2016 PNG Update: DRAFT
Provisional program (Last update – 23 September 2016)

Thursday 3 and Friday 4 November 2016 9am – 5pm
Hosted by the School of Business and Public Policy, University of Papua New Guinea and the Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

The University of Papua New Guinea, Waigani Campus, Port Moresby

Day one – Thursday 3 November 2016

8.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

9.00am  Opening Session
Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)

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

Inaugural address
His Excellency Bruce Davis, Australian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea

Opening address
The Hon Charles Abel, Minister for National Planning

10.30am  Morning tea

11.05am  Keynote addresses
Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)

Keynote address – Women in business
Lady Winifred Kamit

Keynote address – Economic outlook
Mr Loi Bekani, Governor, Bank of Papua New Guinea

Keynote address - Superannuation Fund in PNG: Past, Present and Future
Garry Tunstall, CEO Numbawan Super Fund

Keynote address – Public sector financial management reforms in PNG
Dr. Ken Ngangan, Secretary of the Department of Finance

12.30pm  Lunch

1.30pm  Parallel Session 1a – Macroeconomic issues
Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)

Yurendra Basnett  PNG's macroeconomic outlook
Rohan Fox and Marcel Schröder  After Papua New Guinea's Resource Boom: Is the Kina Overvalued?
Stephen Howes  PNG resource boom: fiscal retrospective

Parallel Session 1b – Education
Arts Lecture Theatre (ALT)

Kilala Devette-Chee  Attitudes towards the use of Tok Pisin and vernacular languages in bilingual education programs in Papua New Guinea
Improving quality education in a world obsessed with student numbers: evidence from Papua New Guinea

Distance education and human resource development in Papua New Guinea

Economics of development: a case study of education of the Pilitu people of Goilala

Parallel Session 1c – Sustainability and development

StaRs – Papua New Guinea’s National Strategy for Responsible Sustainable Development

Unfolding PNG sustainable development through 164 ILGs in forestry area, April Salumei in East Sepik Province – case study

The history of sustainable development in Papua New Guinea: Changes, challenges and lessons learned from 1975 to 2016 and beyond

The role of conflict management skills in sustainable development in PNG

Relating the Concepts of Sustainable Development to the Extraction of Non-Renewable Resources for Development Purposes in Papua New Guinea

3.00pm Afternoon tea

Parallel Session 2a – Urban spaces

Urban life, internal migration and development: The need to readdress internal migration as a positive nexus for growth and development in PNG

Forms of family housing strategies in the city: considerations for public policy

Child labour, a hallmark of urban poverty: labouring children living in Goroka

“Voice Mechanism” concepts for the informal economy participants

Parallel Session 2b – Public-private partnerships in health

A model for improving health service delivery in Papua New Guinea: the experience from the CMCA Middle and South Fly Health Program

District hospital strengthening through a public-private partnership in North Fly District, Western Province

Hela Provincial Hospital: an innovative model of a public private partnership

Parallel Session 2c – Development strategies

PNG’s MDG experience: lessons learnt for Sustainable Development Goals

Paradox of resource boom in PNG: yet craft strategies for development based on others’ experiences

Trust funds in the Pacific: update on operations and performance

5.00pm Close

Conference Dinner: Drill Hall, UPNG

(For presenters and organising committee/staff only – by invitation only)
Day two – Friday 4 November 2016

8.30am  
Registration and arrival tea and coffee

9.00am  
**Plenary Session: ANU-UPNG Research Showcase**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

**PNG Economic Survey 2015-16**  
Manoj Pandey, Albert Prabhakar, Nelson Nema, Ani Rova, Rohan Fox, Stephen Howes

**Unintended consequences of PNG’s tuition-free education policy**  
Grant Walton, Peter Kanaparo, Tara Davda

10.30am  
Morning tea

11.00am  
**Plenary Session: Impact of 2015-16 drought and frosts**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

Mike Bourke  
Impacts of the 2015-16 drought and frosts: an overview

James Komengi and Brendan Jinks  
Impact of frosts and drought at very high altitude places in Enga and Hela provinces

Blossom Gilmore  
Coordinating emergency famine relief in Enga Province

Matthew Kanua  
How the drought, frosts and drought-breaking rain affect food crop production

Sally Lloyd  
Drought and famine in Western Province

12.30pm  
Lunch

1.30pm  
**Parallel Session 3a – Gender**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

Pes Wilson  
Significance of addressing violence against girls in schools and its impacts on the implementation of Universal Basic Education Policy in PNG

Lalen Simeon, Hennah Steven, Shabnam Hameed  
Are gender based violence victims afraid or ashamed to get assistance?

Imelda Ambelye  
Changing roles of educated adolescent girls in a village towards community development

**Parallel Session 3b – Private sector development**  
*Science Lecture Theatre (SLT)*

Grace Guaiu and Imelda Atu  
Eco-tourism as a tool for environmental, cultural and economic sustainability for PNG

Clement Malau  
Valuing biodiversity – a strategy for social equity in Papua New Guinea

Reeves Papaol  
Peering and content delivery to reduce internet transport cost drivers for PNG

Michael Kabuni  
PNG squandering tuna market opportunities: Dongwon industries in PNG

Carmen Voigt-Graf  
The impact of the LNG project on employment and skills development

3.00pm  
Afternoon tea

3.30pm  
**Parallel Session 4a – Local impact**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*

Philippa Jenkins  
Sustaining community through the FIFO transition at Ok Tedi mine: development, maintenance, and staged closure in the North Fly

Charles Roche  
Poverty, wealth and mining: development on the Watut River

Elai Sopai  
Oil palm and the politics of rural development in East Sepik Province

Vanessa Uiari  
Understanding the lives of the local people along the Kokoda trail: preliminary observations of livelihood and development activity

**Parallel Session 4b – Health and education**  
*Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)*
Ellen Kulumbu  Women and health in Papua New Guinea: determinants influencing demand and delivery of health care services
Anna Joskin  Examining the role of holistic education as a tool for human resource development for Papua New Guinea
Thomas Wangi  Social Protection Index 2012 - PNG

Parallel Session 4c – Roads
Arts Lecture Theatre (ALT)
Matthew Dornan, Provincial road management in Papua New Guinea
Ronald Sofe  Impact of road upgrading and maintenance on household welfare in PNG
MP Pradhan  Poor project performance impedes development in PNG: a comparative analysis of 3 case studies
Albert Tobe

4.50pm Close
Professor Lekshmi Pillai, Dean, SBPP, UPNG
Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU.

* Please note that some speakers are still to be confirmed.

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