

PNGAAA 2022 Elections

NCD Chapter President

Candidates Profiles

ADRIAN WINNIE



Adrian Winnie has a Bachelor of International Development Studies from the Australian Catholic University, Sydney, Australia. This is in addition to his Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Urology) (Honors) from the University of Newcastle, NSW and a Bachelor of Special Education from the Divine Word University, Madang. He is currently preparing to undertake his master's in research Methodology (DWU) and later complete a Master of Philosophy in Economics (University of Technology, Lae).

He is currently the Senior Policy Development Coordinator for the Office of the Development of Women, an Office under the Department for Community Development and Religion. He has more than 20 years' experience working in the NGO (Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities - National Unit) of which seven years were with the Public Service. He has served in various Senior Management and Executive levels throughout his career.

The Department Adrian serves under is responsible for the policy and program development, administration and coordination of legislations, policies and strategies which address the needs and concerns of the most vulnerable and marginalised in society including children, women, persons with disability and the elderly. His current role sees him providing high level technical policy advice and support to the Government of Papua New Guinea and Development Partners on issues of the Women and Girls, and Disability Inclusive Development.

Adrian is of mix parentage. He spent his formative years in Mt Hagen, Goroka and Lae. This has had a profound influence on his personal and professional outlook on life as a Papua New Guinean. He is a strong advocate for promoting life-giving values of the PNG Ways and its intrinsic nuances in nation building and leveraging PNG's place in the world. He was the inaugural Executive Officer to the Secretariat of the National Advisory Committee on Disability. He then became the Executive Officer to then

Secretary Ms Anna Bais. He has had various Executive roles in several interdepartmental bodies.

He aspires to be a research specialist in Indigenous Alternative Development when he exits the policy development space. When he is not working, Adrian pursues his passion for volunteering and assisting individuals, and small grassroots organisations to achieve their goals and visions. He is a firm believer in active community engagement and mobilisation as a strategy to address social justice.

His intention to run for the PNGAAA NCD Chapter President position is to continue the good work others have done so far. He believes that with his extensive experience and network he would like to raise the bar of the NCD Chapter. He wants to lead alongside other Executive and members of the NCD Chapter. He hopes to make the Chapter practical, grounded and relevant to its vision, values and most importantly its members. By co-creating an effective Chapter's Strategic Plan, the Chapter will harness our individual and collective strengths. This will continue to move the Chapter forward and be attractive to current and future members.

ELIZABETH TANDOA



Elizabeth Tandoa graduated from Queensland University of Technology in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in film, Television and Media Production. She is currently undertaking a Short Course on Disability Inclusion under the Australia Awards Scholarship.

She is a teacher by profession and an artist in the creative industry. Elizabeth won the South Pacific Female Artist of the Year Award in 2009 for her hit song 'NIPA PARE' and choreographed and the opening dance (consisted of 300 dancers) at the 2009 PNG Games.

Elizabeth has chaired several fundraising groups including the Gerehu Secondary School staff housing and the Hela & Southern Highlands disaster appeal committees. She was instrumental in collaborating with NCD Governor Honourable Powes Parkop MP to raise funds to assist the two provinces respectively for the disaster appeal.

Elizabeth is contesting the NCD Chapter President position as she is a leader with passion and vision and wants to lead the NCD Chapter as the biggest PNGAAA Chapter to become one of the best performing. As a creative person, she aims to contribute creative and innovative ideas that will encourage alumni to collaboratively to not only contribute at the chapter level but the national level as well. She is a strong advocate for inclusiveness and encourages NCD Chapter members and other alumni to promote and advocate inclusiveness in all walks.

Elizabeth says being a creative professional with vast experience, she will bring to the chapter her creative skills, talents and expertise to lead. She was an Executive Committee Member of NCD Chapter from 2019 to 2022 and has committed faithfully her service as a member. Therefore, she is confident that she will do my best as President.