

## Office of Censorship signs MOA with PNG DATACO limited



**A**s of March 3rd 2023, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Office of Censorship (OoC) and PNG DataCo Limited became effective after signing between the two agencies were endorsed by their respective heads, Chief Censor Mr Jim Abani and DataCo CEO, Paul Komboi GCL, OBE at the Central Government Office.

This initiative was taken to strengthen the relationship between the two organisations as well as building the capacity and having the technical and procedural capability to deal with cybercrime issues and particularly the prevention of indecent information or materials into the

country via the internet that is accessed through DataCo's National Transmission Network (NTN).

To officiate the ceremony Deputy Chief Censor Ms. Illikomau All gave the welcome remarks and made known the established relationship and partnership between OoC and DataCo. However, she says the ceremony is to formally bind the arrangements set between the two organisations. She then thanked Chief Censor Mr Abani for his leadership and extended OoC appreciation to PNG DataCo for being partners throughout the journey leading to the signing of the MoA.

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# Warm Greetings!



So, refreshing at the start of a brand-new year as you look around and see faces full of joy and excitement, as everyone returns to work from their festive holidays. The early atmosphere is usually fascinating filled with hopes and promises amidst uncertainties for the future.

As is a tradition, the office joined forces with other government agencies and participated in the annual Public Servants Dedication Service. Basing on the theme; Building the Nation with Integrity and Skillfulness through Public Service, the Guest Speaker and Prime Minister, Hon. James Marape encouraged the public servants to improve in their performances for effective delivery of basic services to the less fortunate in the remotest part of the country. Staff of the office were further encouraged to collaborate as a team for effective delivery of their activities and programs during the first staff general meeting addressed by the Chief Censor.

Interestingly, we started the year with some remarkable benchmark, witnessing the signing of two important partnerships. The first a MoA with PNG DataCo Ltd and then the Contract Engagement of Yumi Code. The MoA is to collaborate in sharing resources and building capacities to monitor and minimize the flow of indecent information and content including addressing other cyber security issues through the internet and the National Transmission Network administered by DataCo. Yumi Code is engaged as the IT specialist and developer for the development of the Censorship Management and Information System (CMIS) aiming to digitize the current manual operating system for the office.

Other achievements include the launching of the FAMS and the office website. The FAMS will enable the office in maintaining an updated record of its fixed assets in real time. Additionally, the website will now enable the office to inform and connect with the people and importantly with our clients and partners on what we are doing as a responsible

government agency upholding human decency and morality in all aspects of our lives.

The Office of Censorship is focused on delivering vital information and services to the people through several initiatives developed overtime. This includes completing a Training Manual Guide for the training of Censorship Ambassadors through CASP. Disseminating internal corporate services processes and procedures thus creating awareness amongst the staff. Participating externally, the first being the Media Networking and 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning organized by ABC International Development.

As we strive, focusing on delivering our objectives, we are optimistic and passionate about what the office as an organization is mandated to do and that is ensuring indecent content and information does not overpower and hinder access to decent content in the mass media. Our research and awareness programs are strategically driven to support the core functions of the office in the enforcement and compliance of censorship issues in the country.

We appreciate your time reading through this issue of Mi-Watch and look forward to sharing more stories and experiences in our next edition.

Happy reading and remember, Censorship start at home.

Ilikomau Ali  
Deputy Chief Censor

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"We are grateful and are looking forward for this agreement and believe that in the long run we will all benefit and share skills, knowledge and maybe resources in enhancing our respective roles and responsibilities," says Ms Ali.

Chief Censor Mr Abani was pleased with the signing of the MOA and says the OoC has reached another milestone with this signing in achieving its key objectives through establishing partnership with key stakeholder agencies in the country.

Stressing on the mandate of the Office of Censorship, which is to regulate information content and allow what is accepted for public consumption.

"With this age and time, the digital space has made the work of censorship challenging and harder. Through this partnership with DataCo and other communication industry it would make it easier because we have a social obligation that we need to play at all respective agencies and this signing today will bring public confidence". said Mr. Abani

Adding on, CEO for PNG DataCo Mr. Paul Kombol emphasized on the role of DataCo as an organisation which is created to support the government's policy in digitalising the country as an operator of the digital infrastructure. Mainly the NTN which has the technical capabilities as well as control rights.

Over key telecommunication, digital infrastructure, including international cables and internet gateways for the passage and transit of information in linking PNG to the world, as well as domestically in all provinces in PNG.

"We play a critical role in the dissemination of information in terms of internet in the country in our expansion and we understand the risks involved which has been highlighted by the Office of Censorship in their



■ DataCo CEO, Mr. Paul Kombol posing for a photo with Chief Censor Mr. Jim Abani after the MOU signing

functions and roles. The illicit or indecent information that is passing through our network which also includes cyber security issues and so we are very well aware and alert on this nature of disadvantage that it brings ", said Mr. Kombol

PNG DataCo appreciates the collaborative effort put together by the Office in developing the MOA as it relates to the policies for Censorship and strategies going forward as to how the two organisations will work together to meet the protection of moral standards and ethical values and censorship of information and materials that are considered illegal or unsafe.

