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## **PNGOC to deliver its first Gender Equity and Inclusivity Workshop in July**

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) will have its first Gender Equity and Inclusivity Workshop for the year from the 10-11<sup>th</sup> of July at the Pacific Institute of Leadership & Governance Precinct, in Port Moresby.

The gender equity and inclusivity program is part of the organisation's social and corporate obligation to raise awareness and dialogue on current cross cutting socio-economic issues, affecting our communities.

PNGOC Board member and Chair of the Gender Equity Committee Iammo Launa, OBE, when announcing this emphasized the timely need for such workshops which discuss the tough issues that need to be talked about.

Launa said there was a need to openly discuss such issues particularly, the topic to "End Abuse & Violence Against Women and Girls.

"Not a week goes by without the media writing about this evil which needs to be addressed at all levels of community. PNGOC, through the various levels of engagements in sports and sporting organisations, addresses this as a critical and crucial matter".

"This workshop is our effort to bring this out into the open where each participant will be responsible for creating an Action Plan they will take back to their organization to share and implement. It is a collaborative effort. Gender Based Violence is an evil and must be everyone's responsibility."

A total of 44 participants from among the 40 National Federations (NFs) and partner stakeholders from the Government and development sector have confirmed to attend the workshop.

The confirmed representatives from among the National Federations include Squash, Powerlifting, Badminton, Boxing, Volleyball, Softball & Baseball Confederation, Wushu, Paralympics and Tennis.

Other organizations that have also confirmed attendance includes Bavaroko Community School, Red Cross PNG and the Department of Community Development and Diverse Care.

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