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## **FICAC resets direction as Strategic Plan Launched**

The Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) has reset its direction following the launch of its new Strategic Plan 2025 – 2030, Corporate Plan 2025 – 2026 and redesigned its performance framework at the Tanoa Hotel in Suva.

The event was attended by Acting Attorney General and Minister for Justice Honourable Siromi Turaga, the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee Honourable Esrom Immanuel, Supervisor of Elections Ana Mataiciwa, Chinese Ambassador to Fiji H.E Zhou Jian, British High Commissioner to Fiji H.E Kanbar Hossein Bor, Indonesian Ambassador to Fiji H.E Dupito Simamora, Indian High Commission in Fiji Second Secretary Pradeep Menon, Daniel Muffley from the US Embassy in Fiji, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's Dan Zafrir, Consultant Rachel Olutimayin and FICAC officers.

Acting Commissioner Ms. Lavi Rokoika says the new framework is clear, focused and measurable, aimed at clearing backlogs, sustaining convictions, recovering assets, strengthening integrity and rebuilding the trust of the public.

"15 weeks ago, on 29 May 2025, I took on this role as Acting Commissioner of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption under an executive letter from His Excellency, the President of Fiji," she said.

"It has been a short time, but in that time, I have seen how vital this institution is to our country. I have seen the dedication of our staff and the expectations of the people of Fiji for an institution that truly delivers justice and protects public money."

According to the Acting Commissioner, the previous Strategic Plan covering 2024 to 2030 and its Corporate Plan listed 133 fragmented measures focused on activity, — meetings held, and reports produced—rather than on impact: reducing corruption, delivering timely justice, recovering stolen funds, and restoring public trust in government.

"That was not good enough, so we scrapped it."

Ms. Rokoika says the new Strategic Plan, which is built on 25 clear goals, and the entire reset is anchored on the Commission's renewed Foundational Statement.



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“One of the biggest changes we are making is to focus on intelligence-led work.”

“In the past, corruption cases often started only when someone made a complaint. But corruption today is more complex. It crosses borders. It hides in trade, in money flows, and in networks that move beyond one country.”

The Acting Commissioner says this is why FICAC must stay ahead of it, utilise intelligence, information and cooperation – working closely with institutions here in Fiji and its partners abroad.

Acting Attorney-General Turaga acknowledged FICAC for demonstrating to all of Fiji that it can deliver in terms of annual reports and strategic planning.

“Thank you, Acting Commissioner, for your view and what was prepared, practical, more realistic and something that can be more achievable and measured, which is something that this government is committed to,” he said.

Supervisor of Elections Ana Mataciwa acknowledged the Commission’s invitation and commended FICAC’s bold commitment to drive meaningful change.

“We are encouraged to see that FICAC has chosen to transform and not to conform to the previous standards, especially as we gear up for the upcoming General Elections in 2026 or 2027,” she said.

Honourable Immanuel says the Commission plays a vital role in ensuring that public funds are not abused and used to the maximum effect and the new Strategic Plan is a step in the right direction.

“I am sure that through this new Strategic Plan, we will see a lot more from FICAC in terms of delivering its mandate,” he said.

H.E Chinese Ambassador Jian says the new direction set by FICAC is a testament to the dedication of its staff in ridding the country of corruption and promoting a culture of integrity.

“We appreciate the stand taken by FICAC and we are honoured to part of this occasion. Such endeavours are critical to addressing national and trans-national crimes, not only in Fiji the Pacific region as a whole,” he said.

Indonesian High Commissioner Simamora says the newly launched Strategic Plan demonstrates FICAC’s seriousness in confronting corruption head-on.

“It is a forward-looking blueprint that will promote public confidence in the institution,” he said.



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British High Commission, H.E Bor commended FICAC's implementation of the Strategic Plan.

“Anti-corruption is not just a legal duty, but a moral one also. Corruption also undermines climate resilience and regional security. So it is encouraging to see Fiji continue to be a regional role model in terms of tackling corruption, and the UK stands shoulder to shoulder in tackling corruption globally,” he said.

Ms. Rokoika also acknowledged the Commission's staff, who have carried a heavy load during difficult times, especially with the change in leadership, but their commitment kept the institution moving forward.

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