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### IFES Workshop on Campaign Finance Program



**Photo Caption: Chargé d'Affaires Bryan Hunt, assisted by an Embassy staff member, presents certificates to the participants of “Campaign Finance Best Practices Workshop” organized by International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on Thursday, March 15 at the Lamana Hotel, Port Moresby.**

The workshop provided an opportunity for senior representatives from different stakeholders (regulatory agencies, civil society, academia and media) to learn about international best practices in campaign finance regulations and monitoring. The workshop encouraged the participants to further explore how each of their respective organizations could play a role in increasing transparency and accountability of political parties and candidates both during the upcoming elections in PNG and beyond.

International and local campaign finance experts presented during the morning plenary session, while participants actively engaged in workshops during the afternoon to explore related topics on gender, civil society monitoring and raising public awareness.

IFES is an international, nonprofit organization that supports the building of democratic societies. IFES provides targeted technical assistance to strengthen transitional democracies. Founded in 1987 as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, IFES has

developed and implemented comprehensive, collaborative democracy solutions in more than 120 countries.

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