse in PNG. He added that the challenge is to design a strategy for a 'win win' situation.

Ombudsman Phoebe Sangetari also supported the call for the establishment of ICAC and said: "We don't see ICAC stepping into our boundary. We see ICAC complimenting our function."

Governor General Sir Paulius Matane on the other hand stressed the need for a corruption-free PNG and added: "The key message of this report, which is absolutely true for PNG, is that the ultimate cost of corruption is human development," He said the war against corruption would not end because of laws and was not just the responsibility of anti-corruption agencies such as Ombudsman Commission and NGOs such as Transparency International, but the responsibility of every citizen.

UP COMING EVENTS

18-21 November

Regional Directors
Forum on AIDS in Asia
and Pacific

The Regional Director's Forum on AIDS is convened by the UNAIDS Regional Office and brings together Directors responsible for programmes in the Asia-Pacific region. The Forum seeks to ensure a consistent and high priority focus on HIV across UN agencies in the region and meets once a year to discuss UN system policy matters on HIV and undertake a joint country visit. This year, PNG was identified for their joint mission. In choosing PNG, the UN Regional Directors seek to observe achievements of recent years and use this visit to advocate with Government on meeting their commitment to Universal Access and the Millennium Development Goals.

Common Advocacy Corner

Coordination, dialogue and unity is essential to change UN, says new General Assembly President. In an interview with iSeek earlier this month, the 63rd President of the UN General Assembly stressed the need for coordination, dialogue and unity in efforts within the UN and its membership to spur change. "It is not I who is going to bring about the desired changes," **Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann** said. "It is all of us together, in fulfilling the mandate that we have received from the member nations and from the Heads of State."

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Child protection signs partnership with Digicel

The Child Protection Programme in partnership with the Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee signed a



Memorandum of Understanding with the Digicel Foundation on Thursday 23 September. The partnership will see the Digicel Foundation contribute up to K400,000 and much needed expertise in the construction of buildings, in 2008 - 2009, to support the establishment of Family Support Centres in Wewak, Lorengau and Daru hospitals and in the Maprik and Arawa District Health Centres. The Digicel Foundation is a non-profit organisation which was established by Digicel in September 2008.

Family Support Centres provide emergency medical and psychosocial care and support to women and children experiencing sexual abuse and family violence. With 75 per cent of children reporting that they live in homes where violence is endemic and 50 per cent of children saying that they do not feel safe in their communities at night and with 75 per cent of women experiencing violence from their partners, these centres provide a range of essential services to mitigate the impact of this violence as well as a base from which to raise awareness and conduct prevention activities. With support from UNICEF, Family Support Centres currently operate in Port Moresby, Lae, Goroka, and Kainantu and new Centres are currently being constructed in Mt Hagen, Kundiawa, Alotau and Kiriwina. The Centres in Kundiawa and Alotau will be officially opened later this year. The centre in Lae is primarily supported by the Sophomore Society and MSF while the centres in Eastern Highlands are primarily supported by the Law and Justice Sector Programme.

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