



# 2014 PNG UPDATE

## PNG Economic Boom: Opportunities and Challenges



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**12 - 13 June 2014**

Main Lecture Theatre(MLT), University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG)

The PNG Update will discuss and debate the latest economic and social developments in PNG. The PNG Update will be multi-disciplinary in nature. The following contemporary issues of Papua New Guinea will be the highlights of the event:

- PNG's economic outlook
- Strategies to convert the resource boom into development
- Social issues in a booming economy
- Facilitating broad economic development agriculture, fisheries, tourism etc
- SMEs and economic competitiveness.

All the sessions are open to general public, policy makers, bureaucrats, professionals from public sector, private sector and non - governmental sector, students and others.

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Date and Time	Topics	Presenter(s)
<b>12 Jun 14</b>		
<b>Welcome, Inauguration and Key Note Address</b>		
	<b>Welcome Address</b>	<b>Prof Albert Mellam, Vice Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea.</b>
09.00 - 10.30 am	<b>Inaugural Address</b>	<b>Her Excellency Deborah Stokes, Australian High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea. (TBC)</b>
	<b>Key Note Address</b>	<b>The Hon Mr. Patrick Pruaitch, Treasurer of Government of Papua New Guinea (TBC).</b>
<b>PNG Economic Perspectives</b>		
11.00 am - 12.30 pm	<b>PNG Economic Perspectives: Part I</b>	<b>Loi M. Bakani, Governor of Bank of Papua New Guinea (TBC).</b>
	<b>PNG Economic Perspectives: Part I</b>	<b>John Gibson, Waikato University</b>
	<b>PNG Economic Perspectives: Part I</b>	<b>Stephen Howes, Development Policy Centre, ANU</b>
	<b>PNG Economic Perspectives: Part II</b>	<b>Ivan Pomalu, Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority, PNG (TBC)</b>
01.30 - 3.00 pm	<b>PNG Economic Perspectives: Part II</b>	<b>Aaron Batten, Country Economist, PNG Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank</b>
	<b>PNG Economic Perspectives: Part II</b>	<b>Peter Graham, Managing Director, Exxon Mobil (TBC).</b>
	<b>PNG: Fiscal Policy at a Crossroads</b>	<b>Yongzheng Yang, Resident Representative, Office in the Pacific Islands, IMF</b>
<b>From Resource Boom to Development: Role of Public sector</b>		
03.30 - 5.00 pm	<b>Changes in service delivery over the last decade</b>	<b>Andrew Anton Mako, NRI; Anthony Swan, Development Policy Centre, ANU</b>
	<b>Trends and Changes of Gross Domestic product and Budget Expenditure of PNG: Has Economic Development also been taking place?"</b>	<b>Gomi J. Gibe, Applied Economics, Department of Business Studies, PNG Unitech.</b>
	<b>Public sector pay scales: are PNG academics underpaid?</b>	<b>Thomas Wangi, UPNG; Stephen Howes, ANU.</b>
	<b>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).</b>	<b>John Watmelik, Senior Research Officer, University of Papua New Guinea.</b>
<b>13-Jun-14</b>		
<b>Overcoming Dutch Disease: Agriculture &amp; Tourism</b>		
09.00 to 10.30 am	<b>A systematic bottom up model is needed to revive the cocoa industry</b>	<b>Robert Atsir, RAFM Consultants</b>
	<b>Understanding coconut developments and its socio-economic impact on the people of Tong Island in the Manus Province, Papua New Guinea</b>	<b>Allan Wahwah, Aldam Bande &amp; Eric Leng</b>
	<b>Tourism in Papua New Guinea: It's economic contributions for sustainable development</b>	<b>Joyce Rayel, Evelyn Kua, Lekshmi N. Pillai, Ponnusamy Manohar, University of Papua New Guinea</b>
	<b>Facilitating broad economic development - tourism</b>	<b>Angi Alphonse Hayabe, University of Papua New Guinea</b>
	<b>Facilitating Board Economic Development: Issues Affecting Incorporated Land Groups (ILGs) and their Sustainability in PNG (Case Study of Morobe Province)</b>	<b>Lepani Karigawa, PNGIVLA</b>
<b>Social Development</b>		
11.00 am - 12.30 pm	<b>Income and Livelihood Challenges in Port Moresby Settlement</b>	<b>Michelle Rooney, Development Policy Centre, ANU</b>
	<b>Facilitating economic development through the use of mobile phones</b>	<b>Amanda H A Watson, PNG Economic and Public Sector Program</b>
	<b>Strategies for tertiary education in PNG</b>	<b>David Kavanamur, Lonnie Baki and Jeanette Baird, Office of Higher Education, PNG</b>
	<b>Role of tertiary education for economic growth and sustainable development in Papua New Guinea</b>	<b>Ponnusamy Manohar, Lekshmi N. Pillai and Joyce Rayel, University of Papua New Guinea.</b>
<b>SMEs and International Competitiveness</b>		
01.30 - 3.00 pm	<b>Challenges facing growth of SMEs in PNG: a case study on resource owned landowner companies in the Ramu Nickel Project area</b>	<b>Brodney Kambjak Seip, Ramu NiCo Management (MCC) Ltd</b>
	<b>The value of PNG merchandise exports: is it real growth?</b>	<b>Pulapa Subba Rao, Albert Mellam, Dr Joyce Rayel, Benedictta Mellam, Peter Tulapi, and Raymond John</b>
	<b>Facilitating youth entrepreneurial spirit through entrepreneurship programs in Papua New Guinea</b>	<b>Peter Kanaparo and Joyce Rayel, University of Papua New Guinea, Benedict Imbun, University of Western Sydney and Jerry Jacka, North Carolina University.</b>
	<b>Infrastructure maintenance: Issues and Challenges</b>	<b>Matthew Dornan, Development Policy Centre, ANU.</b>