2018 APEC Study Centre’s Consortium Conference - Call for Papers

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The 2018 APEC Study Centre Consortium Conference (ASCCC) is to be held from 14-15 May 2018 at the Laguna Hotel in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG). It will be research-focused, support the overall objectives of APEC 2018 hosted by PNG, and will be an exciting opportunity to inform and influence public policy for APEC economies.

The overall APEC 2018 theme is *Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future*, with three priorities:

- Improving connectivity, and deepening regional economic integration.
- Promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.
- Strengthening economic growth through structural reform.

The ASCC Conference will closely align with these priorities and focus on presenting evidence-based research, policy and best practice to inform and present practical steps for policy makers.

The PNG APEC Study Centre (PNG ASC) is calling for expressions of interest to present high-quality research, policy and best practice papers. Each presenter will be invited to speak for a maximum of 20 minutes, followed by a group Q&A at the end of each session.

All submissions should be made through the [NRI website portal](http://www.nri.org.pg), and must include an abstract of no more than 500 words (which should describe any potential impact on public policy) and a short bio of the presenter (no more than 150 words). **The deadline for abstracts is 23 March 2018.** Potential presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission on 30 March, and will then be required to provide any relevant paper, accompanying powerpoint presentation, and a photo of themselves to be used in the conference program.

Abstracts will be screened by a panel of experts to ensure that high-quality papers which align with the Conference theme and topics are delivered.

For further information please contact [Martin Aspin](mailto:martin.aspin@nri.org.pg).

Please note that Devpolicy is not involved in this conference and all queries should be directed to the PNG APEC Study Centre at the [PNG National Research Institute](http://www.nri.org.pg).