

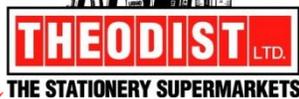
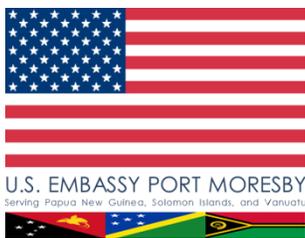


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Papua New Guinea Women's Forum

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Thursday, March 6, 2014

7:30AM **Registration**

8:00AM **Opening Remarks**

Master of Ceremonies, June Shih
Senior Advisor, Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State

Walter Mendonça Filho
Acting United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNFPA Representative

Honorable Loujaya Kouza
Minister for Women, Religion, Youth and Community Development

U.S. Ambassador Walter North

Honorable Peter O'Neill
Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

8:45AM **Panel 1: Developing the Next Generation of Women Leaders**

How can women leaders and elected officials mentor and educate young women to develop the next generation of women leaders in Papua New Guinea? What are the challenges and what are some strategies and entry points for getting women into leadership roles?

Moderator: Dr. Rangita de Silva de Alwis, Director, Global Women's Leadership Initiative and the Women in Public Service Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Panel Participants:

- Diane Kambanei, Executive Director, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA of PNG)
- Dorothy Kukum, Interim Chairperson, Enga Provincial Youth Council
- Professor Betty Lovai, Executive Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Papua New Guinea
- Barbra Thomas, Acting Executive Director, The Voice Inc.

- Naomi Woyengu, Director, Aspire Network PNG

9:45AM Coffee Break/Networking Activity
*Runs Concurrently: Breakout Session on Women’s Leadership
 (Kamasan Suite, 2nd Floor)
 9:45AM – 11:15AM*

10:15AM **Panel 2: Women’s Groups as Agents of Change for Peace and Security**
What role have women leaders and women’s groups played in post-conflict Bougainville and the Highlands to foster peace and security in their communities, and what best practices/lessons learned might be relevant for women’s groups in other parts of Papua New Guinea?

Moderator: Fatima (Ima) Verzosa, Gender Advisor on Women, Peace, and Security, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Manila

Panel Participants:

- Lily Be’Soer, Founder, Voice for Chang Jiwaka
- Monica Paulus, Founding Member, Highlands Women’s Human Rights Defenders Network
- Angela Apa, Provincial Coordinator, Kup Women for Peace
- Josephine Kauona, Chairperson, Tunaniya Open Learning Center
- Theresa Jaintong, Treasurer, National Council of Women
- Agnes Titus, Bougainville Program Coordinator, UN Women

11:15AM Coffee Break/Networking Activity
*Runs Concurrently: Breakout Session on Women as Agents of Change
 (Kamasan Suite, 2nd Floor)
 11:15AM – 12:15PM*

12:15PM Participants gather lunch from buffet and move into ballroom for lunchtime panel

12:30PM **Keynote Addresses**

Dennise Mathieu
 U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs

Presentation of Women of Courage Award
 by Deputy Assistant Secretary Dennise Mathieu

Dame Josephine Abaijah
 Woman of Courage Nominee for Papua New Guinea

Dr. dt ogilvie

Founder of the Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Dean of the Saunders College of Business at Rochester Institute of Technology, and Founding Director of The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development at Rutgers Business School

Photo of Keynote Speakers with Dame Josephine Abajiah

2:00 PM

Panel 3: Investing in Women through Education

How do we raise awareness on, and increase educational opportunities for, women who dropped (or tested) out of school? How can the private sector help these women to “catch up” and secure job opportunities? What can be done to encourage women to enter fields traditionally dominated by men, such as information technology, engineering, and science?

Moderator: Dr. dt ogilvie, Founder of the Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Dean of the Saunders College of Business at Rochester Institute of Technology

Panel Participants:

- Charles Mabilia, Director for Higher Education Development, Office of Higher Education
- Susil Nelson, President, Business and Professional Women
- Ellen McCaskill, Venture Business Manager, ExxonMobil PNG, PNG LNG Project
- Helam Koaik, Founder and Director, Nojanah Integrated School

3:00 PM

Coffee Break/Networking Activity

*Runs Concurrently: Breakout Session on Education
(Kamasan Suite, 2nd Floor)
3:00PM – 4:30PM*

3:30PM

Panel 4: Helping Women Lead Healthy Lives

Given dramatically high rates of maternal mortality, concerns over family planning and reproductive health, and insufficient cervical and breast cancer facilities in the country, what can Papua New Guinea do to improve women’s health?

Moderator: Patty Alleman, Senior Gender Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bangkok

Panel Participants:

- Dr. Lynda Sirigoi, President, PNG Women Doctors Association
- Tom Ellum, Country Director, Marie Stopes International
- Dr. Paison Dakulala, Deputy Secretary, National Department of Health

- Dadi Toka, CEO, PNG Cancer Foundation
- Dr. Garry Ou’u, Health Advisor, National Capital District Health Services
- Paul Barker, Executive Director, Institute of National Affairs

4:30PM Coffee Break/Networking Activity
*Runs Concurrently: Breakout Session on Health
 (Kamasan Suite, 2nd Floor)
 4:30PM – 5:30PM*

5:30PM **Closing Remarks**

 Gloria Steele
 Mission Director, U.S. Agency for International Development, Manila

6:00PM Day One Ends

6:30PM **Reception at U.S. Ambassador’s Residence**
Shuttles will depart at 6:15pm and 6:30pm to take participants from the Crowne Plaza hotel to the U.S. Ambassador’s Residence

8:00PM **Reception Ends**
Shuttles will depart at 8:00pm and 8:15pm to take participants from the U.S. Ambassador’s Residence back to the Crowne Plaza hotel

Friday, March 7, 2014

7:30AM Registration

8:00AM **Opening Remarks**

Anna Solomon
Acting Secretary, Department for Community Development

Decie Autin
Project Executive, ExxonMobil PNG, PNG LNG Project

8:30AM **Panel 5: The Role of Men and Youth in Combating Gender Based Violence**
How can men and young people help to change the attitudes and actions of Papua New Guineans towards women? What have other countries' experiences been with using male advocates to combat gender based violence?

Moderator: James Lang, Program Coordinator, Partners for Prevention Program

Panel Participants:

- Salome Rihatta, President, PNG Yumi Kirap (PNG Arise)
- Ian Lapu, Eliminating Violence Against Women Program Officer, Oxfam
- Beatrice Mahuru, CEO, Digicel Foundation
- Lady Winifred Kamit, Founding Chairperson, Coalition for Change
- Eddie Aila, Founder and Head Trainer, Warrior Culture – Men Against Family Violence
- Adam Everill, Chief Executive Officer, Rugby League Against Violence

9:30AM Coffee Break/Networking Activity
*Runs Concurrently: Breakout Session on Gender Based Violence
(Kamasan Suite, 2nd Floor)
9:30AM – 11:00AM*

10:00AM **Panel 6: Getting Women into Business**
What role do financial inclusion and access to capital play in spurring entrepreneurship? What does it take to become a successful businesswoman in Papua New Guinea?

Moderator: Louise Williams, Principal Associate, Trade Policy Group, Nathan Associates

Panel Participants:

- Avia Koisen, Interim President, PNG Women’s Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Carolyn Blacklock, Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Mattie McFadden-Lawson, President, MML Design and Consulting Group
- Loi Bakani, Governor, Bank of Papua New Guinea
- Nuni Kulu, Area Manager for Southern Region, Bank of South Pacific
- Naomi Samuel, Founder, Kutubu Foe Women's Co-operative Society
- Sarah Haoda Todd, Managing Director/CEO and Founder, Lae Everclean Limited

11:00AM Coffee Break/Networking Activity
*Runs Concurrently: Breakout Session on Entrepreneurship
 (Kamasan Suite, 2nd Floor)
 11:00AM – 11:45AM*

11:45PM Participants gather lunch from buffet and move into ballroom for lunchtime panel

12:00PM **Lunchtime Panel: Trailblazers – Discussion on Women’s Political Participation with Current and Former Female Members of Parliament**

- Honorable Loujaya Kouza, Minister for Community Development
- Honorable Julie Soso, Governor of Eastern Highlands Province
- Dame Josephine Abaijah, Former Member of Parliament
- Honorable Rose Pihei, Minister for Arts, Culture, Tourism, Environment and Conservation (Bougainville)

Co-Moderators:

- Dennise Mathieu, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs
- Ambassador Lucy Bogari, Deputy Secretary, PNG Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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1:30PM **Panel 7: Harnessing the Power of Technology to Empower Women**
How can women use technology to advance gender equality, grow their businesses, and improve their lives? How has mobile technology affected women? Are there other technological tools that could empower women in Papua New Guinea?

