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### **PNGOC Hosts Olympic Solidarity Workshop**

Port Moresby – The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) successfully hosted its Olympic Solidarity Workshop on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Grand Papua Hotel, downtown. The workshop, which took place from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM, immediately followed the PNGOC Special General Meeting and brought together representatives from all Olympic Sports that are members to the PNGOC.

Olympic Solidarity supports National Olympic Committees in the world through assistance for the National Olympic Committee and athlete development programs. These development programs include, athlete and sports development values, capacity building, and administration.

The workshop provided vital information on the 2025-2028 quadrennial allocations, ensuring that National Federations gained a clear understanding of the Olympic Solidarity programs and the requirements necessary to access funding. With preparations underway for the Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games, the event served as an important strategic forum for national sports administrators to align their objectives with Olympic standards and opportunities.

Participants engaged in discussions on global and continental Olympic Solidarity initiatives, exploring various support mechanisms available to enhance athlete development and sports administration. The sessions covered eligibility criteria, application processes, and reporting obligations, equipping National Federations with the knowledge needed to maximize funding opportunities. The workshop also emphasized long-term planning and goal setting, ensuring that Team PNG remained on track for future Olympic success.

Mrs. Emma Waiwai, OL, President of PNGOC, highlighted the significance of the workshop, stating, *"The Olympic Solidarity programs provide instrumental support to our National Federations, ensuring that our athletes and sports administrators have access to the resources they need to compete at the highest level. This workshop is a critical step in strengthening our pathways to the Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. I commend all National Federations for their engagement, as the knowledge and insights gained will play a significant role in shaping the future for Papua New Guinea's sporting success."*

The workshop featured presentations on Olympic preparation strategies, funding distribution, and best practices for strengthening national sports programs. Attendees actively participated in a Q&A session, followed by closing remarks and a photo session to mark the occasion.

As Papua New Guinea continues its journey toward international sporting excellence, the PNGOC acknowledges the support from Olympic Solidarity, and remains committed to supporting National Federations by providing the necessary tools and resources. The insights gained from this workshop will play a crucial role in shaping the country's sports development strategy for the coming years.

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## About the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee

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The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. To find out more visit our website [www.pngolympic.org.pg](http://www.pngolympic.org.pg)

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