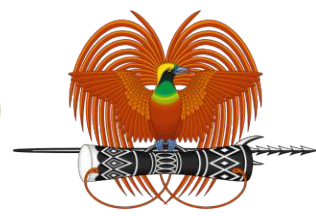




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Call for Expression of Interest for members of the Pacific Judiciary

International Judicial Conference on Integrity and Judicial Well-being

*From Principles to Action: Advancing Judicial Well-being as the Foundation for Integrity,
Resilience, and Public Trust*

**Papua New Guinea – Port Moresby –
20-22 August 2025**

UNODC and the Judiciary of Papua New Guinea, are inviting expressions of interest from judges and magistrates based in the Pacific for participation in International Conference on Judicial Integrity and Judicial Well-being, to be held from 20 to 22 August 2025 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Expression of interests are sought for interested judges from the Pacific to attend the conference. The Expression of interests are to be lodged by 18 June and it should include:

- **Professional Background:**

Provide a concise outline of your professional background, including your current position, years of service in the judiciary, and any relevant experiences or qualifications related to the themes of the conference. This outline should not exceed 200 words.

- **Theme selection and justification:**

Choose one of the central themes of the conference:

- Interplay between judicial integrity and well-being of judges
- Psychological aspects of Judicial Well-Being, judicial bullying and harassment
- Judicial leadership and well-being
- Technology and Judicial Well-Being

In selecting a theme, you are kindly invited to write a short essay explaining why this theme is of particular importance to your practice, your country, your region, and the judiciary at large. The essay should meet the following criteria:

1. **Relevance to your practice and impact on your country:** Describe how the chosen theme directly impacts your work within the judiciary. Discuss any specific challenges or opportunities you have encountered related to this theme and the strategies you have employed or propose to address them. Include any national initiatives, reforms, or discussions that relate to this theme, highlighting the role of the judiciary in these efforts.
2. **Importance to your region:** Consider the broader implications of the theme for the Pacific region. Discuss shared challenges or successful strategies that have been implemented in the region. Highlight the potential for regional cooperation or initiatives that could be fostered through dialogue at the conference.

3. Contribution to the Judiciary: Reflect on the wider implications of the theme for the judiciary as an institution. Discuss how addressing this theme can enhance judicial efficiency, public trust, and the overall effectiveness of the justice system.

4. Recommendations and strategies: propose actionable recommendations or strategies that could be adopted by individuals, judiciaries, or countries in the Pacific region to address the issues related to your chosen theme. Highlight your personal commitment to these issues and how you have or plan to champion change within your sphere of influence.

- Length and formatting:

The essay should be a minimum of 800 words and a maximum of 1200 words, allowing for a thorough exploration of the topic while maintaining conciseness.

Submissions should be formatted in Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, and submitted as a PDF document to ensure accessibility and consistency in the review process.

- Submission process:

Expressions of interest, including the professional background outline and the thematic essay, should be submitted via email at unodc.pacific@un.org by the 18 June 2024.

- Evaluation:

Submissions will be evaluated based on their relevance to the chosen theme, depth of analysis, originality of insights, and the feasibility of proposed recommendations or strategies. Special consideration will be given to essays that demonstrate a clear understanding of regional dynamics and the potential for cross-border collaboration.

Additionally, in the assessment of expressions of interest, a commitment to gender balance will be actively pursued, ensuring diverse perspectives are represented at the conference.

We encourage all interested judges to participate in this unique opportunity to contribute to a vital regional dialogue on enhancing the integrity, efficiency, and well-being of the judiciary. Your insights and experiences are invaluable to fostering a more transparent, accountable, and robust legal system in the Pacific region and beyond.

Background

This conference builds on the outcomes of the Regional Judicial Conference in Nauru (July 2024) and the adoption of the Nauru Declaration on Judicial Well-being, and is part of a broader effort under the Pacific Platform on Anti-Corruption: the Teieniwa Vision, supported by the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence and aligned with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

Conference Theme:

"From Principles to Action: Advancing Judicial Well-being as the Foundation for Integrity, Resilience, and Public Trust"

The conference will provide a platform for judges, judicial leaders, and experts from around the world—particularly the Pacific region—to exchange ideas and best practices related to judicial integrity and well-being. Special attention will be given to the experiences, challenges, and contributions of younger judges, recognizing their vital role in shaping the future of the judiciary.

Why Participate?

This is an opportunity to:

- Engage in meaningful dialogue on the evolving concept of judicial well-being;
- Share experiences and good practices with peers from across the globe;

- Contribute to the global and regional efforts to strengthen integrity within the judiciary;
- Network with judicial professionals and policy makers.

Coverage

If you are selected to attend, funding assistance will be available to cover your participation costs. This includes:

1. Return economy airfares including any domestic connections covered by UNODC;
2. Accommodation in a single-occupancy room covered by Papua New Guinea Judiciary/Center of Judicial Excellence;
3. Meals during the stay in Port-Moresby, Papua New Guinea;
4. Land transportation in Port-Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

This **does not include**:

1. Travel insurance
2. Health insurance
3. Passport renewal or a new application
4. Incidentals

Sincerely yours



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