

ONPA represented at the Anti-Corruption Workshop and Training for Investigators and Prosecutors



Our team from the Compliance and Investigation Division (CID) recently attended the Anti-Corruption Workshop and Training that was conducted by Marie P. Cauchois and Sophia Pretrick from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The two-part training was held at the Riverside Hotel in Kolonia, Pohnpei from February 26 to March 1, 2024. Law enforcement representatives from all four States and the National Government attended the workshop and training. Leading the FSM contingent of law enforcers was the FSM Department of Justice. UNODC conducts this training and workshop every five years.

The focus of the first two days were presentations and discussions on the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) framework and recommendations; and the FSM Anti-Corruption Strategy, setting the stage for continuing discussion of goals and objectives set forth by previous workshop members. One of the more important points of discussion led to the need to formalize a working group to coordinate efforts and initiatives set forth by the as-to-yet formalized FSM anti-corruption committee.

The second part of the 4-day workshop and training was on fraud investigation, where experiences and knowledge were shared by the facilitators and the attendants. Given the number of years of experiences in the investigation and prosecution field present at the training, the presentations and exercises were lively and exciting. On the last day of the training participants were presented with a certificate of attendance.

We would like to acknowledge the FSM Department of Justice for extending the invitation to our office and to the UNODC for the workshop and training opportunity.