Moderator: Dr. Amanda Watson, Mobile Communication Research Consultant, Economic and Public Sector Program

Panel Participants:

- Maria Linibi, President, PNG Women in Agriculture Development Foundation (PNGWiADF)
- Professor Glen Mola, Lecturer, University of Papua New Guinea's School of Medicine and Health Science
- Genevieve Daniels, Cellmoni Distribution Manager, Digicel PNG Limited
- Gima Kepi, Manager for Women's Banking, Nationwide MicroBank
- Amanda Donigi, Editor, Stella Magazine
- Dr. Iwona Kolodziejczyk, Lecturer, Faculty of Business and Informatics, Divine Word University

2:30PM

Coffee Break/Networking Activity

*Runs Concurrently: Breakout Session on ICT
(Kamasan Suite, 2nd Floor)
2:30PM – 3:30PM*

3:00PM

Introduction: Power in Numbers – Working Together to Inspire Change

Overview of the Women's Movement in Papua New Guinea
Julie Bukikun, Senior National Program Specialist, UN Women

Snapshot of the PNG Government's Gender Policy and Review of the Successes and Challenges Facing the National Council of Women
Gayle Tatsi, Director, Office for the Development of Women

3:30PM

Small Group Work: Power in Numbers – Working Together to Inspire Change

Together with panel experts and guest speakers, audience members will work in sub-groups by panel topic to develop ways for women's groups in Papua New Guinea to coordinate on key issues. Reflecting on the history of the women's movement in Papua New Guinea since 1975, audience members will develop responses to the following questions:

- *How should women's groups organize to achieve policy and social change in Papua New Guinea to improve the status of women and their livelihood?*
- *How can women's groups work together to access and make better use of government and donor resources? How can we coordinate better for results?*
- *Has the PNG government's gender policy been successful in advancing women and gender equality? What changes might need to be made?*
- *How can we steer the government to fulfill its international commitments such as the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action?*

Co-Moderators:

- Julie Bukikun, Senior National Program Specialist, UN Women
- Dr. Rangita de Silva de Alwis, Director, Global Women's Leadership Initiative and the Women in Public Service Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Gayle Tatsi, Director, Office for the Development of Women
- Theresa Jaintong, Treasurer, National Council of Women
- Dickson Kiragi, Registrar General, Civil Registration Office, Department for Community Development

4:15PM

Discussion and Q&A: Power in Numbers – Working Together to Inspire Change

Audience members will share the recommendations they developed regarding how women's groups in Papua New Guinea can better organize and work together to build coalitions to achieve shared goals, and how these groups can work together to advance gender equality and empower women in Papua New Guinea.

Co-Moderators:

- Julie Bukikun, Senior National Program Specialist, UN Women
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4:45PM

Wrap-Up Session: Panel Findings and Recommendations

Panel moderators will present each panel's findings and recommendations. The audience will remain in sub-groups by panel topic to ask and answer questions, and through this discussion will synthesize recommendations for the PNG government, donors, civil society, and the private sector in Papua New Guinea.

Moderator: Dr. dt ogilvie, Founder of the Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Dean of the Saunders College of Business at Rochester Institute of Technology

Panel Participants:

- Dr. Rangita de Silva de Alwis, Director, Global Women's Leadership Initiative and the Women in Public Service Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Fatima (Ima) Verzosa, Gender Advisor on Women, Peace, and Security, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Manila
- Ellen Masckell, Venture Business Manager, Exxon Mobil PNG, PNGLNG

- Patty Alleman, Senior Gender Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bangkok
- James Lang, Program Coordinator, Partners for Prevention Program
- Louise Williams, Principal Associate, Trade Policy Group, Nathan Associates
- Dr. Amanda Watson, Mobile Communication Research Consultant, Economic and Public Sector Program

5:45PM **Networking Prizes Awards**

Master of Ceremonies, June Shih
Senior Advisor, Office of Global Women’s Issues, U.S. Department of State

6:00PM **Closing Remarks**

Honorable Powes Parkop
Governor of the National Capital District

Honorable Charles Abel
Minister for National Planning

6:45PM Day Two Ends

7:00PM **Cocktail Reception Sponsored by ExxonMobil PNG**
Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hotel

9:00PM **Reception Ends**



Biographies of Speakers

(in order of appearance)

June Shih

Senior Advisor, Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State

June Shih is Senior Advisor in the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues in the U.S. Department of State. Before joining the State Department, she was a litigation attorney in Washington, DC law firm. From 1995-2000, she served as a speechwriter for President Bill Clinton and then-First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. She is a graduate of Harvard University and Stanford Law School.

Walter Mendonça Filho

Acting United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNFPA Representative

After some years in the private sector, Walter Filho joined the United Nations (UN) in 2002. He began his UN career at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Italy, and in 2004, he took up the role of Deputy Representative with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Paraguay. In 2007, he joined the World Health Organization (WHO) as Fund Portfolio Manager for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, covering large health grant portfolios in Angola and Mozambique. In 2009, he became Deputy Director and Portfolio Adviser at the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), serving at Headquarters in New York. In late 2012, he joined UNFPA in PNG as Representative. Mr. Mendonça Filho holds a BSc (Summa Cum Laude) in Management and International Business (Ithaca College, USA), an MA in International Finance (University of Westminster, UK), and an MSc in Development Administration and Planning (University of London, UK). He is a national of Brazil.

Honorable Loujaya Kouza

Minister for Women, Religion, Youth and Community Development

Loujaya Kouza received her Master's degree in Communication for Development from the PNG University of Technology in April, 2012. She also holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Teaching Secondary Education from University of Goroka and taught for seven years in various National High Schools. She is a qualified journalist, having graduated from the University of PNG in 1984. Loujaya also holds a Diploma in Ethnomusicology & Performing Arts. As Minister for Religion, Youth & Community Development, Loujaya chaired the Pacific Ministers' Disability Forum in August 2013 and the Commonwealth Youth Forum in April 2013. She chaired the South Pacific Islands Disability Forum in April 2013. Loujaya also led a Delegation of 20 women to APEC Women in Economy Forum in Bali, Indonesia in September 2013. In February 2014, she was appointed Chairperson of the Pacific Islands Women's Caucus at the Pacific Sub-Regional Gender & Politics Training Workshop in Nadi, Fiji.

Ambassador Walter North

U.S. Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu

Ambassador Walter North is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service holding the rank of Career Minister. He was sworn in as the U.S. Ambassador to Papua New Guinea on November 7, 2012. Prior to that, Ambassador North served as the Mission Director of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Egypt. He served as the mission director in India, Indonesia and Zambia. Other overseas postings include Ethiopia and Bangladesh.

Ambassador North held a number of positions at USAID's Washington headquarters including as assistant administrator for the Bureau for Africa, senior deputy assistant administrator for the Bureau for Asia and the Near East, and senior deputy assistant administrator for the Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination, which included responsibility for the Agency's budget. He has also served with the Offices of East Asian Affairs and East African Affairs.

Ambassador North has a master's in public administration from Harvard University and a law degree from the George Washington University. He did his undergraduate studies at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Honorable Peter O'Neill

Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

Prime Minister O'Neill is a graduate of UPNG and a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA). During his career, he has served as a director for various companies and statutory institutions, including Executive Chairman of the PNG Banking Corporation, Rural Development Bank, Motor Vehicle Insurance Trust and Pacific MMI Insurance. He was first elected to the National Parliament in the 2002 General Elections for the Ialibu-Pangia Open seat as a People's Solidarity Party Candidate. Since then, he has served as Leader of People's National Congress, Minister of Labour, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, Minister for Public Service, and Minister for Finance and Treasury. He was elected Prime Minister in August 2011 and re-elected to the 9th National Parliament in the 2012 General Elections. In August 2012, he was again elected Prime Minister.

Dr. Rangita de Silva de Alwis

Director, Global Women's Leadership Initiative and the Women in Public Service Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Dr. Rangita de Silva de Alwis was the Director of Women in Public Service Project's 2012 Institute at Wellesley College as well as the Director of International Human Rights Policy at the Wellesley Centers for Women and Faculty at the Madeleine Albright Institute for Global Affairs at Wellesley College. Rangita has worked globally with a vast network of academic institutions, civil society and government organizations to develop innovative human rights initiatives around the world. She leads the Women's Leadership Network in Muslim Communities at the Wellesley Centers for Women and helped convene the Asia Cause Lawyer Network in India and the Women's Watch-China. She has worked in partnership with China's leading women's rights advocates on new developments in gender and law reform in China for over 10 years. She also advised UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP and the U.N. Secretariat on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with

Disabilities on state accountability under the relevant treaties and the intersections of the different treaties. Most recently, she developed a Gender Supplement to the U.N. Secretary General’s Guidelines on Disability.

Diane Kambanei

Executive Director, Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA)

Diane was born in East Sepik province and holds a degree in Human Resources and Management from James Cook University in Townsville, Queensland, Australia. Prior to assuming her current role, she worked at the Australian Government’s offshore processing centres in both Manus Island and Nauru, providing case management services to asylum seekers. Diane is active in many aspects of women’s rights, including working with the YWCA of Canberra as Payroll/Human Resources Officer as well as promoting young women’s leadership with indigenous girls in Canberra. A recipient of “great Y ideas” grant through a partnership between Westpac and the YWCA of Canberra, Diane helped establish Freedom Marketplace, an online shop front for disadvantaged women in the Pacific. Diane is a member of Soroptimist International has served as a Policy Coordinator for UN Women Australia.

Dorothy Kukum

Interim Chairperson, Enga Provincial Youth Council

Dorothy is the Agribusiness Development Officer and the Acting Director for Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries. She is also the interim Chairperson elect for the Enga Provincial Youth Council. She has played an active role in formulating the Enga Provincial Five-Year Youth Development Plan (2014-2018), which was officially launched in December 2013. Since Enga is a UNFPA’s pilot province, the Enga Provincial Youth Council, under her leadership is taking a proactive role in engaging all key stakeholders, particularly the Local Level Government elected Presidents and their councillors to take ownership in implementing the Plan. Dorothy is keen on engaging young people, particularly young women in schools, at homes, at work, throughout Enga and Papua New Guinea and abroad to take ownership in “bridging” the gap between gender discrimination, professional discrimination, tribal discrimination, racial discrimination, and create deeper levels of engagements on policy platforms, so that through mutual understanding everyone can contribute their strengths, complement each other’s weakness and work towards a grander vision, for mutual benefits.

