



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

UPDATE AGENDA



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Panel Members:

Tebao America

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: Siosua 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

PAPUA NEW GUINEA UPDATE

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

Lunch

1.40pm

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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