The Ceremony ended with a team photo from both organisation and refreshments as Media representatives with the staff from office of Censorship and team from PNG DataCo shared conversations afterwards.

## Chief Censor calls for Staff Meeting

**Chief Censor, Mr. Jim Abani calls for a third general staff meeting on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 to address matters relating to the office.**

The conference room was fully occupied with attentive officers, conforming with the schedule of the meeting written in the internal memo sent out to the staff a day prior to the meeting day by the Office of the Chief Censor.

The general meeting was foreseen as a means of informing the staff of the Office of Censorship of what is expected of them and what is expected to be done, accurately, precisely and time bound. The agendas were disclosed at the meeting by the Chairman of the meeting and that is the Chief Censor himself.

Mr. Abani in his speech thanked the Senior Management Team and the staff for their vigorous commitment in ensuring that the office work is progressed and the objectives of each divisions are achieved. The staff were reminded not to lose focus on their work and were advised to continue to be vigilant in their work.

Meanwhile, the Chief Censor addressed the staff of what is expected from the Prime Minister, and the directives that should be followed to ensure smooth flow of the work of the office. Although, with limited resources and manpower, the office managed to achieve some of its objectives.

In the meeting, Mr. Abani mentioned about the successful achievement of accomplishing the Corporate Plan and launching it successfully, as expression of satisfaction was shown by the staff by giving a round of

applause.

"The most important thing that we really worked hard to achieve was the Corporate Plan which I expected in the first quarter, second quarter and so but then it was finally launched. Now that the Cooperate Plan is launched, all our activities including the Annual Operational Plan for 2023 will be aligned or captured from the Cooperate Plan." Said Mr. Abani

"I want to thank all of you for what you have done with the struggles and challenges that we've faced and now we are winding down the year. The report that we are going to complete will show what we have achieved." he said.

The meeting continued with Senior Management Team (SMT) stressing on what needs to be done in their division of responsibility and what has been accomplished.

In addressing the staff, Mr. Abani also reminded the Deputy Chief Censor, Ms. Ilikomau Ali and the SMT and the Executive Management Team about the Public Service Dedication Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, and that is when the Office of Censorship shall launch the Annual Operational Plan for 2023.



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# OoC and Yumi Code Contract Signing

The Office of Censorship (OoC) and Yumi Code IT consultancy recently signed a contract to see the progress of the redevelopment of the project within OoC which is called the Censorship Management and Information System (CMIS).

Deputy Chief Censor, Ms. Ilikomau Ali upon the project's introduction gave a remarking and warm welcome to the Yumi Code Managing Director, Mr. Tau Boga Rea and his colleague, whilst giving an overview of the project itself.



■ Yumi Code Managing Director, Mr. Tau Boga Rea (centred) shaking hands with Chief Censor, Mr. Jim Abani while Deputy Chief Censor, Ms. Ilikomau Ali looks on.

"We would like to warmly welcome Yumi Code and as we are here this morning to witness a significant event, the contract signing that is going to take place between the OoC and Yumi Code. Importantly, it is for the redevelopment of a project that has been with the office for quite some time. That is the development of the Censorship Management and Information System (CMIS), and we all know that Censorship Office has recently migrated to be more like a stand-alone entity," said Ms. Ali

The signing of the contract will undergo digital transformation in terms of censorship data management and information system. Currently, most of the work that is done in the office, particularly in the major core business (division) of the office, which is the Enforcement and Compliance is done manually.

Ms. Ali said that overtime and in the past years, many of the records have been kept manually, filing is done manually, processes of registration, renewal and certification are all done manually. Thus, with the engagement of Yumi Code IT consultancy, the office will be able to digitize these processes. CMIS project will help to enhance core responsibility of the office in terms of monitoring and regulating content in the media

Chief Censor, Mr. Jim Abani while giving the contract signing speech, stressed and anticipated on collaborative working relationship and further said that honesty must prevail in achieving the scope of the project by the office and the consultancy service provider.

"It is something for all of us to work together, the consultant and the office to make it happen. We want to see that the actual project must come to reality. Your honesty in providing services to take back PNG, is something that we expect and the government expects from people who we engage to deliver the scope of the project in time," said Mr. Abani

Mr. Boga in response assured the Chief Censor and the Executive Management Team that its consultancy service provider is aware of, in terms of national development and digital transformation, and of what the department of ICT have been talking about and all the policies that they want to have in place.