Professor Betty Lovai

Executive Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Papua New Guinea

Professor Lovai has been an employee of the University of Papua New Guinea since graduating in 1985. She received a Master’s degree in Social Policy Administration from Nottingham University in UK in 1992 and a PhD from La Trobe University in Melbourne Australia in 2003. She currently serves on government committees or bodies such as the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission, PNG Environment Council, National AIDS Council, UN Women Advisory Committee, HIV and AIDS Research Advisory Committee, National Land Development Advisory Committee & Women and Leadership in the Public Sector Group. Professor Lovai is a recipient of 2010 US Secretary of State’s International Women of Courage award in recognition of exceptional

courage and leadership in human rights, gender equality and HIV and AIDS. She resides in Port Moresby with her family.

Barbra Thomas

Acting Executive Director, The Voice Inc.

Barbra has been involved with The Voice Inc. in various capacities for the past six years, beginning as a student volunteer, and going on to become a program mentor and team leader. She currently serves as the organization's program manager and has stepped up into the role of acting Executive Director whilst the Executive Director is away for studies. An environmental chemist by profession, she previously worked with the Clough Curtain Joint Venture company in the PNG LNG Upstream Infrastructure Project in the Hides area for more than two years, following her graduation from university in 2011. She left this position in July 2013 to pursue another passion, joining The Voice Inc. team as a full-time staff member. An active volunteer with the Simbu Children's Foundation, Barbra is especially passionate about rural development and spends her free time assisting wherever possible in her local district, the Kundiawa Gembogl district office.

Naomi Woyengu

Director, Aspire Network PNG

Naomi Woyengu is a Political Science honors student at the University of Papua New Guinea and the appointed Director of Aspire Network, PNG, a youth-based organization. As a student she used her platform as President of the Political Science Student Association (2012-13) to develop as an emerging young leader. Naomi is an advocate for inclusive youth development and women empowerment. In 2013, she represented PNG at the Future Leaders of the Pacific Summit in American Samoa and the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), Pacific Youth Workshop in Nadi, Fiji. Today, in addition to her continued school work, she runs the Aspire Network, PNG which is associated with Aspire Network, Fiji, an idea inspired by a young Fijian woman, Kaajal Kumar.

Fatima (Ima) Verzosa

Gender Advisor on Women, Peace, and Security, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Manila

Fatima (Ima) Verzosa wears many hats at USAID/Philippines, as Gender and Development Officer, Development Assistance Specialist and Project Development Specialist for the past 24 years. Her field of specialization includes performance monitoring, project design and indicators development, and integrating gender considerations in development. Ima was responsible for the project design, and implementation of USAID's newest project in the Pacific Islands on women, peace and security in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. Ima has received a number of meritorious honor awards, including runner-up in the U.S. Department of State's Swanee Hunt Award "for her tireless and creative work to successfully engage women in improving USAID/Philippines' peace and development efforts in the conflict-affected areas of Muslim Mindanao", and nominee to the Laura Bush Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Global Women's Equality. She completed her graduate work in Women and Development at the University of the Philippines.

Lily Be'Soer

Founder, Voice for Chang Jiwaka

Lilly is from Tombil Village, Minj, Jiwaka Province in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. She was a victim of tribal conflict that lasted for 17 years and is now resettled in another place. She is also a survivor of polygamous marriage and currently raising five children alone. A women's rights defender and advocate working for the political, economic and social empowerment of women, Lilly is the team leader for Voice for Change (VFC), a provincial NGO based and working in the new Jiwaka Province to promote safe communities and to End Violence Against Women/girls. VFC is currently a recipient of the UnTrust Fund, a three-year project (2013-2015) which is partnering with the new government of Jiwaka Province, the Local Level Government and the communities to End Violence Against Women. In 2012, Lilly successfully coordinated a peace reconciliation to resettle about 500 internally displaced families (IDPs) and also helped set up a committee to address the terror, violence and sometimes fatal impacts related to sorcery.

Monica Paulus

Founding Member, Highlands Women's Human Rights Defenders Network

Monica works on rapid response with the Police to respond to sorcery cases. She also works in partnership with the YWCA on counseling and violence against women. In the past, Monica worked with Meri Kirap Sapotim, a local CBO, as a volunteer to help women and children who are accused of sorcery. She also helped to repatriate and settle them in safe avenue and assist in courts and village mediation. She further documented cases of abuse with UN, Oxfam, and Amnesty International. Monica holds a graduate certificate in Tropical Agriculture from Popondetta College.

Angela Apa

Provincial Coordinator, Kup Women for Peace

Angela Apa is the coordinator of Kup Women for Peace based in Kerowagi District in the Simbu Province. In 1999, after one of the worst clashes her tribe had faced, she and two other women from enemy tribes came together to take action to stop the violence. The three made secret plans to bring peace to their communities in an environment in which, according to tribal laws, women of enemy tribes were not allowed to talk to one another. Risking their lives, the three women came up with clandestine and innovative ways to meet and strategize, such as discussing their peace plans while shopping at the local market. Angela and her colleagues succeeded in mobilizing others to support peace in the district, and even walked out onto the battlefields to send out messages of peace. This led to the creation, in 2002, of Kup Women for Peace (KWP), which works on promoting peace between communities and ending violence against women.

Josephine Kauona

Chairperson, Tunaniya Open Learning Center

Josephine is a defender of human rights who survived the Bougainville conflict and the blockade as the wife of BRA Commander Sam Kauna. She has been an advocate of peace and reconciliation and is the chairperson of Tunaniya Open Learning Center, whose main objective is to coordinate life skills trainings with special interest in illiteracy in partnerships with

development partners. She is also a strong advocate of women rights and GBV and worked on reintegrating in the local societies, women accused of witchcraft.

Theresa Jaintong

Treasurer, National Council of Women

Theresa Jaintong has held several high-profile positions, including Minister for Health Provincial Interim Government; Member of CEDAW Shadow Report for the United Nations Council, New York; Chairperson and Board of Directors, Women's Training Centre; Member of Weapons Disposal Committee; and Arawa Town Council Chairperson. As head of Bougainville Women's Council, she has been prominent in coordinating the women's role in Peace and restoration. Her key achievements include peace-building on Bougainville, the rehabilitation of health centers in Bougainville after crisis, and working for the cease fire during the Bougainville conflict.

Agnes Titus

Bougainville Program Coordinator, UN Women

Agnes Titus has long represented the women of Bougainville well by speaking out about the issues that affected them. When the "Bougainville Crisis" exploded, Agnes played a very big part in leading the women in building peace across Bougainville, especially when women and children were the vulnerable victims. She helped establish the Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency which contributed to bringing out combatants and integrating them back into normal village life. The programs also contributed to women taking part in decision making at all levels, but especially at the village where they live. In her role as a UN Women employee, she promoted gender equality in political governance in the form of workshops and radio presentations. Agnes supported the ABG to come up with the Bougainville Action Plan on Women Peace and Security and she has supported the Gender Equality, Women Empowerment, Peace and Security policy to give direction to the creation of the gender unit and focal points.

Dennise Mathieu

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs

Ambassador Dennise Mathieu is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, and assumed her position as deputy assistant secretary for Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Affairs on August 19, 2013. Prior to her current assignment, she served as the foreign policy advisor (POLAD) to the United States Transportation Command.

Previously, she served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia from November 2007 – September 2010, and as the U.S. Ambassador to Niger from November 2002 – September 2005. She also held key positions overseas in Ghana, Paris, Geneva, Jeddah, Port of Spain, and Santo Domingo. Her domestic assignments include Office Director of United Nations Technical Specialized Agencies, Deputy Director of West African Affairs, and Deputy Director of Pacific Island Affairs. She speaks French and Spanish.

She is the recipient of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Distinguished Civilian Service Award. She has also received several Performance, Superior, and Meritorious awards, including the Presidential Meritorious Service Award. A native of New Jersey, Ambassador Mathieu

received a B.A. degree from Antioch College, and a J.D. degree from Rutgers University - School of Law, Newark.

Dame Josephine Abaijah

U.S. Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award Nominee

Dame Josephine was the first and only woman to be elected to Papua New Guinea's first independent Parliament. Subsequently, Dame Josephine was elected to the national parliament three times, most recently in 1997. She served as the president of the PNG Council of Women (1994-97), and became the first Papua New Guinean woman to write a published autobiography, *Thousand Coloured Dreams: The Story of a Young Girl Growing up in Papua* (1991). Today, although retired, she is active in social work in the Oro Province where she advances women's issues. Dame Josephine promotes education for women as being fundamental for development. She actively encourages the village women to improve themselves in order to improve their villages, province, and the nation as a whole. She is currently leading and involved in churchwomen's groups in the Northern Province.

Dr. dt ogilvie

Founder of the Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Dean of Saunders College of Business at Rochester Institute of Technology, and Founding Director of The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development at Rutgers Business School

Dr. dt ogilvie is Dean and Professor of Business Strategy at the Saunders College of Business at the Rochester Institute of Technology. She is formerly Professor of Business Strategy & Urban Entrepreneurship at Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick and Founding Director of The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development. She earned her Ph.D. in Strategic Management from The University of Texas at Austin, her MBA in Strategic Management and International Strategic Management from the Executive MBA Program at Southern Methodist University, her BA in Sociology from Oberlin College, and attended The Wharton School of Business at The University of Pennsylvania. Prior to her academic career, Dr. Ogilvie had over 13 years' experience in the corporate world. She was Business Planning Manager/Strategic Planning, Information Systems Planning Manager, Franchise Planning Analyst, and ran multimillion dollar profit centers at The Southland Corporation. She managed and ran two turnarounds before joining Southland. Prior to that, Dr. ogilvie owned a small jewelry manufacturing business. She provides consulting services for public agencies and businesses, including Fortune 50 firms and the U.S. Army.

