



SUCCESS STORIES AND INNOVATIONS OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA INVESTMENT PROMOTION AUTHORITY

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Introduction



The presentation is aimed to provide a snap shot of what the IPA has done to help improve the Ease of Doing Business, and give an update on some legislative and administrative reforms undertaken to further enhance organisational systems and processes and including improving its Staff welfare.



OUR VISION



‘Our Vision is to be the lead Government agency which provides proactive and timely customer service to all potential, new and existing investors with all services delivered in a transparent and efficient manner’



OUR MISSION



‘We will provide effective and efficient services to both local and foreign investors, and actively encourage downstream processing and export promotion within a robust regulatory service environment that is transparent and sustainable’



OUR VALUES



i. HONESTY & RESPECT

ii. TRANSPARENCY

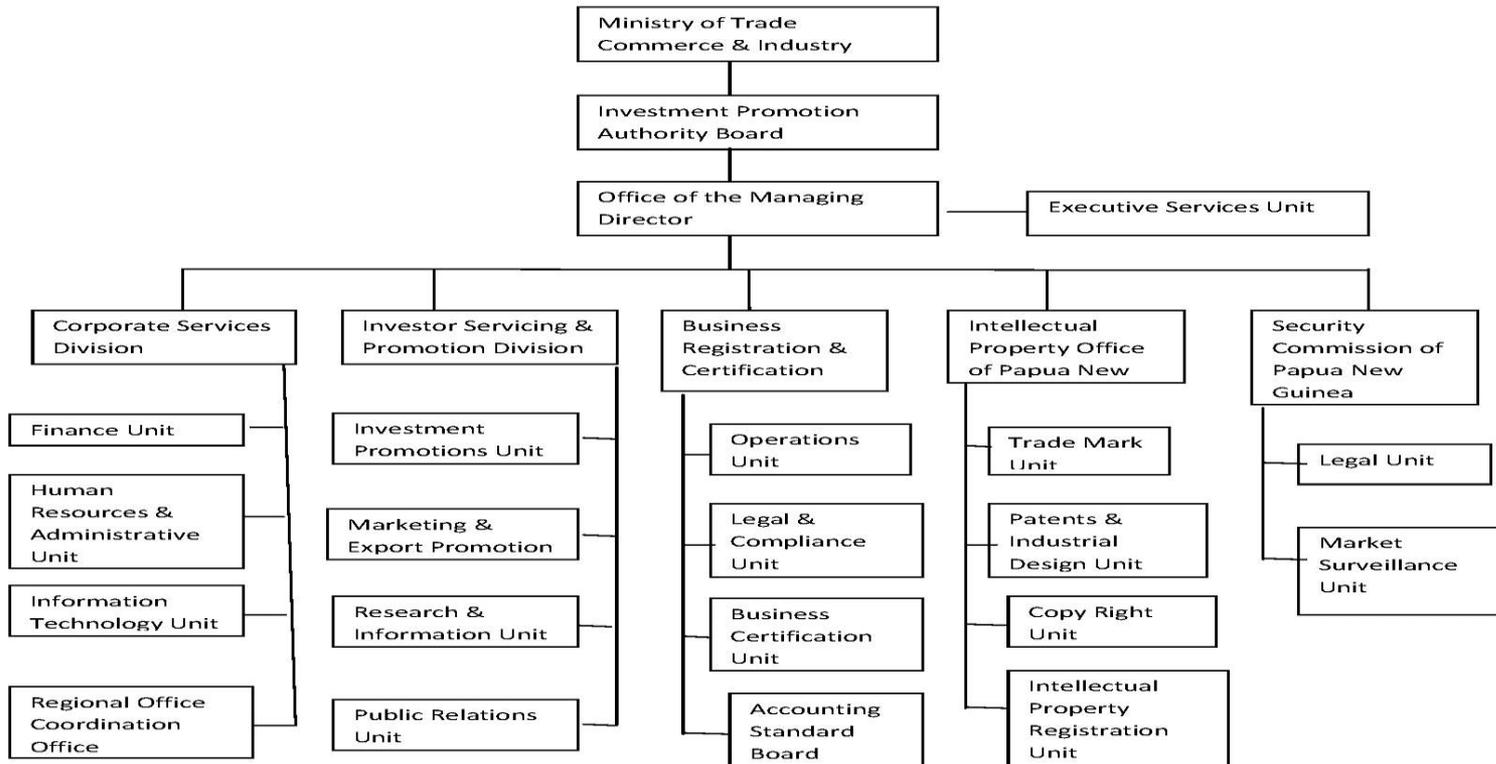
**iii. HIGH MORAL VALUES AND
ETHICAL STANDARDS**

