

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 (TBC)

Aaron Batten, Country Economist, Papua New Guinea Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (TBC)

Peter Graham, Managing Director, Exxon Mobil, PNG

Fiscal policy at the crossroads

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 Yembinei, 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**

Income and livelihood challenges in a Port Moresby settlement
Michelle Rooney, PhD candidate, SSGM, The Australian National University

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*