Charles Mabia

Director for Higher Education Development, Office of Higher Education

Charles Mabia is the Director for Higher Education Development within the Office of Higher Education. He holds a Masters in Human Resource from Manchester University, UK.

Susil Nelson

President, Business and Professional Women

Susil's company, Jcomplex Technologies, was established in 2006 and specializes in engineering projects in in areas of commercial building projects, electrical & controls, information technology

& telecommunications. Prior to this Susil worked for PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited (PNGSDP) where she was responsible for company secretarial duties for the PNGSDP group as well as producing the Company's Annual Report. Susil holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce with a major in Management Information Systems from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and is currently studying towards a MBA. More recently, Susil has assisted the newly established PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry in her capacity as Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee. Susil was awarded the Westpac Business Woman of the Year for 2012 and was also recognized for her contribution to local business through her work with the PNG Sustainable Development Program and as an active member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, focusing on building a strong network for women and supporting educational opportunities for women and girls in PNG.

Ellen McCaskill

Venture Business Manager, ExxonMobil PNG, PNG LNG Project

Ellen has been Venture Business Manager at the PNG LNG Project since 2012, and believes strongly that even when people are not in decision-making positions there are always way to influence decisions or change that can have a positive impact on the Project. Ellen started her career with ExxonMobil in 1989, after graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering. As she developed her cost and schedule proficiencies, Ellen moved on to be a Project Controls Lead in a contractor's engineering office and a start-up project controls engineer for the Santa Ynez Unit project in California. Highlights of Ellen's career include her role as the Field Engineering Manager for a group that provided field engineering support for West Coast and Rocky Mountain pipelines and distribution terminals in addition to the Texas Chemicals pipeline facilities and her role as the Southeast Area Manager for pipeline operations in Louisiana and Mississippi, including offshore gathering systems and salt dome storage facilities.

Helam Koaik

Founder and Director, Nojanah Integrated School

Helam Koik is a Secondary School teacher by profession, of Kokopo East New Britain Province. She has 15 years' experience in teaching and holds a Diploma in Teaching and in Teacher- librarianship studies. She is the owner, founder and Director of Nojanah Integrated School, in Kokopo, a private institution affiliated with the National Department of Education which has been in operation for almost nine years. The school provides second chance opportunities to the push out from the formal system school.

Patty Alleman

Senior Gender Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bangkok

Based in Bangkok, Thailand at the USAID/Regional Development Mission Asia (RDMA), Patty Alleman supports RDMA and bilateral USAID country missions in Asia to identify, develop, monitor and report high quality and innovative strategies and programming to reduce gender disparities in development outcomes, reduce gender-based violence, and increase capacity of women and girls to determine their life outcomes and influence decision-making in their households, community and society. She also fosters regional relationships and partnerships across a wide range of stakeholders, including host country government and U.S. government

colleagues, USAID implementing partners, donors, multilaterals, and the private sector. In her previous international development positions, most recently four years at USAID/Washington/Global Health Bureau, she assisted in developing and implementing numerous strategic plans, gender assessments, project designs, and evaluations in various development sectors. Prior to joining USAID, she worked in the non-governmental and academic fields, most recently with Family Health International. She has Master's degrees in anthropology and public health, with a strong background in governance and policy, strategic partnerships, monitoring and evaluation.

Dr. Lynda Sirigoi

President, PNG Women Doctors Association

Dr Lynda Sirigoi is currently practising as a Family Physician in her private clinic in Port Moresby. Her background is in Exercise Physiology. Upon completion of her Medical Degree in Port Moresby, Dr Sirigoi joined the Faculty of Medicine (UPNG) in 1991 as a Teaching Fellow in Physiology. She went on to complete postgraduate studies in England and worked and studied there for twelve years. She received her Master of Science degree from the University College London and worked as a pioneering Research Fellow at the School of Sports & Exercise Science at the South Bank University in London. Upon returning to PNG seven years ago, she has been in private practice and has recently established her own private practice. She is a member of The International Panel Physician Association (IPPA) and Australasian Medical Review Officer Association (AMROA). In her current role as the President of the Women Doctors Association of PNG, she takes an active interest in issues affecting women, particularly health issues and cervical cancer. She is the interim Deputy Chair for the newly established PNG National Cancer foundation. When Dr Sirigoi is not attending to patients or the affairs of the Women Doctors, she continues her love of sports either as a spectator or player at the hockey and football fields.

Tom Ellum

Country Director, Marie Stopes International

Tom Ellum has served as a leader in the private and development sectors, with strong academic and business acumen. He has worked in emerging market business intelligence in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East delivering conferences, reports and consultancy to senior executives of the travel, airline, insurance and mobile industries. He has also set up business intelligence sectors catering to internet, private equity and venture capital executives. Tom Ellum has experience of managing large European Union, DfID, AusAid and UNFPA healthcare projects and has worked in Thailand, Sierra Leone and Papua New Guinea. He provides strategic direction and leadership to Marie Stopes Papua New Guinea as well as institutional strengthening and capacity building.

Dr. Paison Dakulala

Deputy Secretary, National Department of Health

Dr. Dakulala is a Public Health Physician and has skills and technical knowledge in diseases epidemiology. He obtained his medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Papua New Guinea, Taurama Campus and later earned his Master's Degree in Internal Medicine, also at the UPNG. Dr. Dakulala completed his residency at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney,

Australia. In his role as the Deputy Secretary, National Health Services, Dr. Dakulala worked for the establishment of the Ministerial Taskforce for Maternal & Child Health in 2012. In the past, he also worked in the province of Morobe, PNG, where, he was instrumental in improving and setting up the Directly Observed Treatment Strategy (DOTS) Tuberculosis Control Programme. His work on TB continued with him when he moved to Alotau, Milne Bay province. His work on TB spread to other provinces, which eventually went national. Whilst in the provinces, Dr. Dakulala also provided technical guidance and leadership in setting up the ART clinic for the care and treatment of HIV patients at Anua Moriri Clinic in Morobe and later became a member of the National HIV/AIDS Data Collector and Milne Bay ProMest Team.

Dadi Toka

CEO, PNG Cancer Foundation

Dadi Toka was actively involved with the Port Moresby Cancer Relief Society Inc. for over five years in the capacity as a volunteer and then Executive Committee President. He also served as Chairman of the Port Moresby General Hospital Board from 2011 to 2012. He was recently appointed as the Chief Executive Officer for the newly established Papua New Guinea Cancer Foundation Inc.

Dr. Garry Ou'u

Health Advisor, National Capital District Health Services

Garry Ou'u has a long history promoting public health in Papua New Guinea and in recent years has particularly been engaged in health reforms in the National Capital District. He has worked to improve the delivery of health services to both the rural and urban poor. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Surgery and a Master's Degree in Medicine (Anesthesiology) from UPNG, as well as a Master's of Health Administration.

Paul Barker

Executive Director, Institute of National Affairs

Paul Barker has served as INA's Executive Director since 2006. He returned to PNG after serving as a Programme Specialist in Rural Development for the European Commission in the Solomon Islands. From 1988-2004, Paul served as an advisor in economics and renewable resources to PNG's Department of the Prime Minister. He is a graduate of the University of East Anglia and the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Gloria Steele

Mission Director, U.S. Agency for International Development, Manila

A career member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service, Gloria D. Steele assumed the duties as the USAID Mission Director for the Philippines in July 2010 and the newly established Pacific Islands Office in October 2011. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Steele served as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). She assumed this position in January 2005, and was responsible for overseeing an average annual health program budget of \$1.5-billion, and a staff of 240.

Ms. Steele served as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia from 2001-2004. Other USAID assignments include seven years of work in the Bureau for Africa as an Agricultural Economist, and seven years in the Bureau for Science and Technology overseeing applied research on key rural development issues such as land tenure, access to agricultural credit, food security, and natural resource management.

She received a Master of Science in agricultural economics from Kansas State University in 1978. She also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Maryknoll College in the Philippines. Ms. Steele was the recipient of a Presidential Meritorious Executive Award in 2007, and a Presidential Distinguished Executive Award in 2008.

Anna Solomon

Acting Secretary, Department for Community Development

Anna Solomon has served in the Department of Community Development for 20 years, and previously served as the Department's Deputy Secretary for Corporate and Regulatory Affairs prior to her appointment as Acting Secretary for Community Development. She is from Kairuku an Mailu in the Central Province, and holds a Bachelors in Business from the University of Southern Queensland.

Decie Autin

Project Executive, ExxonMobil PNG, PNG LNG Project

Decie has been with ExxonMobil for over 30 years. She is currently responsible for planning, development and execution of all aspects of the Project. Prior to this role, she was the Upstream Project Manager, accountable for the engineering, procurement and construction of the upstream portions of the PNG LNG Project, including the Hides Gas Conditioning Plant and 700km of pipeline to the LNG Plant. She began her career in New Orleans in the offshore facilities surveillance team, later moving into facilities and mechanical engineering management, natural gas and gas liquids marketing, and positions as Continuous Improvement Advisor and Operations Superintendent. Decie also worked in the Natural Gas Planning organization in Houston. Decie has been the Hoover-Diana Technical Manager and Startup Manager, the Thunder Horse OBO Interface Manager, and the Erha SURF Project Manager.

