

 **Business Advantage**
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
INVESTMENT CONFERENCE 2017
Incorporating the Pacific Islands Investment Seminar
7 & 8 September 2017 • Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney

CONFERENCE PROGRAM (as at 26 July 2017)

DAY ONE: 7 September

9:00 WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING SPEECHES

Invited Speakers include: the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea* and Sumasy Singin (PNG Consul-General, PNG Consulate-General, Sydney)

10:00 KEYNOTE — PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN A CONNECTED WORLD

Mark Pesce is a leading futurist, author, entrepreneur and innovator at the forefront of the digital revolution for thirty-five years.

10:45 MORNING TEA

11:15 ECONOMIC UPDATE ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In the past decade, Papua New Guinea has been one of the world's best-performing economies. Although progress has slowed in the past two years, as global commodity prices have fallen, the country is now gearing up for another phase of rapid growth. This session is designed to provide delegates with an up-to-date appraisal of PNG's macroeconomic outlook.

Speaker: Loi M Bakani (Governor, Bank of Papua New Guinea)

11.45 PANEL DISCUSSION: WHERE NEXT? THE FUTURE SHAPE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S ECONOMY

PNG's economy has transformed in the past decade. This expert panel examines changing investment patterns and considers which major developments will shape the next ten years.

Speakers: Eric Kramer (CEO, PacWealth), David Lennox (Analyst, Fat Prophets), Dr Stephen Nash (Chief Investment Officer, Nambawan Super), Kennedy Wemin, (CEO, Melanesian Trustee Services Limited).

12:35 CASE STUDY 1: FINANCIAL SERVICES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Kina Group, one of Papua New Guinea's leading financial institutions, was listed successfully on the ASX in 2015—the first PNG business to be so listed. Delegates will learn what makes PNG's financial services market distinctive and how Kina has built a rounded and dynamic financial services business there.

Speaker: Syd Yates (Managing Director, Kina Group)

13:00 NETWORKING LUNCH

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14:00 PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S ENERGY FUTURE

The ExxonMobil-led PNG LNG Project completed in 2014 put PNG on the world investment map. We hear from those shaping the sector about the next phase of development of PNG's LNG sector, as well as the challenge PNG faces to satisfy domestic demand for power.

Speakers include: Peter Botten (Managing Director, Oil Search Limited), Wapu Sonk (Chief Executive Officer, Kumul Petroleum), and Brent Emmett (Chief Executive Officer, Horizon Oil)

14.45 PORT MORESBY AS A REGIONAL HUB

The redevelopment of Port Moresby's Jackson's Airport and the increasing reach of national carrier Air Niugini are providing the platform for PNG's capital to emerge as a regional transport hub. Speaker: Sir Frederick Reiher (Chairman, Air Niugini)

15:10 AFTERNOON BREAK

15:25 TAKING THE TEMPERATURE: PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S PREVAILING BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE

What are the legal obligations for companies doing business in PNG? And on a practical level, what are the key issues currently facing companies on the ground as they seek to set up or grow?

Speakers: Clarence Hoot (Acting MD, Investment Promotion Authority of PNG*), John Leahy (President, Papua New Guinea Chamber of Commerce & Industry), Jonathon Kirkby (Acting Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation/World Bank)

16:10 CASE STUDY 2: SERVICES

Global healthcare provider International SOS has been providing a range of medical services in Papua New Guinea for 27 years.

Speaker: Dr Myles Neri (Group Medical Director, International SOS)

16:35 OPPORTUNITIES IN SUSTAINABLE AGRIBUSINESS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

With rich soils, a conducive climate and a nation of farmers, Papua New Guinea's natural advantages in agriculture are significant. We examine the opportunities for involvement in sustainable agribusinesses in PNG, aimed at both export and import replacement.

Speaker: Mark Matthews (Chief Operating Officer, Business For Development)

17:00 NETWORKING DRINKS

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18:30 for 19:00 start OFFICIAL CONFERENCE GALA DINNER (exclusive Sydney Harbour cruise aboard the *John Cadman II*).

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DAY TWO: 8 September

09:00 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Delegates will be briefed on the results of Business Advantage International's annual survey of the profit, investment and recruitment expectations of PNG's major employers and the key challenges they face.