"We are very honored and privilege to learn about the nature of this project (CMIS). Thus, its coming from the manager's mouth that we guarantee you 100% that we can deliver this project," said Mr. Boga

Meanwhile, Yumi Code is a nationally owned IT consultancy and its stronghold includes but is not limited to coding, programming, database development, and software development in general.

This is a five-year contract under a new banner that was signed between OoC and Yumi Code. Yumi Code was formerly known as the New Point Solutions company. They have since then undergone a changing management and they have engaged with OoC now as Yumi Code IT consultancy.



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# Public Service Dedication and launching of Annual Operational Plan



■ Secretary for DPM, Teias Sansan (centre) posing with officials from Department of Community Development & Religion

The Public Service Dedication Service which was held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the Sir John Guise Stadium Indoor Complex to foresee the dedication of the public sector. The dedication service brought together government departmental heads, public servants, journalists and other important persons as well as the PM, Hon. James Marape.

As prior to resuming the Public Service duties, the government called for the dedication service as to signify PNG as a Christian country and to dedicate the working year. Thus, the dedication service was hosted with the theme 'Building the Nation with Integrity and Skillfulness through Public Service'.

The dedication service was held to commit the annual tasks and key performance areas to eventuate or implement the policies set by the policymakers and to achieve the objectives for the year and to deliver the services effectively. As well as to say a dedication prayer for all public servants by Rev. Joseph Walters, Chairman of Body of Christ PNG.

The Official opening remarks were given by Hon. Jason Peter, Minister for Youth Religion and Community Development and Member for Huon Gulf. Under which the Office of Censorship operates and perform its delegated tasks and implement its policies.

Hon. Prime Minister James Marape was the keynote speaker who started

his speech by giving insights on his visits to the most remote parts of PNG. After his visitation, he justifies as to why the public service should perform better than the previous years so that basic services could be delivered to the less fortunate in the remote parts of PNG.

During the dedication service, there was launching and dedication of all GoPNG Departments Annual Operational Plans (AOPs) which include the AOP for the Office of Censorship (OoC). It was launched by the PM and church leaders which was then dedicated and prayed for.

he Office of Censorship (OoC) under the leadership of the Chief Censor, Mr. Jim Abani and Deputy Chief Censor Ms. Ilikomau Ali attended the Dedication Service.

The Prime Minister gave a remarking keynote speech saying that we are building this beautiful nation and we must build it with integrity and skills. He further reminded the public servants that everyone is ultimately accountable to God and that he is watching everyone and what one does, and therefore there must be integrity in the hearts of the public servants with skilled hands.

As well, dedication and commitment were the message that was brought across to the public servants by the Minister for Public Service Hon. Joe Sungi during the Public Service Dedication. He stressed on coming on time to work, to be diligent and to be a good public servant with integrity.

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## Official Launching of Censorship website, Internal ICT Policy & FAMS

**Minister for Community Development, Youth & Religion, Honorable Jason Peter officially launched the official Censorship website (www.censorship.gov.pg), Internal ICT Policy and Fixed Asset Management System (FAMS) for the Office of Censorship (OoC) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023.**

The launching took place at the A1 Conference Room at the Central Government Office. Hon. Jason Peter was accompanied by Secretary for the Department for Community Development, Youth and Religion, Mr. Jerry Ubase. Also present to witness the launch was Chief Executive Officer for Kumulsoft, Mr. Paul Muingnepe.

"As the Minister, I have seen lots of changes in the Office of Censorship, and these are the key tools in any organization for effective management. I am delighted that in November 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 I launched the Corporate Strategic Plan 2022-2026, and I am now launching these tools for effective management. I congratulate the Chief Censor and the team, well done," said Mr. Peter



■ Group photo after the launching with the Minister

Deputy Chief Censor, Ms. Illikomau Ali stated that while being concerned of the external challenges, OoC is also aware of the internal challenges and therefore such tools will enhance the work of the office, and it will enhance effective and proficient internal management.

Chief Censor, Mr. Jim Abani acknowledged and thanked Kumulsoft for providing the digital service to the agency. Kumulsoft is the developer of the FAMS. Kumulsoft began in 2009 with a simple premise: to provide software to help Papua New Guinean corporations and the public sector manage their assets.

While asset management is not unique to PNG, local businesses can have issues if they do not keep track accurately of their assets, whether that be office supplies, land or monitoring a fleet of cars and trucks.

Mr. Abani further thanked the Minister and his Secretary, and added that it is progressive, working together.

"We are partners in ensuring that information is delivered so that they



■ Hon. Jason Peter (centre) cutting the ribbon to officially launch the Fixed Asset Management Systems

know what the agency is doing," said Mr. Abani

Mr. Muingnepe on behalf of Kumulsoft said that the digital services needed by PNG organizations, agencies and public sector is provided by local digital service provider, Kumulsoft.