James Lang

Program Coordinator, Partners for Prevention Program

James is the Programme Coordinator for Partners for Prevention (P4P, www.partners4prevention.org), which is a United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Population Fund, UN Women, and United Nations Volunteers regional program for Asia and the Pacific that focuses on promoting effective primary prevention of violence, or stopping violence before it starts, with a particular focus on gender-based violence. As a development practitioner, trainer and author with special interests in gender-based violence prevention and engaging boys and men in working towards gender equality. James previously served as the UNDP's Regional Gender Programme Advisor, also in the Asia-Pacific region. Prior to that, James worked for UNDP in Laos and Sri Lanka, the Family Violence Prevention Fund in San Francisco, and Oxfam Great Britain in the UK. He has

published numerous articles, facilitated online discussions and edited books on the topics of poverty, men and gender, gender-based violence prevention, and other development issues.

Salome Rihatta

President, PNG Yumi Kerap (PNG Arise)

Salome Rihatta is a Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA) and is currently employed as the Finance Manager – Port Moresby, for a multi-national corporation which has a business unit in Papua New Guinea. She is a dual MBA Degree holder from the University of Papua New Guinea (MBA Executive and MBA CPA) and also holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Commerce from the same university. She is also the President of PNG Yumi Kirap (PNGYK) which is the morphing of the movement from Women Arise PNG (still in existence) into PNGYK as a result of the movement’s transformation to include Men, Youths, Religious and other groupings to “Kirap”, Arise, or become part of the great Awakening to address violence and heal the nation. Salome has been heavily involved in extracurricular and community activities. She gives the same passion to these activities as she does to her work and family.

Ian Lapu

Eliminating Violence Against Women Program Officer, Oxfam

Ian Lapu is the EAW Program Officer for the Program in PNG. He has worked with Oxfam PNG since September 2013. Before that he was employed as Project Officer with World Vision PNG Positive Living Project with vulnerable people in local communities addressing cross-cutting issues such as gender based violence, Human Right and HIV&AIDS. Ian also worked with Youth Commission as a national youth advocate at all levels in society addressing issues such as unemployment, drugs/alcohol and gender based violence. He has more than 10 years of working experience in the community level with women, men and youths.

Beatrice Mahuru

CEO, Digicel Foundation

Beatrice Mahuru is the first national Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Digicel PNG Foundation, leading a full team of Papua New Guineans to achieve its five key objectives: providing access to Basic Education and Basic Health services, supporting communities to become self-reliant through program investments, putting support structures in place for survivors of domestic violence and people with special needs. Beatrice is a journalist by profession who has over two decades of quality PR, Project Management and Marketing experience with some of PNG’s most successful corporations: Coca-Cola Amatil, South Pacific Breweries, Kina Securities and the Australia New Zealand Bank. Her strong customer focus has realized successful community partnership; and her sound leadership qualities have seen her teams optimize their full potential and her organization gain strong results. She attributes her success in life to her parents, Catherine and Allen Mahuru and her faith in God. Beatrice is married with 6 daughters whom she says are her drive. As a proud Papua New Guinean, Beatrice has a seemingly effortless ability to operate in the global world, fully aware of the importance of traditional ties.

Lady Winifred Kamit

Founding Chairperson, Coalition for Change

Lady Winifred Kamit, CBE , has had a pioneering career in the public service, including as Commissioner of the Public Service Commission, in law and in business. She is founding Chairperson of Coalition for Change PNG and patron of the PNG Business Coalition for Women, which supports the PNG business community to enhance the status of women in workplaces. A senior partner with Gadens Lawyer in Port Moresby, Lady Kamit sits on the boards of companies including Newcrest Mining Ltd.

Eddie Aila

Founder and Head Trainer, Warrior Culture – Men Against Family Violence

Eddie Aila is the Founder and Head Trainer for Warrior Culture – Men Against Family Violence and Managing Director at Aila Consulting Limited. He received his Double Bachelor’s Degree from the Queensland University of Technology majoring in Business, Banking and Finance and in Economics. Eddie founded Warrior Culture – Men Against Family Violence to assist men to overcome their challenges through Sharing, Healing, Supporting and Growing the empowerment in their lives. He is a regular public speaker especially focusing on Leadership, Business and the importance of adopting an empowered mindset in business and life in general. He loves photography, reading, playing the guitar and learning to surf in his spare time.

Adam Everill

Chief Executive Officer, Rugby League Against Violence

Adam Everill is the Co-Founder and CEO of Rugby League Against Violence operating in Australia and Papua New Guinea. The organization is delivering world-first community development initiatives that are revolutionizing the way we can deliver primary prevention to men and boys. He has been recognized as a “Global Changemaker” by the British Council, A “Young Social Pioneer” by the Foundation of Young Australians and is part of the ongoing Australia/Papua New Guinea “Emerging Leaders” Dialogue. He is a father of two and his educational background is in Arts and International Public Health.

Louise Williams

Principal Associate, Trade Policy Group, Nathan Associates

Louise Williams is a U.S.-based lawyer who has worked as a consultant in economic growth and trade, including women's economic empowerment, for more than 15 years. Since 2003, Ms. Williams has participated in the development and implementation of USAID's primary vehicle for analyzing environments for trade and investment, the Commercial Legal and Institutional Reform ("CLIR") methodology, including BizCLIR (Kosovo, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines, Afghanistan, Jamaica, Kenya, and Rwanda); GenderCLIR (Vietnam), and AgribusinessCLIR (Ghana, Tanzania, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Papua New Guinea, and Liberia). She also was the architect and a chief implementer of Regional Agricultural Trade Environment tool used in several ASEAN member states (Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, and Vietnam) and the APEC/Policy Partnership for Women in the Economy gender analysis (PNG and Chile). In 2013, Ms. Williams also supported USAID in developing training for economic officers in gender equality and women's empowerment in trade.

Ms. Williams helps countries analyze and respond to legal and institutional conditions for investment environments generally – she typically focuses on dealing with licenses and employing workers – and gender-specific aspects of trade and economic growth.

Avia Koisen

Interim President, PNG Women’s Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Avia Koisen is the founder and owner of Koisen Lawyers, a private law practice in Port Moresby. Earlier in her career, Avia served as senior legal officer with the Ombudsman Commission, Principal Legal Officer of the National Housing Corporation, Assistant Manager Legal for the Bank of South Pacific Limited and Senior Associate with a local private law firm Henao Lawyers. Avia also owns a water carting business that brings fresh water to the doorsteps of families to whom the PNG government is not able to supply fresh water, as well as private corporate bodies

Avia has served as a volunteer Board Member for Transparency International PNG and as the inaugural President of the PNG – Australia Alumni Association. She is member of the taskforce that drafted the PNG government’s guiding policy document “Vision 2050,” and of the Legislative Working Group to draft the necessary constitutional law and organic law amendments required to reserve 22 seats for women in PNG’s Parliament. Currently, Avia is the head Judge for the Westpac Outstanding Women’s Awards, a board member for Telikom PNG Limited (a government statutory organization), and has served for the last four years as a commissioner on the Higher Education Commission. Avia holds a Masters in International Law from the Queensland University of Technology in Australia, and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Papua New Guinea.

Carolyn Blacklock

Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Carolyn Blacklock has served as is the International Finance Corporation’s Resident Representative to PNG since 2010. From 1990- 2010, she held senior positions in both Westpac and ANZ banks covering the Pacific and Asia region. Carolyn grew up in rural north Queensland, Australia and holds a Master’s Degree in International Development from the Deakin University in Victoria, Australia.

Mattie McFadden-Lawson

President, MML Design and Consulting Group

Mattie McFadden has extensive experience in the arts, government, women’s leadership, and political fundraising. As a staff member of the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, she managed a fiscal year budget of 21 billion dollars and participated in congressional hearings regarding Veterans Affairs. She also managed investment portfolios for clients while at Bankers Trust Company – New York. McFadden-Lawson currently sits on many boards, including the Music Center at the Performing Arts Center for Los Angeles County and Center Dance Arts, Dance Council – Colburn School, Advisory Board for Grand Park, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, and Ford Theatre. In 2010, President Obama appointed her to the President’s Advisory Committee on the Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. For the past four years, she has served as a National Co-Chair of the Women’s Leadership

Forum – Democratic National Committee (DNC), member of the National Finance Committee, Obama for America – 2008 and 2012, the International Finance Committee, and the African-American Leadership Council Co-Chair – DNC. On the state level, she is a State Delegate for the California Democratic Party. Lawson graduated magna cum laude with a Master’s degree from Howard University and holds a M.P.A. degree with honors from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Loi Bakani

Governor, Bank of Papua New Guinea

Mr. Li Martin Bakani’s career with the Central Bank started in 1985 as an Economic Research Analyst. He was appointed the Head of Economics Department in 1998 and become the Chief Economic Advisor for the Bank, a position he held until February 8, 2005, when he was appointed the Deputy Governor - Policy and Regulation for a 5-year term. On 9th December 2009, the National Executive Council appointed Mr. Bakani as the Governor, Chairman of the Bank of Papua New Guinea Board, and the Registrar of Savings and Loans Societies in PNG for a term of 7 years. He is also Alternate Governor to the IMF and is a member of Board of Governors for the South East Asia Central Banks (SEACEN) Training Centre based in Malaysia, Pacific Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) based in Fiji and the PNG Institute of Banking and Business Management (PNGIBBM) in Port Moresby. Mr. Bakani holds an Honors Master’s Degree in Economics from the University of Wollongong (1994) Australia, and a Bachelor of Economics Degree from the University of PNG (1984). He is the member of PNG Institute of Directors, Australia Economic Society, PNG Economic Society, UPNG Alumni Association and PNG-Australia Alumni Association.