Speaker: Andrew Wilkins, Publishing Director, Business Advantage International

09:15 PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S PLANS FOR APEC 2018

With Port Moresby set to host the 2018 APEC Economic Leaders Summit, this session will provide an up-to-date briefing on the key projects set for completion in time for this major Asia-Pacific event.

Speaker: Christopher Hawkins (CEO, PNG APEC 2018 Authority)

09:40 PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SECTOR

Major changes are underway in PNG's telecommunications sector, principally the result of a major government shake-up of state-owned telcos, improved infrastructure, lower prices and increased competition across the sector. Delegates will learn about the opportunities in this increasingly dynamic sector, and how business will benefit from the reforms.

Speaker: Mahesh Patel (Chairman, Kumul Telikom)

10:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: INFRASTRUCTURE

One of the biggest impediments to PNG's economy is infrastructure. Significant progress has been made in the past decade in areas such as telecommunications and ports, but major challenges remain. This panel discussion will summarise what projects are in the pipeline. It will also assess the most urgent projects required in the next phase of nation-building and the best models for funding them.

Speakers include: Carolyn Blacklock (Specialist Adviser, Infrastructure & Development, Department of Treasury, Government of Papua New Guinea); David Hill (Country Director—PNG, Asian Development Bank)

11:00 MORNING TEA

11:30 CASE STUDY 5: MANUFACTURING

Heineken-owned SP Brewery has been one of Papua New Guinea's leading manufacturers since the 1950s.

Speaker: Stan Joyce (CEO, S P Brewery)

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11:50 CASE STUDY 6: MINING

ASX-listed Highlands Pacific is one of PNG's most established and experienced mining exploration companies. In addition to an ongoing exploration program in PNG, it has minority interests in the existing Ramu Nickel mine and the Frieda River project, one of the largest undeveloped copper-gold deposits in the world.
Speaker: Craig Lennon, CEO, Highlands Pacific

12:10 PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S BUSINESSES OF THE FUTURE

There are strong signs that PNG is finally developing its own 'start-up culture'. But what kinds of new businesses are emerging and just how transformative could they be? Meanwhile how is the profile of foreign participation in the local economy changing and what specific conditions the businesses of the future will require to thrive?

Speakers include: Speakers include: Shane Ninai, Managing Partner, Day One Investments; Anthony Neck, CFO, Anitua Group; Anthony Smare, Founder, Kumul Gamechangers*

13:00 NETWORKING LUNCH (ALSO OPEN TO DELEGATES OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS INVESTMENT SEMINAR)

14:00 THE PACIFIC ISLANDS INVESTMENT SEMINAR

(Delegates to the 2017 PNG Investment Conference are automatically registered for the Pacific Islands Investment Seminar at no additional charge.)

Many companies that operate in Papua New Guinea now do business elsewhere in the region, especially in Fiji and the Solomon Islands, and many more are interested in doing so. The purpose of this stand-alone event is to provide an update on the business climate in these markets, highlight opportunities for doing business, and hear from experts about what approaches work best.

14:10 KEYNOTE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS IN THE ASIAN CENTURY

Two-way trade between the Pacific Islands (including PNG) and Asia has soared since 2000. What factors are behind this trend and what does it mean for anyone doing business in the wider Pacific Island region?

Keynote Speaker: David Thomas, China Expert and BRIC Specialist, Think Global

14:40 COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS

A series of expert representatives will provide an overview of business and investment conditions in key Pacific Island and regional economies, and highlight opportunities for doing business there. Countries to be featured include: Fiji, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.

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Speakers include: Derick Aihari (Director, InvestSolomons), Zarak Khan (Fiji Trade Commissioner to Australia), His Excellency Abel Guterres (Timor-Leste Ambassador to Australia).

16:10 PANEL: A BLUEPRINT FOR DOING BUSINESS IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

This expert panel will discuss emerging business opportunities in the Pacific and discuss what kind of strategies work best.

Speakers include: Mahesh Patel (Chairman, CPL Group); Thomas Jacobs (Country Manager Pacific, IFC, a division of the World Bank)

16:55 FINAL REMARKS

17:00 NETWORKING DRINKS AND CLOSE

**Indicates invited. Program subject to change without notice.*