



# Department of Finance Newsletter



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## Secretary's Kona



DR. Ken Ngangan OBE PhD CMA CPA  
Secretary

*It is my greatest pleasure as the Secretary for the Department to welcome you all our first edition of the 2021 financial year. With the new working year commencing I would like to extend my best wishes to all officers as we look forward for a successful and rewarding year. We started the year on a sound financial footing and are well placed to continue to support the Government's fiscal objectives and Public Financial Management reform agendas. I encourage you all to give your best to support the Department in delivering Government's reform and development agendas. With the support of our new Minister Sir John Pundari, has brought new drive to the department, and along with support for the continuation of the PFM reform programs, he is challenging us to look beyond our day-to-day roles. With that I am looking forward for all your continuing support for a rewarding and successful 2021.*

# Dept welcomes new Minister

Department of Finance Secretary Dr Ken Ngangan has welcomed the new Minister for Finance and Rural Development Sir John Pundari on the 06th of January, 2021 at the Apec Haus, Port Moresby.

Secretary Ngangan on behalf of the Department of Finance, National Procurement Commission and the Department of Implementation and Rural Development congratulated Sir John Pundari for his new appointment.

He said we are looking forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Secretary Ngangan said there are a lot of new reforms that the Department has taken on board, and with your leadership we will drive these reforms forward.

He further highlighted a few achievements of the Department like the public accounts which the Department made a lot of effort to clean public accounts and the rollout of the Intergrated Financial Management System.

"Today I am glad to inform you that the Department is now producing the reports of the public accounts which is the



Minister for Finance and Rural Development. Sir John Thomas Pundari, KBE, CMG, MP

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# Pundari pledges to support the Dept

mandate of the Department of Finance,” he said. Minister for Finance and Rural Development Sir John Pundari thanked Prime Minister Hon. James Marape for having the trust and confidence in him to appoint him as the Minister for Finance and Rural Development. He also thanked all the hard working officers of the Department for their service to the people of this country. “Your commitment and loyalty in your various capacities to serve your people, I want to say thank you very much,” he said

He said he will give his full political support and the leadership that the agencies need to drive policies and reforms of the Government.

He further stated that he will not interfere with the officers’ profession.

Sir Pundari said that the IFMS is the way forward for transparency, accountability and reducing corruption.

“I want to congratulate government departments, agencies and provinces who are now using IFMS.

We can all work together to see there’s transparency and accountability in public monies,” he said.

Department of Implementation and Rural Development Secretary Aihi Vaki also shared similar sentiments congratulating the new Minister Sir John Pundari.

He said Sir Pundari is a senior politician with a lot of experience that will enable him to provide the guidance and leadership to the agencies under his ministry.

“We will all work as a team to give him our full support to deliver public service to our people,” he said.



An officer welcoming the new Minister for Finance and Rural Development.



(L-R) DIRD Secretary Aihi Vaki, Finance and Rural Development Minister Sir John Pundari and Finance Secretary Dr Ken Ngangan, Department of Works and Implementation Secretary David Werh and senior management under his Ministry.





(L-R) TPA CEO Eric Uvovo holding the Standard Audit Committee Agenda book, Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture Hon. Isi Henry Leonard, TPA Board Chairman Hon. Kennedy Wenge, DoF Deputy Secretary Ms. Margaret Tenakanai and other officers from respective organisations.

The Department of Finance has welcomed PNG Tourism Promotion Authority (TPA) Audit Committee on board that was officially launched on February, 10th, 2021 at the TPA's conference room, Port Moresby.

This now brings the total to 53 Audit Committees that have been established since its inception in 2005.

DoF Deputy Secretary Ms. Margaret Tenakanai who was there to officiate the event thanked the TPA management to have the audit committee established in ensuring good governance and transparency in managing public monies.

"The Department of Finance is mandated under the Public Finance Management Act to strengthen our country's democracy by enabling oversight accountability and transparency in the public sector through financial reporting to build public confidence," she said.

