

Acting Commissioner's IACD Speech

“Corruption Prevention is Everyone’s Duty”

Ladies and Gentlemen, today as we gather to mark International Anti-Corruption Day, we are reminded of a simple truth: corruption prevention is something we must face together. This is a shared responsibility, one that belongs to each of us as officers of the Commission and as members of the public.

This year, the Commission has chosen a measured and disciplined approach, one that reflects our statutory mandate and focuses on delivering genuine value to the people of Fiji. We have avoided ceremonial events and unnecessary spending so that our efforts remain practical, purposeful, and aligned with the work we carry together.

Our morning has been dedicated to strengthening the capacity of this Commission, your institution, through structured training in all departments. This internal programme is not symbolic but deliberate. It ensures that every officer is prepared to serve with discipline, accountability, and integrity. These values are not abstract; they are the standards by which the Commission will be judged, and the standards we should uphold together.

This afternoon, our efforts will extend beyond our office corridors. Small teams will be present across Suva, Nausori, Lautoka, Nadi, and Labasa. Their work today is bringing our office to you:

- a. to meet the people of Fiji,
- b. to share short messages and respond to enquiries, and
- c. to distribute information on corruption, evidence protection, and the complaints process.

There will be no merchandise, no giveaways, and no marches, only meaningful conversations that remind us that the fight against corruption belongs to all of us together.

Today, from 1pm to 3pm, we will have the “Ask FICAC” Hotline to mark the occasion. Teams will be on standby to speak with members of the public, offer guidance, and help clarify what may or may not amount to corrupt conduct. It is designed as a community service, a channel of trust that we will monitor carefully to ensure proper follow-up. Naturally, we will not discuss ongoing investigations or court matters, but the spirit of the hotline is simple: we are in this together.

Every act of prevention, every conversation we hold, every enquiry we answer, and every reminder we give helps to build the foundation of a cleaner and fairer Fiji. And each day that we choose discipline and accountability, we honour our duty to serve you, the people of Fiji, with integrity and purpose.

As we continue this work, let us remember that real change comes step by step, conversation by conversation, and decision by decision. It is in these simple everyday moments, quiet, often unseen, that our nation becomes stronger. And it is by standing together that we protect the trust placed in us.

Thank you, and Happy International Anti-Corruption Day to the Commission and to Fiji and remember “Corruption Prevention is Everyone’s Duty”