"On behalf of Kumulsoft providing digital services to government agencies, we are happy that other government departments are using Fixed Asset Management System, such as Department of Health, Department of Justice & Attorney General and other provincial governments," said Mr. Muingnepe

Thus, the website, Internal ICT Policy, and the FAMS will enable the office to disseminate information through the website for the public to access, as the office looks forward to digitizing information dissemination and other areas.

Furthermore, this Internal ICT Policy aims to establish guidelines for OoC employees, clients, ICT service providers, contractors, and visitors on the responsible use of ICT resources and to establish ethical, legal, and security of computing and electronic communication in the OoC.

On the contrary, the launching of FAMS will see the regulated management system for all fixed assets of the office. The system was developed as an integrated fixed asset information management system, designed especially for Provincial Governments, National Departments, Institutions, Agencies and Statutory bodies in Papua New Guinea to register and manage their fixed assets. It will ensure proper use and tracking of the assets through the assets auditing and reporting process.

## OoC Project Steering Committee

The Project Steering committee (PSC) is a committee comprised of three major stakeholders and they are Department of Finance, Treasury, and National Planning and Monitoring. The establishment of the committee is to be responsible for monitoring and reporting to the Central Agency Coordinating Committee (CACC), about the report of the initiated funded projects.

The function of the committee is to ensure that the money that has been funded through the Public Investment Program (PIP) by the National Planning and Monitoring are being used for their intended purpose of implementing projects and other components such as research or advocacy programs. Thus, quarterly meetings are held by the PSC to ensure that work has been done and projects are progressing well within the office and reports are delivered to the agencies.

"As Chief Censor, I want to see that the Project Steering Committee must be proactive in terms of conducting meetings and reporting back to the agencies," said the Chief Censor, Mr. Jim Abani

"The Department of National Planning & Monitoring allocated appropriation of K2.5 million this year, so we are reporting back to them on how the money has been used. So far, the comments received from the agency is that they are very impressed with the progress of our project in terms of infrastructure development in the ICT division within the Office of Censorship and other components like research, awareness and advocacy," added Mr. Abani

Of the appropriation of K2.5 million for this year, only K1.5 million was released for the projects under the Office of Censorship. The Chief Censor and also the Chairperson for PSC, stated that one of the projects is a research project on Media and Sexual content in PNG, which is now with the National Research Institute (NRI) for reviewing.

In an interview, the Chief Censor thanked his hardworking research officers on their tireless efforts to move the research project and now it is under external review with NRI. He further said that because of the hardworking staff of the Office of Censorship, PSC is able to report to the agency about the progress, and how the projects are carried out.

"As the Chairperson of Project Steering Committee, I'm satisfied that

## Be a responsible Internet User. Happy Safer Internet Day!

Today marks the Safer Internet Day, and the Office of Censorship Wishes a very Happy Safer Internet Day to the internet users. On the occasion of Safer Internet Day, let us understand the importance of internet safety and not take it lightly. Warm wishes on this special day to you. Wishing a very Happy Safer Internet Day to everyone.

Surf safely, consume responsibly and disseminate thoughtfully. We all come together to celebrate the Safer Internet Day and to promote the positive use of the internet. We celebrate the positive power of the internet together for a better internet.

Be a responsible user, and a smart participant in the evolving online technology. The internet has become a reliable teacher, lecturer and knowledge gaining resource center for students, researchers and people in general all around the world. Let's take this time to reflect and anticipate the safety of the internet users as a matter of security for individuals and societies.

We can use the internet to learn new things, video call family members who live far away, chat to friends, listen to music or watch tutorial videos



■ Project Steering Committee members with the management team from OoC

we've conducted three meetings in a year, unlike last year and the year before last year due to Covid19 restrictions." Said Chief Censor.

The Chief Censor is delighted and thankful to see the involvement and support from the stakeholders to help get the reports to the Central Agency Coordinating Center (CACC). CACC is a government agency made up of Finance Department, Department of National Planning & Monitoring, Department of Treasury, Department of Prime Minister and NEC as well as Department of Personnel Management.

The agency is responsible for setting the policy agenda and for providing the necessary human and material resource to oversee that agenda's implementation and evaluation are well coordinated.

There is also an internal subcommittee that is chaired by Deputy Chief Censor Ms. Illikomau Ali and the subcommittee consists of all the component managers in the Office of Censorship. All reports of the projects, and other components of research or advocacy are presented to the Chief Censor.

The Chief Censor then presents the report to the Project Steering Committee for assessment before the report is given to CACC for conversing and evaluation of the reports.

to master a subject or particular topic.

While we enjoy good things online, there are also dangers when we are online and Safer Internet Day helps us learn about these dangers and what to do to stay safe online.

All forms of malice and wrongful intentions should not be tolerated or practiced by individuals or groups while using the internet and by doing so we create a safer internet community.

Happy Safer Internet Day! Together we create a better and Safer Internet!



