

PNG Gender Parity Symposium: Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane

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Australian business has a long history in PNG. Whether it's in the legal, finance, education or resource sectors, Australian businesses have a social responsibility to support the PNG women in their workforces. Understanding the current cultural shifts and the barriers facing PNG women is essential for any organisation that is genuinely committed to responsibly creating a diverse workforce.

In partnership with the Papua New Guinea High Commission, the Asia Pacific Professionals Association Ltd will be presenting the *ANZ | Papua New Guinea Gender Parity Symposium* in three Australian cities in October.

The Development Policy Centre is delighted to be hosting two Canberra events as part of the symposium: the [Pathways to Gender Parity panel](#) on October 13, and a fringe event with The Hon Malakai Tabar MP [on higher education reform in PNG](#) on October 12.

The symposium will also be visiting Sydney (October 14) and Brisbane (October 15). In these cities, there will also be the opportunity to hear a keynote dinner address from former Army Chief Lt General David Morrison AO (rtd) on creating cultural change towards gender issues.

Other speakers at the symposium will include: Ms Avia Koisen, Principal, Koisen Lawyers; Dr Eric Kwa, Secretary/CEO, PNG Constitutional Law Reform Commission; The Honourable Malakai Tabar MP, Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology in PNG; Magistrate John Kaumi, Mendi District Court Senior Provincial Magistrate; Dr Linda Van Leeuwen, Capacity Building Specialist and Manager, Anitua; Ms Gloria Sevua, Business Incubation Officer, National Development Bank Investments Ltd; Mark Baker, CEO, ANZ PNG (Sydney and Brisbane); Melissa Jojoga, Lawyer, ANZ PNG (Brisbane only); and Ann Steele, Head of Human Resources and Senior HR Executive, ANZ PNG (Sydney only).

For more details and to register or buy tickets for the dinners, [visit the Asia Pacific Professionals Association website](#).

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