Day one – Thursday 3 November 2016

Venue: Main Lecture Theatre (MLT), UPNG

8.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

9.00am  Opening Session  Master of Ceremony: Prof. Stephen Howes

Welcome address
Prof. Albert Mellam, Vice Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea

Inaugural address
His Excellency Bruce Davis, Australian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea

Opening address
The Hon Charles Abel, Minister for National Planning

10.30am  Morning tea

11.05am  Keynote addresses  Master of Ceremony: Prof. Lekshmi N. Pillai

Keynote address 1 – Women in leadership
Prof. Betty Lovai

Keynote address 2 - Superannuation fund in PNG: past, present and future
Garry Tunstall, CEO Numbawan Super Fund

Keynote address 3 – Public sector financial management reforms in PNG
Dr Ken Ngangan, Secretary of the Department of Finance

12.30pm  Lunch
1.30pm **Parallel Session 1a – Macroeconomic issues**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

- Yurendra Basnett (ADB Country Economist)  
- Nathan Wingti (Kina Bank)  
- Rohan Fox and Marcel Schröder (ANU)  
- Stephen Howes (ANU)  

*Chair: Dr Manoj Pandey*

- PNG's macroeconomic outlook  
- Financial markets and macroeconomic drivers of the PNG economy  
- After Papua New Guinea's resource boom: Is the Kina overvalued?  
- PNG’s resource boom: a fiscal retrospective

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1.30pm **Parallel Session 1b – Education**  
*Arts Lecture Theatre (ALT)*

- Kilala Devette-Chee (NRI)  
- Anthony Swan and Grant Walton (ANU)  
- H. Narayana, A. Prabhakar, S. Venumadhav (UPNG)  
- Paul Kaita (Bank of PNG)  

*Chair: Mr Ponnusamy Manohar*

- Attitudes towards the use of *Tok Pisin* and vernacular languages in bilingual education programs in Papua New Guinea  
- Improving quality education in a world obsessed with student numbers: evidence from Papua New Guinea  
- Distance education and human resource development in Papua New Guinea  
- Economics of development: a case study of education of the Pilitu people of Goilala

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1.30pm **Parallel Session 1c – Sustainability and development**  
*Science Lecture Theatre (SLT)*

- Misty Baloiloi (Env. Science and Geography, UPNG)  
- Chalapan Kaluwin (ESG, UPNG)  
- David Mowbray (ESG, UPNG)  
- Pochon Lili, Stephen Oli, Olive Vakaloloma Baloiloi and Richard McKellar, (ESG, UPNG)  
- Mr Walhos Palisa (ESG, UPNG)  

*Chair: Prof Peter Petsul*

- StaRs – Papua New Guinea’s National Strategy for Responsible Sustainable development  
- Unfolding PNG sustainable development through 164 ILGs in forestry area, April Salumei in East Sepik Province – case study  
- The history of sustainable development in Papua New Guinea: changes, challenges and lessons learned from 1975 to 2016 and beyond  
- The role of conflict management skills in sustainable development in PNG  
- Relating the concepts of sustainable development to the extraction of non-renewable resources for development purposes in Papua New Guinea

3.00pm **Afternoon tea**

3.30pm **Parallel Session 2a – Urban spaces**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

- Hennah Steven (PAU)  
- Michelle Rooney (ANU)  
- Johnson Ahupa (University of Goroka)  
- Busa Wenogo (CIMCPNG)  

*Chair: Mr Allan Bird*

- Urban life, internal migration and development: The need to readdress internal migration as a positive nexus for growth and development in PNG  
- Forms of family housing strategies in the city: considerations for public policy  
- Child labour, a hallmark of urban poverty: labouring children living in Goroka  
- “Voice Mechanism” concepts for the informal economy participants
Parallel Session 2b – Public-private partnership in health
Arts Lecture Theatre (ALT)

Chair: Prof. Nakapi Tefuarani

Emma Field, Runk, Louis Samiak, Dominica Abo, Mafu Vila, Sally Nathan, Alex Rosewell and Georgina Dove (Abt)
Graeme Hill, Veitania Lepani and Georgina Dove (Abt)
Ingrid Glastonbury (Oilsearch Foundation)

A model for improving health service delivery in Papua New Guinea: the experience from the CMCA Middle and South Fly Health Program
District hospital strengthening through a public-private partnership in North Fly District, Western Province
Hela Provincial Hospital: an innovative model of a public-private partnership

Parallel Session 2c – Development strategies
Science Lecture Theatre (SLT)

Chair: Dr Lawrence Sause

Kia-Henry Nema (National Planning and Monitoring)
Subba Rao, Albert Mellam, P. Manohar, Ani Rova (UPNG)
Christopher Edmonds (ADB)
Colin Wiltshire (ANU)

PNG’s MDG experience: lessons learnt for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Paradox of ‘Resource Boom’ in PNG: strategies for development based on the experiences of other countries
Trust funds in the Pacific: update on operations and performance
Political economy drivers of decentralisation in PNG: comparative case studies from three DDAs