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## Public Service Induction for new employees in the Office of Censorship

The Public Employees Association (PEA) conducted a five days public service induction at the Sanctuary Motel from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The induction was to inform the new members joining the public sector under the Office of Censorship, about the benefits of being a member of the PEA and what it means to be in the public service. Nambawan Super was also there to relate the services they provide to the new hires.

PEA is an association of the employees under the public sector, and it operates under the Industrial Relations Act 1962. There are three main services that PEA provides and these are (1) industrial service, (2) legal service, and (3) welfare service.

When one becomes a member of the association, then he or she is eligible for the services provided by the association. The union voice all concerns and queries of the public service employees to the responsible authority as job security is not guaranteed in the public service.

Meanwhile, under the welfare services provided by PEA, life insurance of finance contributors is regulated by the Bank of PNG and medical and health insurance is regulated by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Nonetheless, upon the death of a contributing member, the beneficiaries will be paid K50,000.00 by the insurance company. As well as funeral expenses of the contributing member is covered by the insurance company.

During the induction, a series of three modules were the subjects of the induction for the new hires. Orientation of the induction, public service, agency and the job description for the new hires.

The facilitator for the induction, Ms. Joan Nion, HR Manager of the Office of Censorship urged that the new employees would be crucial in the jobs, and should have an impact on the organizational level.

Deputy Chief Censor, Ms. Ilikomau Ali on the other hand said that it is actually at the individual level that decides to make that change. She urged the new employees to give their best ability to perform effectively, and have an impact in the public service.

While speaking to the new hires, Ms. Ali reminded everyone to always reflect back to the organizational motto of the Office of Censorship, 'Self-Respect & Human Decency'.

During the induction, Nambawan Super also talked about their retirement deal, investment opportunities and other services. Nambawan Super explained the services that they provide, the opportunities for people working in the public service and the private sector in PNG to ensure their own future financial security.

The hires were informed about the requirements of eligibility for members, in order to withdraw their savings. Nambawan Super also talked about housing advance, which is also one of the services provided by Nambawan Super.

Furthermore, Nambawan Super representative said that, as a person investing with Nambawan Super, one is contributing to nation building and urged the hires to invest and be part of Nambawan Super.

# Censorship Ambassador School Program Committee Presents Training Manual

There was a presentation on the Censorship Awareness School Program (CASP) Training Manual to the Senior Management and Executive Management Team of the Office of Censorship for comments and feedbacks on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 for the finalization of Training Manual Guide which will be used to enhance the delivery of information to the participants of the CASP.

development of the Training Manual Guide and the Session Plan and said that the CASP program is moving forward from where it actually started.

Upon completion of the CASP the ambassadors will be provided with certificates and that is according to the session plan of the program. Thus, Ms. Ali commented and emphasized on certification of participants and getting the training documents approved by the

CASP is a training program carried out in selected schools by the Awareness and Publicity Branch with assistance from the Human Resource to educate young generations about the issues of censorship and to be good ambassadors in schools and communities.

The training was rolled out in two schools in 2021, which are Kila Kila Secondary and Mainohana Secondary. During the rolling out of the CASP observations were identified to improve and enhance the program to achieve its definite objective, through better programming and session planning.

The Training Manual Guide for the CASP program that was

developed also has a draw down documentation that facilitates the execution of the program and for the overall achievement of the objective of the program. The draw down documentation is the 'Session Plan.'

According to Ms. Joan Nion, HR Manager, the Session Plan has been developed to complement the Training Manual Guide and it gives a detailed and precise instructions on what to do.

In the Session Plan, students participating in the CASP are to do a mini awareness on advocating on what the Office of Censorship does and what they need to do as CASP ambassadors by producing a short video at the end of the program.

These videos that will be produced by the CASP participants can be used by the awareness team of the office when continuing to carryout the CASP in other schools, and show to the new participants what other ambassadors have done and what they can do as new ambassadors of CASP.

Producing a short video on censorship issues in PNG using their imagination and creativity will be the ambassadors charge, or in other words it will be the ambassador's responsibility of being a CASP ambassador.

During the comments and feedback session, Deputy Chief Censor, Ms. Ilikomau Ali, thanked everyone who contributed towards the



■ SMT vetting committee sits in for vetting on the presentation of the CASP Training Manual

CASP Training Manual for a long-term benefit of the participants and the facilitators and for the future development of this country.

"If we go public on it (CASP program) and we really promote it and the essence of it and can get NTC to approve this training, then it becomes a legal document and to be recognized also by the Department of Education," said Ms. Ali.

CASP contributes to nation building through human development, and encourages the younger generations to be good ambassadors of censorship and also to be part of the program and to advocate on censorship related issues in the country.

Ms. Ali advised the team to give emphasis on being a stakeholder and how it can benefit the participants of CASP such as the MOA between OoC and PNGDataCo. The presentation received fair comments from the Deputy Chief Censor and she pointed out areas that needed to be revised for improvements.