"The audit committee should play an independent oversight advisory role and ultimate decision making for the organisation."

TPA Chief Executive Officer Eric Mossman Uvovo acknowledged the support from the DoF Secretary Dr. Ken Ngangan and management to successfully establish TPA Audit Committee.

He said this was a milestone achievement for TPA.

He further stated that the purpose of the TPA Audit Committee is to provide support and assistance to the CEO and the senior executive management in ensuring TPA has effective internal system process operational team in the organisation.

## Dept welcomes PNG TPA Audit Committee

Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture Hon. Isi Henry Leonard said this audit committee is timely as the government of day upholds good governance.

He said he would also like to see audit committees established in all agencies under his Ministry.

The Department of Finance plans to establish Audit Committees in all government spending agencies. Currently there are 21 National Departments Audit

Committees, 16 Statutory Bodies and 16 provincial governments.

There to officiate the event were, Minister for Tourism Arts and Culture Hon. Isi Henry Leonard, TPA board Chairman Hon. Kennedy Wenge, DoF Deputy Secretary Margaret Tenakanai and senior management, Deputy Auditor General Lemeki Illa, senior management and staff of PNG TPA and the media fraternity.



TPA CEO Eric Uvovo speaking during the launching.



DoF Deputy Secretary Margaret Tenakanai speaking during the launching.





# Dept to focus on on-job training

The Department has re-adjusted its programs on Staff Training and Capacity Development to focus on “On-The-Job-Training” going forward.

The Executive Management has reiterated that this will not affect training program that are on-going until the trainings are successfully completed. However, for new interested participants it will be delayed and supported on a need basis going forward.

The Staff Training and Capacity Development is an integral part of any modern organisation and have been embraced by Secretary Dr. Ken Ngangan.

Throughout its seven years of existence it has supported both DoF staff and other Government Agencies through collaboration and partnership.

Secretary Ngangan stated this program aims to assist staff to up-skill themselves and acquire better qualification to raise their individual profile.

“This program has also been extended to other agencies to have a modern skilled work force as outlined in “Vision 2050.” Secretary Ngangan said the on- the-job-training is crucial to train officers on skill gaps to enable them to better understand and know their job.

“This will enable them to grasp the technique of working smart and deliver outcomes with confidence to ensure smooth flow of services.”

The Department has conducted a Training Need Analysis in 2019 and based on that a database is being created and a Five Year Training plan formulated.

This is supported by the Department Training Policy and all staff will be supported through this managed process purely based on performance and not on a ad hoc basis.

Meanwhile, no individual will be supported for training without prior endorsement from the Training Committee.

Any officer who secures a space at any Training Institution both in-country and abroad without prior endorsement from the Training Committee will not be supported by the Department.



**Above: Officers who graduated last year from the University of Papua New Guinea**

**Below: Secretary Dr Ken Ngangan speaking to officers after their graduation at the Vulupindi Haus.**







## UP COMING EVENTS

### ■ R & R Exercise

■ Recruitment Exercise for Headquarter, Provincial Finance Office and District Finance Office

■ Roadshow for Graduate Development Program

# Condolence Message



## REST IN ETERNAL PEACE Late Clelland Boyd Tukana

*We send our deepest condolence to partner Dora, daughter Jean Clara Tahai, son Jakobi, immediate family members and friends of our dear colleague late Clelland Tukana of his passing. We pray for God's everlasting comfort to be with you all during this time of sorrow, Psalms 23: 3-4*

*Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives.*

*~Anonymous~*

Putting together a complete newsletter is a team work. Therefore officers are urged to consider contributing an article or pictures of any of the projects launching, workshops, conference, trainings or any other useful information that is of news worthy. If you have no time to write a summary, please let the team know so that we can assist on what you want us to include on the next issue. On that note if you have upcoming events please include the team for media coverage. Please see the Communications and Reporting Team at OSD .....