

## 2014 PNG Update

**Wednesday 11 June, Thursday 12 June and Friday 13 June 2014**

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**Main Lecture Theatre**, The University of Papua New Guinea, Waigani Campus

### Day One – Wednesday 11 June 2014

6pm            *Pre-conference cocktail drinks (invitation only)*

### Day Two – Thursday 12 June 2014

8am            *Registration*

9.00am        **Welcome, inauguration and keynote address**

**Welcome: Professor Albert Mellam, Vice Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea**

**Inauguration: Her Excellency Deborah Stokes, Australian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea (TBC)**

Keynote address:  
The Hon Mr Peter O'Neil, *Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea (TBC)*

10.30am      *Morning tea*

11.00am      **PNG economic perspectives: part I**

*Mr Loi M. Bakani, Governor of the Bank of Papua New Guinea (TBC)*

*Professor John Gibson, Waikato University*

*Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

12.30pm      *Lunch*

1.30pm **PNG economic perspectives: part II**

*Ivan Pomalu, Acting Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority, PNG*

*Aaron Batten, Country Economist, Papua New Guinea Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank*

*Peter Graham, Managing Director, Exxon Mobil, PNG*

Fiscal policy in PNG

*Yongzheng Yang, Resident Representative, Office in the Pacific Islands, International Monetary Fund*

3.00pm *Afternoon tea*

3.30pm **From resource boom to development: the role of the public sector**

Changes in service delivery over the last decade

*Andrew Anton Mako, Research Fellow, National Research Institute; Anthony Swan, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

Trends and changes of National Government budget expenditures in PNG: has 'economic development' also been taking place?

*Gomi J Gipe, Applied Economics, Department of Business Studies, PNG University of Technology*

Public sector pay scales: are PNG academics underpaid?

*Thomas Wangi\*, Lecturer in Economics, University of Papua New Guinea; Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU.*

Capacity building through development cooperation strategy: an analysis of electoral partnership between the PNG electoral commission and the electoral support program phase 2 (2006-2010)  
*John Watmelik, Senior Research Officer, University of Papua New Guinea*

5.00 pm **Close**

6.30pm *Conference dinner (invitation only)*

## Day Three – Friday 13 June 2014

8.30am      *Registration*

9.00am      **Overcoming Dutch Disease: agriculture, land, and tourism**

A systematic bottom-up model is needed to revive the cocoa industry  
*Robert Atsi, Freelance Consultant, RAFM Consultants*

Understanding coconut developments and its socio-economic impact on the people of Tong Island in the Manus Province, Papua New Guinea

*Allan Wahwah\*, Aldam Bande & Eric Leng*

Unfolding tourism economic contributions as catalyst in sustainable development in the "land of unexpected"

*Dr Joyce Rayel\*, Lecturer, University of Papua New Guinea; Mrs. Evelyn Kua, Financial Evaluation Division, Department of Treasury, PNG; Ms. Imelda Atu, Tourism and Hospitality Management Division, School of Business Administration, University of Papua New Guinea*

Facilitating broad economic development – tourism

*Angi Alphonse Hayabe, Lecturer, The University of Papua New Guinea*

Facilitating broad economic development: issues affecting Incorporated Land Groups (ILGs) and their sustainability in PNG (case study of Morobe province)

*Mr Lepani Karigawa, PNGIVLA and Mr Suman Holis, Lecturer, Property Studies Program, PNG University of Technology*

10.30am      *Morning tea*

11.00 am      **SMEs and international competitiveness**

Challenges facing growth of SMEs in PNG: a case study on resource owned landowner companies in the Ramu Nickel Project area

*Brodney Kambjak Seip, Senior Business Development Officer, Ramu NiCo Management (MCC) Ltd*

The value of PNG merchandise exports: is it real growth?

*Professor Pulapa Subba Rao; Professor Albert Mellam, Vice-Chancellor; Dr Joyce Rayel, Lecturer; Mrs Benedictta Mellam, Mr Peter Tulapi, and Mr Raymond John,\* University of Papua New Guinea*

Facilitating youth entrepreneurial spirit through entrepreneurship programs in Papua New Guinea

*Peter Kanaparo, Researcher (Team Leader), School of Business Administration, University of Papua New Guinea\**; *Ms Janet Yembinej, Director, Policy & Research, Department of Youth, Church & Home Affairs, PNG*

Beyond the build, rebuild paradigm: infrastructure maintenance reforms in the Pacific

*Matthew Dornan, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU.*

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm **Social development**

Women and the mining boom: the case of Porgera

*Penny Johnson, Visiting Fellow, The Australian National University (TBC)*

Facilitating economic development through the use of mobile phones

*Amanda H A Watson, Mobile Communication Research Consultant, Economic & Public Sector Program, PNG*

Strategies for tertiary education in PNG

*Professor David Kavanamur, Director\**; *Lonnie Baki and DR Jeanette Baird, Office of Higher Education, PNG*

An educational update: the role of tertiary education for economic growth and sustainable development in Papua New Guinea

*Dr Ponnusamy Manohar, School of Business Administration, University of Papua New Guinea*

3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm Closing ceremony