The OoC sees CASP as a program at the organizational level and would like to bring it up to the ministerial level by having it launched by the Minister for Youth, Religion & Community Development.

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**Cyberbullying!**

**"CYBER-HARASSMENT or CYBERSTALKING is a Crime that can have legal consequences and involve jail time."**

This is a message from the Office of Censorship under the Ministry for Community Development, Youth and Religion.

# OoC Reps participate in Media Networking & 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning



Stakeholders participants at the Media Networking & 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning at Hilton Hotel



The Office of Censorship was fortunate to have received an invitation from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation International Development (ABCID) to attend the Media Networking and 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning hosted at Hilton Hotel on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 that ran from 6pm to 7pm. ABC International Development is the ABC's media development unit.

ABCID works with media organizations and communication partners to connect them with communities and empower people to have a voice on issues affecting their lives. It supports storytellers through training, sharing media expertise and providing technical and program support to partners, in three areas - skills and abilities, content creation and broadcast, and research.

The attendees from OoC were Ms. Joyce Konop, Communication Officer and Steven Megorr, trainee with the office. The Media Networking and 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning brought forward discussions about social issues in the country. The discussion brought forward the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV) currently being faced in Papua New Guinea.

GBV is an ongoing social issue in the country, and ABCID's initiative of discussing about this issue and other related issues such as Socery Accusation Related Violence (SARV) is to securitize the (those) issue(s) so that the people of PNG will gain knowledge about GBV and how to address the issue and deal with it positively, and professionally.

During the discussion, there were strategies that were suggested and discussed on how this particular social issue can be addressed in the country. One of the ways that was suggested is to write about it and get it published in the daily newspapers for a period of one week or so by running GBV campaigns, or either to have a section of the paper allocated for GBV stories and reports alone as to advocate.

In that way, people will be engaged in addressing and advocating about the issue and therefore with many engagements, the issue can be addressed and lives of people will be at ease when the issue is securitized.

There were Professional media officers who attended the Media Networking and 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning. Sincha Dimara, a News Editor and Producer at Inside PNG, an independent online news organization in PNG was part of the professionals.

In late 2021, Sincha was involved in developing a new television panel

program, created with the assistance of the Media Development Initiative (MDI). She was also a former Head of News with EMTV.

Carol Umbo is an Executive Producer at the NBC in Morobe province was also part of the discussion. Since starting her career as a reporter, to her current role as an executive producer, Carol has participated in numerous MDI activities.

For the time being, the ABCID issued evaluation forms to the participants to carry out monitoring and evaluation in order to develop significant and reasonable programs like Media Networking and 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning to enhance media professionals in the country to build networking and to encourage advocating on issues affecting lives of the citizens of this country.

The ABCID have a counseling line that can be reached, safe house, other treatments such as healthcare for the victims of GBV and the caller seeking refuge from perpetrators could be given the opportunity to speak to the police of the issue.

The 1- Tok KAUNSELIN HELPM LAIN is a toll-free line on 71508000 and is reachable 24 hours, seven days a week.

The Media Networking and 15<sup>th</sup> Spotlight Learning was informative and educational, as media professionals shared their expertise and encouraged each other to be agents of change and to address issues that affecting lives of the people through mass media and social media.

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# National Women's Day celebration at Central Government Office

The National Women's Day was recognized and appreciated by departments and offices at the Central Government Office (CGO) on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. The host of the program, Department of Personnel Management set a tentative program for the government bodies and agencies located at the CGO.

The governmental bodies that attended included the Department of Agriculture and Livestock, Department of Foreign Affairs, PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority, National Trade Office and the Office of Censorship celebrated the significance of National Women's Day and to empower women and girls in PNG.

'Digital Innovation, Science and Technology', was the theme for National Women's Day. This theme was formatted in order to support and see women prosper in the technology and the science fields and be digitally innovative.

The guest speaker, Acting Secretary for Department of International Trade & Investment, Ms. Jacinta Manua- Warakal, while giving the opening remarks for the program mentioned that National Women's Day is an empowerment of women and girls, and the theme incorporates the PNG hosted APEC 2018 theme.

Ms. Warakal referred to the theme of the 2018 APEC Summit and that is 'Harnessing Inclusive Opportunity, and Embracing Digital Future'. She further said that policy makers must ensure that gender is captured in the formation of the policies, and the government must invest in gender-based programs.

Furthermore, the program continued with panel discussions that was centered around 'Equality & Equity' and how equality differs from equity. Simply, it was differentiated as, equality means sharing resources of equal portion to the genders regardless of which gender needs more or less than the other. Equity means sharing fair portion of a resource to the gender that needs it more and enough to the other, in order to achieve balance.

