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# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF UNCAC

## A REGIONAL PACIFIC YOUTH SEMINAR ON YOUTH VISION FOR A CORRUPTION-RESILIENT 2050 BLUE PACIFIC

6 April 2023  
Holiday Inn Suva, Fiji

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### Background

The United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) is a landmark international anti-corruption treaty that was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2003, which in its subsequent twenty years has represented a global response in the stern battle against corruption. In the context of the Pacific region, youths have recognized corruption as the largest hinderance to sustainable development, good governance and peace and security. These prompted the forging of the [Youth Vision for a Corruption Resilient 2050 Blue Pacific](#), which was endorsed by Pacific youths during the Pacific Youth Summit 2022 led by the University of South Pacific Students' Association (USPSA) and supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

### Objectives & Expected Outcomes

To commemorate 20 years of UNCAC's existence and building on the anti-corruption youth movement in the Pacific, USPSA, in continued partnership with UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji with the funding from the Government of the United Kingdom, will host a Regional Youth Anti-Corruption Seminar.

This event aims to bring together Pacific youth leaders and change makers to continue the dialogue and unpack the [Youth Vision for a Corruption-Resilient 2050 Blue Pacific](#). This half-day event is dedicated to these change makers and future leaders to exchange ideas on ways in which the Youth Vision could be taken forward and achieved by 2050. By the conclusion of this event, participants are expected to be fully aware of the seriousness of corruption related issues hindering sustainable development in our blue Pacific across all spheres of development and come up with specific proposals on taking the Youth Vision forward with concrete actions and steps anchored on partnerships and sustained policy dialogue with the [Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific \(CROP\)](#) agencies, including the [Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat \(PIFS\)](#) and the [Pacific Community \(SPC\)](#). The event aims to unite these future leaders who will see through the success of the youth vision and as agents of change who will continue building a safe, secure and peaceful Blue Pacific.

The discussions will inform the work of the Youth Advisory Board on Governance being established by USPSA in partnership with PIFS as well as the upcoming regional Pacific youth anti-corruption conference intended to take the Pacific Youth Anti-Corruption Vision forward together with the regional Pacific leaders, while spotlighting critical issues that need to be prioritized.

The event is supported under the UNDP project, Strengthening Anti-Corruption, Transparency and Accountability in Pacific Islands Countries (Pacific Anti-Corruption Project) funded by the UK Government.

## Participants

Regional youth leaders and change-makers from across the Pacific region.

AGENDA	
TIME	ACTIVITY
8.30 am - 9.00 am	Registration & seating
9.00 am - 9.05 am	Housekeeping and official opening
9.05 am - 9.10 am	Welcome remarks by the USP Vice Chancellor & President Prof. Pal Ahluwalia
9.10 am - 9.15 am	Remarks by the British High Commissioner to Fiji H.E. Brian Jones
9.15 am - 9.30 am	Remarks by the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji Resident Representative a.i. Ms. Dawn Del Rio
9.30 am - 9.45 am	Keynote Address His Excellency Ratu Wiliame Maivalili Katonivere, President of Fiji
9.45 am - 10.00 am	Formal Program closing Remarks and the Pacific Youth Anti-Corruption Vision, President of the USP Students Association (Acting) & Chair of Student Council, Mr. Lepani Naqarase
10.00 am - 10.15 am	MORNING TEA BREAK
10.15 am - 10.30 am	<b>The importance of UNCAC for youth's anti-corruption work in the Pacific and for taking the Pacific Youth Anti-Corruption Vision forward</b>  Ms. Sonja Stefanovska-Trajanoska, UNDP Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser
10.30 am - 12.45 pm	<b>Unpacking of the Youth Vision for a Corruption-Resilient 2050 Blue Pacific and proposal for next steps and priorities for youth involvement and policy actions.</b> <i>Discussion and role play session facilitated by Mr. Aneet Kumar, USPSA and Ms. Sonja Stefanovska-Trajanoska, UNDP</i>  (Each Group is allocated 15 minutes for their presentation and Q&A with the attendees) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Vision Group 1</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 2</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 3</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 4</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 5</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 6</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 7</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 8</li> <li>- Youth Vision Group 9</li> </ul>
12.45 pm – 1.00 pm	Closing remarks and agreement on next steps on the Youth Anti-Corruption Vision Mr Lepani Naqarase, President of the USP Students Association & Chair of the Student Council

*Master of Ceremony and Focal Point: Mr. Aneet Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, USP Students Association*