The 2013 Pacific and PNG Update

Thursday 27 June & Friday 28 June 2013  9am - 5pm

Hosted by the Development Policy Centre at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Hedley Bull Theatre 1  Hedley Bull Centre (130), Corner of Garran Road and Liversidge Street, ANU

PACIFIC UPDATE

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2013

6.00pm  Cocktail reception with SSGM - Hedley Bull Atrium (invitation only)

DAY ONE - THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2013

8.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

9.00am  Official welcome  
Tom Kompas  
Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

9.10am  Regional overview and launch of the Pacific Economic Monitor (July 2013 issue)  
Christopher Edmonds  
Senior Economist, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank

9.40am  Panel 1a - Melanesia and Timor-Leste  
Chair: Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU  
Panel Members:  
Satish Chand  
University of New South Wales - Growth and inequality in Melanesia  
Anthony Hughes  
Independent Consultant, Solomon Islands - The economy in Solomon Islands  
Biman Prasad  
University of the South Pacific, Fiji - The economy in Fiji  
Helder Lopes  
Resident Economic Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Timor Leste - The economy in Timor-Leste  
Odo Tevi  
Independent Consultant, Vanuatu - The economy in Vanuatu

10.50am  Morning Tea

11.10am  Panel 1b - Small island states  
Chair: Ben Graham, Senior Evaluation Specialist, Asian Development Bank
Panel Members:
Tebao Awerica  
Secretary, Office of Te Beretitenti - *The economy in Kiribati*
Siosi C. Mafi (Joyce)  
Governor, Reserve Bank of Tonga - *The economy in Tonga*
Seve Paeniu  
Independent Consultant - *Common challenges in microstates: Nauru and Tuvalu*
Noumea Simi  
Assistant CEO, Samoa Ministry of Finance - *The economy in Samoa*

12.20pm  
**Lunch**

1.20pm  
**Panel 2a - Regional trade, labour mobility and linkages**
Chair: Lachlan Strahan, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Region and New Zealand Branch, DFAT
Panel Members:
Wesley Morgan  
PhD Candidate, University of Melbourne - *PACER Plus*
Emma Veve  
Principal Economist, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank - *Evolving linkages of Pacific economies*
Richard Curtain  
Research Associate, Development Policy Centre, ANU - *Regional employment and labour mobility*

2.10pm  
**Panel 2b - Regional integration**
Chair: Ron Duncan, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
Panel Members:
Seini O'Connor  
Pacific Plan Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat - *The Pacific Plan and the future of Pacific regionalism*
Bob Warner  
Director of Pacific Research Partnerships, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU - *Lessons in regional integration from the Caribbean*
Matthew Dornan  
Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU - *Pooled service delivery in the Pacific*

3.00pm  
**Afternoon Tea**

3.20pm  
**Pacific gender update**
Chair: Tess Newton Cain, Principal, Devpacific
Panel Members:
Peter Forau  
Director General, The Melanesian Spearhead Group - *Women’s disempowerment in Melanesia*
Susan Ferguson  
Acting Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality, AusAID - *Australia’s Pacific gender initiative*
Andrea Iffland  
Regional Director, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office, Asian Development Bank - *Economic empowerment of woman - experiences of the Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI)*
Amanda Jupp  
Project Manager, Coffey International Development - *Women’s economic empowerment: Pacific lessons from the Enterprise Challenge Fund*

4.10pm  
**Public management and private sector development**  
Chair: Siosiua Utoikamanu, Director, Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration, University of the South Pacific  
Panel Members:  
**Matthew Dornan**  
Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU - *Infrastructure maintenance*  
**Tobias Haque**  
Economist, World Bank - *Public financial management*  
**Paul Holden**  
Lead Economist, Private Sector Development Initiative, Asian Development Bank - *Recent reforms to promote private sector development*

5.00  
Close

6.30pm  
**Official Dinner**  
Springbank room, Crawford School of Public Policy (invitation only)

**Keynote address**  
**Peter Baxter**  
Director General, AusAID

Launch of *Infrastructure Maintenance in the Pacific: Challenging the build-neglect-rebuild paradigm report*  
**John Austin**  
Manager, PRIF Coordination Office

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**DAY TWO - FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2013**

8.30am  
**Registration and arrival tea and coffee**

9am  
**Welcome**

**Keynote address**  
**Albert Mellam**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea - *Reforms in the Higher Education Sector in PNG*

10am  
**PNG economic and political update**  
Chair: Michael Carnahan, Chief Economist, AusAID  
Panel Members:  
**Tim Bulman**  
Country Economist, PNG Resident Mission, World Bank - *Economic Update*  
**Deni ToKunai**  
Political commentator and blogger, The Garamut blog - *Political Update*

11am  
**Morning Tea**
11.20am **Issues in public service delivery**  
Chair: Satish Chand, University of New South Wales  
Panel Members:  
Stephen Howes  
Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU - *PNG budgetary trends and issues*  
Colin Wiltshire and Andrew Anton Mako  
Development Policy Centre, ANU & National Research Institute, PNG - *Public expenditure tracking*  
Thomas Wangi  
Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Papua New Guinea - *Solid Waste Management in PNG*  

12.40pm **Economic policy challenges**  
Chair: Bob Warner, Director of Pacific Research Partnerships, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU  
Panel Members:  
Aaron Batten  
Country Economist, PNG Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank - *PNG’s evolving trade and investment flows*  
Margaret Callan  
Visiting Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU - *The contribution of mining companies to PNG Development*  
Billy Manoka  
Commissioner and CEO, PNG Independent Consumer and Competition Commission - *Regulation of infrastructure SOEs*  

3pm **Afternoon Tea**  

3.20pm **Gender-based violence**  
Chair: Dulciana Somare-Brash, Associate Director, Pacific Institute of Public Policy  
Panel Members:  
Jo Chandler  
Journalist and Honorary Fellow, Alfred Deakin Research Institute - *Violence and the media*  
Kamalini Lokuge  
Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU - *Integrated support for survivors – what is needed?*  
Cathy Rimbao  
Sargeant, Lae Police - *A policing perspective*  

4.30pm **Closing remarks**  
The 2013 Pacific and PNG Update is part of ANU’s Pacific Perspectives Week, in conjunction with the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program’s State of the Pacific Conference. These events will be held from Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 June at the Hedley Bull Building, ANU. For more information, please visit the SSGM website http://ips.cap.anu.edu.au/ssgm/ and the Development Policy Centre website https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/.  

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