5.00pm Close

Day two – Friday 4 November 2016

8.30am Registration and arrival tea and coffee

9.00am Plenary Session: ANU-UPNG Research Showcase
Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)

Chair: Dr Albert Prabhakar

PNG Economic Survey 2015-16
Manoj Pandey, Nelson Nema, Rohan Fox, Stephen Howes (ANU-UPNG)

Unintended consequences of PNG’s tuition-free education policy
Grant Walton, Peter Kanaparo, Tara Davda (ANU-UPNG)

10.30am Morning tea
11.00am **Plenary Session: Impact of 2015-16 drought and frosts**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

- Mike Bourke (ANU)  
- James Komengi (Uniting Church) and Brendan Jinks (ANU)  
- Blossum Gilmore (CARE PNG)  
- Gerard Ng (UNDP)  
- Matthew Kanua (Independent Consultant)

*Chair: Ms Megan Taureka-Andrew*

- Impacts of the 2015-16 drought and frosts: an overview  
- The impact of the 2015-16 El Niño on high altitude places in Hela and Enga provinces  
- Changing Gender Norms in Emergencies: A Livelihoods Case Study  
- The International System in Papua New Guinea’s El Niño Response  
- Lessons from the 2015-16 drought to improve future disaster management

12.30pm **Lunch**

1.30pm **Parallel Session 3a – Gender**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

- Pes Wilson (DWU)  
- Lalen Simeon, Hennah Steven (PAU)  
- Imelda Ambelye (Unitech/JCU)

*Chair: Prof. Betty Lovai*

- Significance of addressing violence against girls in schools and its impacts on the implementation of Universal Basic Education Policy in PNG  
- Are gender based violence victims afraid or ashamed to get assistance?  
- PNG formal education system disempowers young women and promotes inequality in villages

**Parallel Session 3b – Private sector development (1)**  
*Arts Lecture Theatre (ALT)*

- Christopher Edmonds (ADB)  
- Phil Caldwell (Oil Search Power Holdings)  
- Michael Kabuni (SBPP, UPNG)  
- Reeves Papaol (PAU)

*Chair: Prof. D Harinarayana*

- Evolving trade and other economic linkages between the Pacific and Asia - focus on implications for the PNG economy  
- Oil Search strategy to support the PNG Government’s domestic power sector objectives  
- The Limitations of the PNG-EU interim Economic Partnership  
- Peering and content delivery to reduce internet transport cost drivers for PNG

**Parallel Session 3c – Roads and infrastructure**  
*Science Lecture Theatre (SLT)*

- Matthew Dornan (ANU); Ronald Sofe, Chris Banga and Carmen Voigt-Graf (NRI)  
- MP Pradhan (ADB)  
- Albert Tobe (DWU)

*Dr. Solomon Awili*

- Provincial road management in Papua New Guinea  
- Impact of road upgrading and maintenance on household welfare in PNG  
- Poor project performance impedes development in PNG: a comparative analysis of 3 case studies

3.00pm **Afternoon tea**
3:30pm  **Parallel Session 4a – Local impact**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

- Phillipa Jenkins (ANU)  
- Charles Roche (Murdoch University)  
- Elai Soutai (student, UPNG)  
- Vanessa Uiari (DWU/ECU)

*Chair: Prof. Chalapan Kaluwin*

- Sustaining community through the FIFO transition at Ok Tedi mine: development, maintenance, and staged closure in the North Fly  
- Poverty, wealth and mining: development on the Watut River  
- Oil palm and the politics of rural development in East Sepik Province  
- Understanding the lives of the local people along the Kokoda trail: preliminary observations of livelihood and development activity

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**Parallel Session 4b – Health and education**  
*Arts Lecture Theatre (ALT)*

- Ellen Kulumbu (ANU)  
- Anna Joskin (SBPP, UPNG)  
- Thomas Wangi (NRI)

*Chair: Dr Grant Walton*

- Women and health in Papua New Guinea: determinants influencing demand and delivery of health care services  
- Examining the role of holistic education as a tool for human resource development for Papua New Guinea  
- Social Protection Index 2012 - PNG

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**Parallel Session 4c – Private sector development (2)**  
*Science Lecture Theatre (SLT)*

- Carmen Voigt-Graf (ANU-NRI)  
- Grace Guaigu and Imelda Atu (SBPP UPNG)  
- Clement Malau (DWU)  
- Joyce Jazmin Rayel, P. Manohar, Imelda Atu, Ronald Raka (SBPP UPNG)

*Chair: Mr Sam Kaipu*

- The impact of the LNG project on employment and skills development  
- Eco-tourism as a tool for environmental, cultural and economic sustainability for PNG  
- Valuing biodiversity – a strategy for social equity in Papua New Guinea  
- Gambling tourism in PNG - a grace or a curse? Implications of the proposed casino hotel as perceived by the community

4.50pm  **Closing Session**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

*MC: Dr Michael Cookson*

**Concluding remarks**

- Prof. Lekshmi Pillai, Dean SBPP, UPNG  
- Prof. Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

7.00pm  **Conference Dinner: Drill Hall, UPNG**  
(For presenters and organising committee/staff – by invitation only)