Nuni Kulu

Area Manager for Southern Region, Bank of South Pacific

Nuni Kulu joined the PNGBC Graduate Scheme in 1998 with a Bachelor of Commerce from the Australian National University. Later that year, she was appointed as Foreign Exchange Dealer with Treasury Department for 5 years. After the merger between BSP and PNGBC in 2003, Nuni joined the sales team working in Retail Bank. In 2006 Nuni was appointed as Marketing Manager and during this time the bank embarked on the new branding of BSP. In 2009, Nuni worked with the Transformation Portfolio Management Office before joining BSP First and was instrumental in launching BSP First at Harbour City in June 2011 and appointed Head of BSP for 2 years. In September 2013, Nuni was appointed to Area Manager Southern Region with Retail department. She holds a Diploma of Financial Markets – Treasury Stream with the Financial Services Institute of Australasia(FINSIA).

Naomi Samuel

Founder, Kutubu Foe Women's Co-operative Society

Naomi Samuel is the president of the Kutubu Foe Women’s Association in Kutubu area of the Southern highlands Province of Papua New Guinea. The Kutubu Foe Women’s Association is a community-based women’s association spanning six regions and with a membership of 6,000 women. Key programs areas are: strengthening community institutions, life skills initiatives, community health and nutrition, agricultural skills training and gender participation. Naomi is

currently working with these 6,000 women and their families to produce rice for family consumption as well as for sale. Naomi provides leadership and coaching on an activity to impart sewing skills for women to produce garments for themselves, their families and for sale. Naomi is in charge of networking for this project and securing donations of machinery from different companies and organizations. She is also the Chairwoman of the Kutubu Foe Women Cooperative Society, which focuses on women's empowerment in business and life skills training. Naomi received a grade 10 certificate from Nipa Provincial High School. She attended Global Women in Management program by CEDPA in 2010.

Sarah Haoda Todd

Managing Director/CEO and Founder, Law Everclean Limited

Managing Director/Shareholder, LEC Engineering Solution Ltd

Managing Director/CEO and Founder, Sha Mata Clothing & Bistro Ltd

Sarah Haoda Todd is a business solutions architect and operations management executive. Sarah conceptualized and launched a cleaning business in 1997, expanding it from a three-employee operation to a large company with more than 300 employees and several high profile clients. Before becoming an entrepreneur, she worked in various areas of executive management and marketing and advertising for 14 years. A winner of multiple awards, Sarah has served as a committee member of the PNG Red Cross, Lae Branch, director on the Board of Habitat for Humanity, Papua New Guinea, director on TISOL Board (The International School of Lae), and secretary of the PNG Indigenous Business Council Inc. She holds qualifications from the MBA Executive Program of the University of Technology, a diploma in Business Management from Divine Word University, a Tertiary Certificate in Stenography from Rabaul Business College and a Tertiary Certificate in Business Studies from Goroka Technical College.

Honorable Julie Soso

Governor of Eastern Highlands Province

Ms. Julie Akeke Soso was born on August 29, 1960 at Asaroufa Village in the Eastern Highlands Province. She is a first term MP and one of only three female members in the 111 member Parliament. A member of the Triumph Heritage Empowerment (THE) Party, she also made history by becoming the first female provincial Governor in PNG when she was elected Governor of Eastern Highlands Province in the 2012 National Election. She had unsuccessfully contested the 1997, 2002 and 2007 general elections. Prior to entering politics she was a self-employed women's rights advocate and prominent community leader in her province. A former radio broadcaster, she was also the President of the Women's Council and deputy chair of the Eastern Highlands AIDS council before her election as Governor. After completing high school (Year 12), she worked as a radio broadcaster with the Government-owned National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) radio station at their Eastern Highlands office in Goroka (1980 – 96). She was elected President of the Eastern Highlands Council of Women in October 1996.

Honorable Rose Pihei

Minister for Arts, Culture, Tourism, Environment and Conservation (Bougainville)

Honorable Rose Pihei started her community work on women's empowerment through church programs in Bougainville. In 2006, the post-conflict situation erupted and as a result she got involved with peace-building outreach in the affected communities. She was selected in 2006 to as the South Bougainville women representative on the working committee to establish the Bougainville Women's Federation. In her capacity as a minister in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government, she has served as Minister for Community Development and has gained two milestones during her term, Gender Policy and Women Peace. Honorable Pihei is now the current Minister for Arts, Culture, Tourism, Environment and Conservation in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government.

Ambassador Lucy Bogari

Deputy Secretary, PNG Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ambassador Lucy Bogari has been in the Foreign Service for thirty four (34) years and has served on and off in senior management positions of the Department for 19 years and in Executive Management position as Deputy Secretary for eight (8) years. During the eight years, she served as Acting Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs for one and half years. Ambassador Bogari has served in PNG Overseas Missions in the Pacific, Asia and Europe. She was PNG's first resident Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and also served as High Commissioner to New Zealand, Tonga and Niue and the Cook Islands. Ambassador Bogari remains the only career woman Foreign Service Officer to have reached Ambassadorial rank and be in executive management of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Department's history. Ambassador Bogari is a recipient of awards of recognition for her trail blazing career as the only woman at her level in the PNG Foreign Service from Her Britannic Majesty, the President of the Republic of Korea, the President of the Republic of France and the Secretary of State of the United States of America. She is currently serving her eighth year as the Deputy Secretary responsible for policy in the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Amanda Watson

Mobile Communication Research Consultant, Economic and Public Sector Program

Dr. Amanda Watson is a communication researcher and trainer, with expertise in new communication technology for developing nations, and research background in development-related communication issues. Dr. Watson is currently working as Mobile Communication Research Consultant for the Economic and Public Sector Program, a PNG government program funded by the Australian Government. The aim of her role is to offer strategic advice about the use of mobile phones in service delivery and development efforts in PNG. Dr. Watson completed her doctoral research on mobile phones in rural areas of PNG. This was the first large-scale, independent research project on mobile phones in PNG. Dr. Watson first came to PNG in 2004 and worked for three years as a lecturer in the Communication Arts Department of Divine Word University in Madang. Dr. Watson is fluent in Tok Pisin and is a keen scuba diver.

Maria Linibi, President

PNG Women in Agriculture Development Foundation (PNGWiADF)

Maria Linibi is the founder and president of the Papua New Guinea Women in Agriculture Development Foundation (PNGWiA). After serving as the Head of Department for the Office of

Information in the Western Highlands Provincial government, she resigned and became a subsistent farmer. Since then, she has built her network, trained and mentored more than 5000 rural women in agriculture and established the PNGWiA Foundation in 2008. She sits on the PNG National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) board and Asia Pacific Association Agriculture Research Institute. Maria was recently awarded the Westpac Community Award for her tireless efforts building the capacity of rural women farmers.

Professor Glen Mola

Lecturer, University of Papua New Guinea's School of Medicine and Health Science

Professor Glen Mola has worked as a doctor all over Papua New Guinea and in a number of other developing countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific since his graduation in 1970. He is currently the Professor of Reproductive Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Papua New Guinea, and a senior consultant at the Port Moresby General Hospital where he is a clinician and teacher. He also advises the National Department of Health of Papua New Guinea on Reproductive Health matters. His interests include all aspects of pregnancy care, and safe management of labor and delivery, health programming and Public Health aspects of Sexual and Reproductive Health, and curriculum development. His strong commitment to Reproductive Health is manifest in his ongoing battle to meet the need of families in developing countries for adequate Family Planning, and accessible and appropriate care during pregnancy and childbirth. He has been a leader in the fight against STIs including HIV/AIDS, and is a strong proponent for women's equal place in Society.

Genevieve Daniels

Cellmoni Distribution Manager, Digicel PNG Limited

Genevieve Daniels is the Digicel Mobile Money Cellmoni Distribution Manager, and has been working in the Business Development Mobile Money Department for 4 years and before joining Mobile Money Genevieve had worked as a Senior Quality Assurance and Training Executive in Customer Care Department and has 4 years' experience in this area as well. She is also the secretary on The Digicel Foundation Board serving the board for 5 years.

Gima Kepi

Manager for Women's Banking, Nationwide MicroBank

Gima Kepi is Manager Women's banking for Nationwide Microbank in Papua New Guinea. Gima has had wide experience in both administration and human resources in both the public and private sectors. Gima has served on the Boards of a number of professional and non-government organizations in PNG, and has won a number of awards for her professional activities. Gima currently holds a Certificate in Microfinance Management from the Boulder Microfinance Institute, together with the Women's World Banking Certificate of Women in Leadership.

Amanda Donigi

Editor, Stella Magazine

Amanda Donigi is the editor and publisher of Stella magazine. Her vision for Stella is to provide an outlet for emerging and established writers to entertain and inform a young and influential

audience in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific region. Amanda hopes to challenge stereotypes levied on Pacific women and youth by the mainstream media. Ms. Donigi is experienced in writing for print and online media. She has a Bachelor of Arts in German, a CELTA certificate in English instruction from Cambridge, and a Graduate Diploma of Arts in writing, editing & publishing from The University of Queensland. She is the founding President of the Papua New Guinea Society of Writers, Editors, and Publishers (SWEP).

Dr. Iwona Kolodziejczyk

Lecturer, Faculty of Business and Informatics, Divine Word University

Dr. Iwona Kolodziejczyk is a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Business and Informatics at Divine Word University in Madang. Her main research interests are in gender and gender technoscience, social construction of technology, and higher education. She presented findings of her research at international conferences in Canberra, Osaka and Prague.

