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Ambassador North to Visit PNG Highlands Region

U.S. Ambassador Walter North will visit the Highlands region April 9-18, 2013 to meet with political and civil society leaders to discuss how the United States can be most supportive in ensuring Papua New Guinea's economic growth is inclusive, sustainable, and transparent. In his discussions, the Ambassador plans to emphasize the United States commitment to women's empowerment and to combating gender-based violence in the Pacific. During his visit to the region, Ambassador North will meet with American missionaries, non-governmental organizations, and businesses who are working collaboratively with local communities to improve the quality of life in the Highlands.

Media representatives are invited to two main public appearances in Lae and Goroka where Ambassador North will be interacting with young audiences. Ambassador North will deliver remarks at Lae Secondary School on Wednesday, April 10 and at the University of Goroka on Friday, April 12. Ambassador North will discuss U.S. policy priorities in the Pacific and engagement in Papua New Guinea, including the mission's support for women's empowerment.

For more information regarding the Ambassador's engagements during his visit to the highlands region, please contact the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby. You can also follow Ambassador North's trip highlights on the Embassy's Facebook page.

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