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## Cook Islands MPs Sign Up to Curb Corruption

**Rarotonga, Cook Islands** – Nearly 75 per cent of parliamentarians from the small Pacific island nation of Cook Islands joined other Oceania legislators in the capital Rarotonga for a workshop on curbing corruption conducted by the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) in the Pacific Islands.

Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna said since signing the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in 2011, Cook Islands “is firmly committed to the development and strengthening of public accountability and oversight.”

GOPAC Oceania Chair John Hyde said the Cook Islands MPs were set to follow parliamentarians from Kiribati and set up their own national chapter of GOPAC.

“This workshop is sharing some excellent insights from parliamentarians from Kiribati, Tonga, the Solomon Islands and Australia,” said Mr Hyde.

Mr Hyde praised the assistance of Tangata Vainerere of the Pacific Legislatures for Population and Governance and the United Nations Development Program’s (UNDP) UN-Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project (UN-PRAC) for supporting the workshop.

“More and more Pacific nations are taking their commitments to the UNCAC seriously and parliamentarians realise they have a vital role to play in its implementation,” said Mr Hyde.

GOPAC is a worldwide alliance of parliamentarians working together to combat corruption, strengthen good government, and uphold the rule of law. Based in Ottawa, Canada, GOPAC has 49 national chapters on 5 continents. GOPAC supports its members’ efforts through original research, global anti-corruption capacity building, and international peer support. Visit GOPAC on the web at [gopacnetwork.org](http://gopacnetwork.org), on Twitter at [twitter.com/GOPAC\\_Eng](https://twitter.com/GOPAC_Eng), and on Facebook at [facebook.com/gopacnetwork](https://facebook.com/gopacnetwork)

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