Julie Bukikun

Senior National Program Specialist, UN Women

Julie Bukikun is a lawyer by profession. She was recruited by the former UNIFEM now UN WOMEN in 2007 to establish its presence in PNG. In her role as the Senior National Programme Specialist for the UN WOMEN PNG Country Office, she ensures strategic direction and quality assurance of UN WOMEN's programmes and operations in PNG. In terms of her upstream policy work, Julie has provided technical and advisory support to the Government, civil society groups and women's groups on advancing gender equality and women empowerment using key human rights instruments such as the Convention to Eliminate All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, the MDGs, UN Security Council Resolution and Gender Responsive Budgeting. Julie has several years of experience working on democratic governance in particular women's participation in politics and public life, gender-based violence prevention, HIV&AIDS, aid effectiveness, peace-building; legislative reform and human rights. Julie provided technical support to the drafting of the first PNG Government state report to the UN CEDAW Committee and supported the Bougainville Autonomous Government to develop an Action Plan on Women Peace and Security to address women's rights issues in post-conflict Bougainville and the proposed Referendum. Julie was also instrumental in setting up the Government of PNG and Development Partners Forum on Gender in 2008, an important coordination and discussion mechanism on gender matters in PNG. Prior to joining UN WOMEN, Julie practiced as a lawyer with the former Blake Dawson Waldron Lawyers (now Ashurst Lawyers). Julie's interest to work on gender equality and women's empowerment stemmed from her pro-bono work on providing legal aid to women and children affected by family and sexual violence.

Gayle Tatsi

Director, Office for the Development of Women

Gayle works in policy development, gender analysis, project development and management. She has worked in the area of women and development for over 20 years. She has a clear understanding of gender issues in Papua New Guinea and understands the global thinking around gender. She has worked with other partners on the issue of gender at the sub-

regional (Pacific), and regional (Asia/Pacific), and globally. Gayle holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Papua New Guinea and a double master's in women's studies and social policy and analysis from the University of Wollongong in Australia.

Dickson Kiragi

Registrar General, Civil Registration Office, Department for Community Development

Dickson has an academic background in agriculture and led consulting work with the civil registration office. He then worked with the National Council of Women to coordinate a project on role models to prevent gender based violence. He directed the National Council of Women's men's desk. He then served as the Executive Manager in the Office of the Secretary of the Department for Community Development and recently transitioned to become the Registrar General within that same Department.

Honorable Powes Parkop

Governor of the National Capital District

Governor Parkop was first elected to the National Parliament in the July 2007 National General Election for the NCD Regional Seat. In June, 2010 he founded the Social Democratic Party, of which he is the current leader. He was re-elected for the same seat in the 2012 elections.

In November 2009 he launched the International Parliamentarians for West Papua – Papua New Guinea Chapter showing his support for the self-determination of the people of West Papua. Before entering Parliament he was a private lawyer who spoke out on issues concerning Human Rights and was Director for the Individual and Community Rights Advocacy Forum Inc. (ICRAF) from 1995 - 1998. His occupations prior to that included lecturing law courses at the University of Papua New Guinea and reporting for the National Parliament and local papers.

He holds a Masters of Laws Degree from the University of Warwick (UK), a Bachelors of Laws Degree from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Diploma in Journalism from the University of Papua New Guinea.

Honorable Charles Abel

Minister for National Planning

Charles Abel was elected to the 8th National Parliament in 2007 as an Independent Member for the Alotau Open seat. Shortly after being elected he joined the National Alliance Party and was appointed Minister for Culture and Tourism. In July 2010 he joined three other Ministers in defecting to the Opposition in an unsuccessful attempt to oust Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare in a vote of no confidence. In August 2011 he was appointed Minister for Trade, Commerce and Industry following a change of government and the election of Peter O'Neill as Prime Minister. He contested and won back his seat in Parliament in the 2012 National General Elections and was subsequently appointed Minister for National Planning. Prior to entering politics he was a businessman. He holds a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Queensland. He is married to Hacy Henao Abel and they have three children.



PNG Women's Groups & Related Organizations

This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather is intended as a living document to give readers an entry point for finding organizations that work on women's issues in Papua New Guinea. Phone numbers have been removed for privacy, but individuals and organizations may have their phone numbers or other information added by contacting the U.S. Embassy. To add this or other information, add additional organizations to this list, or correct a listing, please contact:

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National Capital District

ANZ Banking on Women Group

ANZ's Banking on Women program aims to provide ongoing opportunities such as mentoring and careers development programs for ANZ female employees to build and foster relationships with women clients in comfortable, fun and engaging forums, tailored to the interest of women in business and leadership, and to promote ANZ as a partner of choice for women.

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Aspire Network, PNG

Aspire Network PNG, is youth based organization that empowers young women and men to enhance their skills and provides opportunities for short trainings. ANPNG's main objective is to develop and empower young people to become professionals with a vision to help give back to the society through collaboration.

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Business and Professional Women's Association

The BPW of Port Moresby is a local Non-Governmental Organization under the umbrella of the National Council of Women in PNG. It aims to promote the interests of and to encourage cooperation among business and professional women in PNG and other countries. It also aims to encourage women and girls to further their education and to work for equal opportunities and status for women in the economic, social and political life in PNG.

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Business Coalition for Women

The Business Coalition for Women (BCFW) aims to improve the environment for women as employees in PNG business, as members of senior management and as business owners and operators. The coalition will work with businesses to support and influence the culture, practices and policies within companies

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to create greater opportunities for equality, and will create opportunities for businesses to exchange best practices that are already underway in PNG.

Christian Revival Centre (CRC) Bethel Tabernacle Women's Ministry

The women's ministry is responsible for issues affecting women such as HIV/Aids, general health awareness of women, marriage and counselling. Their activities involve guest speakers and get-to-gathers.

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Coalition for Change PNG Inc. (CFC)

CFC is a community based not-for-profit advocacy group launched in November 2008 to address the issue of gender based violence, particularly violence in the home. It seeks to change the attitudes of individuals so that women and children are treated with respect and dignity. After it was formed, CFC priority was to seek legislative policy reform to curb domestic violence. On September 18, 2013 CFC's advocacy efforts were proved successful when Parliament passed the Family Protection Bill the organization drafted. The bill makes domestic violence a criminal offense and provides victims the legal avenue to seek protection.

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Consultation Implementation & Monitoring Council

CIMC is an independent organization that brings together civil society, private sector and government partners to develop policy and directly influence and monitor government decision making

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Department for Community Development

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Eda Hanua Foudation

Eda Hanua Foundation is a community based group that runs short trainings for women in the community. EHF's main focus is on HIV/Aids awareness, combating gender-based violence and other social problems

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Margatry
Loko

Member

Evangelical Lutheran Church - Southern Region Youth

Develops young women and men into self-reliant and obedient, law-abiding citizens and provides skill-building workshops and gender violence advocacy activities.

Dika Napkai

President

Family Sexual Violence Action Committee

The Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC) was set up as one of the sectoral committees of the CIMC in 2000. The recommendation to establish such a committee came from a workshop conducted in 2000 as part of

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Papua New Guinea's silver jubilee celebrations. Concerns about the alarming rate of family and sexual violence against women and children caused several organizations and individuals to approach the British High Commission (BHC) and AusAID through the Institute of National Affairs (INA) to sponsor a workshop to address these issues. The result was the setting up of a national body (FSVAC), specifically mandated to look into the problems associated with family and sexual violence and to come up with concrete ways of addressing these problems.

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Friends Foundation

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Haus Ruth

Haus Ruth is a shelter and child abuse center run by Port Moresby City Mission, it also caters to victims of gender based violence and acts like a safe house for women and children who are subjected to family and sexual violence. It was first opened in 2003 and also provides a hostel for single working women.

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House of Hope

Women of Hope's objectives are to preach the Word of God to orphans and single and widowed mothers, to teach basic literacy to communities the Ministry associates with and to care for HIV & AIDS victims. Women of Hope also works in close partnership with

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PNG Women in Business and its mission is to also empower women with economic skills in order to engage more local PNG women to start up small to medium enterprises.

Individual Community Rights Advocacy Forum (ICRAF)

ICRAF is a non-profit, non-government organization which was established in 1992 to deal with human rights, environment destruction and land rights issues in PNG. It is staffed by lawyers, community workers and other professionals.

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Maiva-Koitabu Women's Group

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Meri Toksave

Meri Toksave is a youth-led, non-profit initiative that aims to address gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea. It is essentially based on providing youth engagement towards women's development and overcoming the inaccessibility of emergency services services contact information for those affected by family and sexual violence. Meri Toksave aims at tackling this issue by improving information accessibility and strengthening referral systems, through the creation of a country wide directory.

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Moresby South Council of Women

The group is more focused on community activities within the Morest South electorate, the organization aims to give all women equal opportunities.

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Lambalot

Member

Moresby South District Women's Association

(no information received)

Heisi Novulu

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National Council of Women

National Council of Women (NCW) is an umbrella organization established by an Act of Paliament and is responsible for all women organizations/groups in Papua New Guinea. The NCW was established mainly as women's network to represent of PNG

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National Development Bank – Women in Business Desk

The National Development Bank Women in Business Desk (NDB WIB) was established in 2010 to support and assist Papua New Guinea women in business. This came about as NDB aligned itself into achieving Vision 2050 and also to develop a vehicle for the economic empowerment of women in PNG so they can contribute to the well-being of their families and in the economic development process of the country.

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NCD Women Alliance Association

The organization aims to strengthen women through small loans to help facilitate them venture into small scale businesses and income generating opportunities.

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Office for the Development of Women

The Office for the Development of Women (ODW) is responsible for budget and policy analysis of all agencies and at all levels of government to ensure that all development processes are gender sensitive. The ODW is in direct fulfillment of the Government MTDS, which calls on government to reduce gender disparities between men and women in PNG.

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Papua New Guinea Women in Business Foundation

PNG Women in Business Foundation (PNGWiB), formerly as City Mother's Business Foundation, was established in 2006. Its mission is to create a conducive environment that empowers women in the informal sector of PNG and promotes economic, social and holistic transformation through the provision of effective and financial sustainable services.