iv. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

v. PROFESSIONALISM



INVESTMENT PROMOTION AUTHORITY ORGANIZATION CHART



Doing Business Report

- *Doing Business* is a World Bank Group flagship report that sheds light on how easy or difficult it is for an entrepreneur to open and run a business and comply with relevant regulations. It measures and tracks changes in regulations affecting eleven (11) areas in the life cycle of a business: *starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, resolving insolvency and labor market regulation.*
- PNG's ranking is benchmarked internationally against 189 countries. In 2013, PNG ranked 108 out of 189 countries and fell to 113 in 2014. In 2015, PNG ranked 128 and fell to 145 in 2016.
- However, **PNG improved markedly from 145 in 2016 to 119 in 2017** due to some reforms being undertaken in areas of starting a business and getting credit amongst others.
- Areas that need more attention and reform to contribute to our increased ranking are; *Trading Across Borders, Dealing with Construction Permit, Resolving Insolvency and Enforcing Contracts according to the 2017 Doing Business Report*



Streamlining of Legislation and Registration Process



- **IPA is working hard for Papua New Guinea to streamline its legislation and achieve efficiency in processing through information technology.**
- **The development and launching of the PNG Investment Promotion Authority's Online Lodgement System, now provides online registration and secure transactions registries. The project has streamlined and cut down costly and cumbersome procedures and makes business registration easier.**
- **In our endeavour to undertake major reforms to streamline regulatory requirements, the IPA together with the Internal Revenue Commission (the tax office) and PNG Customs Service signed an MOU where it allows for the IPA to act as the central point of registry for registration while the Internal Revenue Commission and the PNG Customs Service would enforce compliance.**



Streamlining of Systems and Processes



- IPA and IRC are now in the process of having the IRC TIN registration office to be located within the IPA Office soon.
- To receive/process TIN applications soon after IPA registration is lodged.
- The next step under this arrangement is for both the IPA and IRC registration systems to be harmonised and interface with each other.

Regulatory Reforms

- Papua New Guinea is working hard to streamline legislation and achieve efficiency in processing business registration application through information technology.
- The **Companies (Amendment) Act 2014** and **Business Name (Amendment) Act 2014** have been amended to suit the changes for Online Lodgement and reporting requirements and other related changes.
- The **Personal Property Security Act**, was passed by the PNG Parliament in 2011 and the Personal Property Security Regulations was drafted in 2015.
- The **Personal Property Security Act Online Registry** was launched on 19 January 2016.
- **Legislative Framework for Regulation of Capital Markets** in PNG (Securities Commission of PNG) consists of:
 - **Securities Commission Act 2015**
 - **Capital Markets Act 2015**
 - **Central Depository Act 2015**

Proposed IPA-ADB MOU

- IPA MOU with ADB - The Parties envisage a broad program of technical assistance that covers both operational, policy, and legislative technical assistance.
- National Investment Policy 1,2 & 3 – late 90s
- In the process of reviewing the NIP 1,2 & 3 to come up with new National Investment Policy Framework



IPA Staff Welfare Scheme, Training Policy and Housing Scheme



- IPA adopted a Training Policy in 2007 and revised its Staff Welfare Scheme in 2009 and more recently, launched its Housing Scheme in February 2017.
- Since its launching, 2 staff have benefited from the IPA Housing Scheme
- These schemes/policy are aimed at providing assistance for staff welfare including owning a house and building capacity of staff.
- Ultimately, these schemes/policy will address the issue of retaining staff by the organization and provide a win-win situation for both the organization and its staff. Staff training, welfare and housing needs will be met through these schemes while at the same time the organization will gain by retaining its key staff.
- Going forward, the IPA plans on providing assistance for its staff medicare.

CONCLUSION

- IPA continues to strive for PNG to remain as part of the coveted global club of 'High Growth' Economies.
- Building a private sector conducive environment for investment in a efficient regulatory manner.
- **Ultimately, these schemes/policy will address the issue of retaining staff by the organization and provide a win-win situation for both the organization and its staff**
- To have better skilled workers through Staff Training Policy that provides accessibility to quality and affordable education.
- To assist staff to own their own homes.
- To Better and increased accessibility to better health care for IPA staff.
- For more information, please visit our website www.ipa.gov.pg .