Acting Chief Livestock Officer, Ms. Regina Nukundj said equity is empowerment and challenged the public servants that attended the ceremony, on how they can empower someone and provide opportunity for growth.

Ms. Nukundj shared her experiences on how she had been helping young women, and men in capacity building and imparting her knowledge and experience through public service. She urged other officers to share their experiences and knowledge with the young women and men, and help in capacity building for the country.

The Executive Manager for Policy Division-DPM, Ms. Ida Yuki while giving the closing remarks for the program, thanked everyone who participated and made special mention of the National Information & Communication Technology Authority (NICTA) for having a sponsorship scheme that supports women in Information Communication Technology (ICT) in the country. The National Women's Day, was celebrated with the theme that supports digital transformation and to educate women in science and technology and to embrace the digital future.

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# Corporate Services facilitate Advisory Workshop for Office of Censorship

The National Censorship Office had a two day Advisory Workshop from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. The workshop was to inform and educate the employees about the internal processes within the Cooperate Services Division, and the formal procedures to take.

The Advisory Workshop, which took place at the A1 Conference Room at the Central Government Office, was facilitated by the Cooperate Services Division of the office to emphasize on professional and functional approach on how to attend to or address matters relating to the functions of the Cooperate services.

The Cooperate Services which comprises of the Human Resources (HR) branch, Finance branch, and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) branch provide effective and efficient administrative support services to other technical divisions and towards meeting the overall objectives of the office and the Censorship Board.

First day of the workshop was attended by the Senior Management Team (SMT), while the second day was scheduled for all staff of the office. During the workshop, each branch within the division presented their functionality and the up to date changes that were made to cater for progress and proper service provision to support the administrative work of the office.

The HR branch informatively enlightened the staff on the types of leave, that included the Recreational Leave, Compassionate Leave, Study Leave and Sick Leave and the processes applicable for filling a form to be eligible for leave. Upon the return from leave, the officer on leave will fill a Return from Leave Form if the leave's nature is recreational, maternity or study leave.

During the workshop, the HR team presented the updated processes of the HR branch that the officer/staff returning from Sick Leave, or Compassionate Leave will not use the resumption form. As well as the

branch clarified the process of payment for Higher Duties Allowance and other necessary information such as the bio data management.

In the interval, the Finance Branch also presented and informed the participants on the types of fees and charges that are collected such as the registration fees and classification fees, as per Schedule 2 of the Classification of Publication Act 1989. Other fees include penalty fees, labels, Spot Fine and Appeal Fees.

Finance team while doing the presentation on the processes and procedures within the branch, quickly went through the process of revenue collection and the control measures in place to control and regulate the functions of the revenue collections.

The staff were informed on the process of receipting of payment, and the reporting process of the revenue. Official Government Receipting is done upon receiving of payment receipt made to BSP CENSORSHIP BOARD ACCOUNT. Official Government Receipt is then passed on to the Compliance Section for issuing of Certificates and Licenses accordingly.

Meanwhile, the objectives of the ICT branch were to equip the participants of the workshop on its ICT equipment request process, ICT equipment incidental reporting process, the roles and responsibilities of ICT officers and the end users. The primary functions of the ICT branch are to provide ICT services, deliver support in terms of database development, management and analysis, and to maintain ICT infrastructure for the Office of Censorship.

Thus, the Advisory Workshop was successfully facilitated by the Cooperate Service Division, informing and advising the Censorship staff to pertain and adopt to the internal changes within the division for smooth function of the Cooperate Service Division and the Office of Censorship.

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**Classification of Publications (Censorship) Act 1989 Sec.82 (d)**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**NEW FEES AND CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION OF PUBLICATION PREMISES**

No.	Description	Former Rates (Kina)	New Rates (Kina)
1.	Publisher's Certificate	200.00 per year	500.00 per year
2.	Public Television Station Certificate	5,000.00 per year	20,000.00 per year
3.	Radio Station Certificate	2,500.00 per year	6,000.00 per year
4.	Public Cable Television Certificate	5,000.00 per year	20,000.00 per year
5.	Limited Hotel Television Certificate	1,500.00 per year	3,000.00 per year
6.	Special Cable Television Certificate	1,000.00 per year	2,000.00 per year
7.	Film Theatre Certificate	500.00 per year	500.00 per year
8.	Video Library Certificate	500.00 per year	500.00 per year
9.	Video Cinema Certificate	2,000.00 per year	5,000.00 per year
10.	Video Outlet Certificate	300.00 per year	300.00 per year
11.	Film Production Certificate	5,000.00 per year	6,000.00 per year
12.	Literature Distributor's Certificate	500.00 per year	1,500.00 per year
13.	Literature Dealer's Certificate	300.00 per year	500.00 per year
14.	Audio Distributor's Certificate	500.00 per year	1,000.00 per year
15.	Audio Dealer's Certificate	200.00 per year	300.00 per year
16.	Internet Service Providers' Certificate	5,000.00 per year	10,000.00 per year
17.	Internet Gateway Certificate	10,000.00 per year	100,000.00 per year
18.	Change of Publication Premises Certificate	200.00 per year	300.00 per year
19.	Video Distributor's Certificate	New	500.00 per year
20.	Video Dealer's Certificate	New	500.00 per year
21.	Film Production Certificate	New	500.00 per year
22.	Film/Movies Importers Certificate	New	2,000.00 per year
23.	Digital Music Distributors Certificate	New	1,000.00 per year
24.	Internet Cafe	New	1,000.00 per year
25.	Recording Studio Certificate	New	1,000.00 per year
26.	Compact Digital Music Dealers Certificate	New	300.00 per year
27.	Gaming-ware Distributor Certs (Hardware & Software)	New	5,000.00 per year
28.	Gaming-ware Dealer Certificate (Hardware & Software)	New	2,500.00 per year
29.	Online Gaming Certificate	New	6,000.00 per year
30.	Multimedia Production Certificate	New	5,000.00 per year
31.	Advertising Production Certificate	New	5,000.00 per year
32.	Public Wireless Television Certificate	New	5,000.00 per year

**NEW FEES and Charges FOR Classification | \* Caption in Foreign Language (CFL) Classification Fee (CF)**

33.	Foreign Publication other than film	5.00 per title	20.00 per title
34.	PNG Produced publication other than film	3.00 per title	20.00 per title
35.	Foreign Periodic series publication other than film	30.00 per title	50.00 per title
36.	Review of Foreign publication other than film	10.00 per title	30.00 per title
37.	Review of PNG produced publication other than film	7.00 per title	30.00 per title
38.	Review of Foreign Periodic series publication other than film	40.00 per title	100.00 per title
39.	Review of PNG periodic series publication other than film	20.00 per title	100.00 per title
40.	Foreign produced cinema feature film	20.00 per title	50.00 per title
41.	PNG produced digital feature film	20.00 per title	50.00 per title
42.	Digital film that contains dialogue or CFL	9.00 + CFL	50.00 + CFL
43.	Foreign produced digital film advertising matter	10.00 per title	100.00 per title
44.	PNG produced digital advertising matter	5.00 per title	100.00 per title
45.	Digital film advertising matter that contains dialogue or CFL	5.00 per title +CF	100.00 per title +CF
46.	Foreign produced video disk (DVD) feature film	20.00 per title	50.00 per title
47.	PNG produced digital video disk (DVD) feature film	15.00 per title	50.00 per title
48.	DVD feature film that contains dialogue or CFL	15.00 per title+CF	50.00 per title
49.	DVD advertising matter that contains dialogue or CFL	10.00 per title+CF	100.00 per title
50.	Foreign DVD film advertising matter	50.00 per title	50.00 per title
51.	PNG produced DVD film advertising matter	50.00 per title	50.00 per title
52.	Foreign produced film intended for television broadcasting	5.00 per title/episode	20.00 per title/episode
53.	PNG produced film intended for television broadcasting	5.00 per title/episode	20.00 per title/episode
54.	Film advertising matter (previews) intended for television broadcasting	2.00 per title	100.00 per title
55.	Digital commercials intended for television broadcasting	25.00 per title	200.00 per title
56.	Digital commercials intended for radio broadcasting	25.00 per title	200.00 per title
57.	Review of foreign produced digital feature film	40.00 per title	200.00 per title
58.	Review of foreign digital advertising matter	7.00 per title	100.00 per title
59.	Review of PNG produced digital feature film	25.00 per title	200.00 per title
60.	Review of PNG digital film advertising matter	3.00 per title	100.00 per title
61.	Review of foreign DVD feature film	50.00 per title	150.00 per title
62.	Review of PNG produced DVD feature film	30.00 per title	200.00 per title
63.	Review of foreign produced DVD feature film (trailers) advertising matter	9.00 per title	100.00 per title
64.	Review of PNG produced DVD feature film advertising matter	7.00 per title	100.00 per title
65.	Review of foreign film intended for television broadcasting	15.00 per title/episode	100.00 per title/episode
66.	Review of PNG produced film intended for television broadcasting	15.00 per title/episode	100.00 per title/episode
67.	Review of advertising film matter intended for television broadcasting	3.00 per title/episode	30.00 per title/episode
68.	Review of commercials intended for television broadcasting	50.00 per title	150.00 per title
69.	Review of playstation/ computer games	20.00 per title	100.00 per title
70.	Foreign produced periodic series film	New	20.00 per title/episode
71.	Papua New Guinea produced periodic series film	New	20.00 per title/episode

**Note:** Where an application to which a fee referred to in this Schedule is not granted, 90% of the application fee paid shall be refunded to the applicant.



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