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Papua New Guinea Women in Maritime Association

The PNG Women in Maritime Association (PNGWiMA) was established in 2007 and focuses on advocating for gender equality and creating

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awareness on career opportunities for women in the maritime sector. The organization is widely supported by many government agencies and the private sector. PNGWiMA actively pursues programs and activities consistent with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The association is committed to empowering women in the maritime sector despite the limited resources available to them.

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Papua New Guinea Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry

The Papua New Guinea Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PNGWCCI) economically empowers women business by giving them the skills and connections to succeed in business. Affiliated to the PNG Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the PNG National Council of Women, PNGWCCI is committed to providing a platform to advance economic gender equality, alleviate poverty through business development, and to ensure that women have the skills and opportunities to be effective partners in Papua New Guinea's development.

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Pari Women's Association

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Pari Women's Development Association

PWDA main objectives are enhance development for women of Pari village; encourage economic establishments of SMEs; promote cooperation and create a forum for women to express issues affecting them in the village.

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PNG Council of Churches - Christian Women's Desk

The PNG Council of Churches - Christian Women's Desk is a division of the National Council of Churches headed by Chairman Fr. Denny Guka from the Anglican Church. It is a branch that has represented through the Provincial Ecumenical Committee (PEC) in most Provinces through our PNG. Note that the PNG Council of Churches is made up of seven of the countries Mainline Churches. They are as follows: Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran, United, Gutnius Lutheran, Catholic Churches and the Salvation Army.

Louise Wener

National
President

PNG Girl Guides

(no information received)

Mary Kaman

President

PNG Netball Federation (PNGNF)

PNG Netball Federation is the largest women's group in the country with over 10,000 members throughout the country. PNGNF is the governing body of the sport of netball in the country and has representation in every region of the country. PNG Netball sees sports as a tool to develop and nurture young girls and women in building confidence and self-esteem, developing

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good attitude and habits, promotion and encouraging healthy lifestyles and developing future leaders thus a strategic priority is to establish partnerships with domestic and international partners to achieve this priority.

PNG Women Doctors Association

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PNG Women's Foundation

The foundation is focused on improving living standards of women and children. Provides leadership training for women in rural areas; and assists in child welfare.

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PNG Yumi Kirap (PNGYK)

PNG Yumi Kirap is a movement passionate members who are committed to collectively come together to address violence in all forms in PNG, beginning in the nation's capital. The members of PNGYK initiated and successfully staged the National Haus Krai under the banner of Women Arise PNG (WAPNG). The morphing of the movement from WAPNG (still in existence) into PNGYK is a result of the movement's transformation to include Men, Youths, Religious and other groupings to "Kirap," Arise, or become part of the great Awakening to address violence and heal the nation.

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PNGCC - Christian Women's Desk

A church-based group, CWD aims to provide a quorum for its female church members discuss issues affecting them. They also provide mentorship for female leaders.

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President

Port Moresby Archdiocese Catholic Women's Association

The faith-based organization provides evangelical and skills development programs for female members of its congregations members in the Port Moresby diocese. The group's focus is on holistic human development of women.

Theresa Kaiahi Kekai
President

Public Employees Association Women's Desk

(no information received)

Rural Women Empowerment Association

Established to empower rural based mothers with necessary skills and knowledge. It aims to empower women SMEs with skills (wealth creators); farming techniques; health awareness and mentoring

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Safe Motherhood Alliance PNG (SMALL PNG)

SMALL PNG promotes and facilitates a national and grassroots movement for safe motherhood that inspires action to save women's and newborn lives. Its vision is a PNG where the right of all women to be safe and healthy before, during and after childbirth is upheld, and men and the community are actively supportive of women's rights to be safe and healthy.

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Soroptimist International

Soroptimist International Port Moresby is part of a worldwide organization for women in management professions which represents a global voice through Awareness, Advocacy and Action. Soroptimist Port Moresby is one of two clubs chartered in Papua New Guinea with a membership of 30. The objective of the organization is to Empower, Educate and provide enabling opportunities for women and girls in any localities.

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Westpac Outstanding Women

Westpac Outstanding Women (WOW) program is an initiative by Westpac that recognizes and rewards PNG women who have made an outstanding achievement in a number of categories since 2007, including disciplines in the private sector, community, entrepreneurship and young achievers.

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Women in Engineering Association (WIE)

WIE was established to raise awareness of on the engineering profession to the wider community in PNG. It aims to highlight issues faced by female engineers in their workplaces and to provide workable solutions to assist them advance and excel in their roles as engineers in the respective organizations.

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Women in Political Parties

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Women in Politics

Women in Politics is a lobby group focused on having more women representation in Parliament. WiP was established as a result of the failure to make any progress in improving women's representation in the National Parliament. The group believes that increasing female participation in formal politics has flow on effects that can help raise women's status in PNG

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Women's Advisory Centre

The Women's Advisory Centre (WAC) is a project of the Business & Professional Women's Club Port Moresby and the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The goal of the centre is to assist women and girls to enter the workforce, up-skill those already working and provide advise and guidance to those who wish to start their own business, large or small.

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Young Women's Country Association

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Central

Abau District Council of Women

The Abau Council of Women is a community-based group that speaks out on issues affecting women in the community. The group's focus is on advocacy against gender-based violence and economic skills training for women in the district of Abau.

Augerega
Aruai Obe

Advisor

Boera Women Sewing Project

The village based group focuses on tailoring and garment technology for women of Boera village. They provide training for women as a source for economic empowerment. They also run advocacy trainings on gender-based violence, health issues and other social issues facing the community.

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Central Provincial Assembly Women's Desk

The women's desk works closely with the Central Provincial Assembly to address women issues in the four districts of Central Province. The desk provides support to different areas where women are actively involved in such as agriculture, fisheries, representation in LLGs and other gender empowerment activities.

Vela Tom

Central Provincial Council of Women

Central Provincial Council of Women are under the National Council of Women. They have their own structures to network with women in the province

Laiko Bala

East Central Papua Mainland Region - Women's Network

This is the Church Network for the United Church women throughout the Rigo and Abau District. All communities in the above districts are under this network.

Goilala District (Women in Agriculture)

(no information received)

Kairuku-Hiri LLG

(no information received)

Bono Nariki

Koita Women's Association

(no information received)

Nora Gaudi

Kuni Women's Association

Kuni Women's Association advanced into rubber tapping and marketing to empower women in economic development. Objectives of the group is to encourage SMEs within the community.

Magdeleine Haro

Coordinator

Lakwaharu Women in Agriculture

Lakwaharu Women in Agriculture is a community based organization with the Tubuserea village, East Hiri District. Established in 2012, the group is affiliated to the Central Province Women's Council, with a primary focus of bringing women and girls together in the community to participate in farming activities. This in turn generates income to sustain livelihoods and venture inot other business related activities.

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Rigo District (Women in Agriculture)

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Rigo Women In Agriculture Cooperative Society

Description of Organization

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Tatana Day Women's Fellowship

The organization is a branch of the NCD Council of Women and affiliated to the National Women's Council. Their focus is on evangelical outreach and life skills for women in the Tatana area and act as a representative for Koita women.

Victoria Valacie
Gaigo

President

West Central Papua Mainland Region - Women's Network

West Central Papua Mainland Region - Women's Network is the Church Network for the United Church women throughout the Kairuku-Hiri and Goilala District. All communities in the above district are under this network.

Bougainville

Association of Bougainville Women in Business

The association was established for the purpose of promoting trainings, cooperation and equal economic participation for women. It also focuses on promoting healthy living for women and educational opportunities.

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Bougainville Business Association

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Bougainville Council of Women

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Elizabeth Sawa

Bougainville Microfinance

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Bougainville Women's Empowerment Fund (BWEF)

The BWEF's main focus is educating women in economic skills; provide skills training to girls in vocational schools and financial assistance to female SME start-up.

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Bougainville Women's Federation

The federation promotes and coordinates women's groups and maintains the spirit of friendship, partnership with women and the community in peace building, reconciliation and weapons disposal in Bougainville. They also advocate for women's economic empowerment and development

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Chabai Rehabilitation Centre

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Haku Women's Association

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Hale Women's Association

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Eva Betson

Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency

Established in 1995, the center aims to provide workshops, campaigns, advocacy work and educational awareness for the public and schools. Provision of crisis counselling services for families, women victims and survivors or any forms of violence against women.

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Selau Women's Federation

The organization deals with women affairs and empowering women through healthy living, gender equality, human rights and economic empowerment.

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Eastern Highlands

Eastern Highlands Family Voice Inc.

The group was established in 1998 after interested participants attended an ICRAF workshop in Goroka. With the sole purpose of combating violence against women in Eastern Highlands Province, their programs involve counselling support; awareness on domestic violence; and trainings on health and advocacy.

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Highlands Women's Human Rights Network - EHP

A network of leaders from seven Highlands Provinces who are working to promote peace, economic, social and gender justice in the Highlands. Robyn Nenda is a leader in Daulo, Eastern Highlands. A nurse by profession she works hard to promote gender justice in her area.

Robyn Nenda

EHP
Representati
ve

Himakupu Women's Group

HWG is located in the Asaro valley. The group provides basic training on cooking, sewing, business ideas, literacy and family management.

Mrs. Petty Frank

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Kerefa Women's Association

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Komuniti Hanmark Limited

Komuniti Hanmark Limited is a community based organization that provides training and consultancy services to mining and under privileged communities throughout the country. They have over ten year of experience working with donor agencies such as the Asian Development Bank and mining companies.

Paulina Siop

Ouna Women Group

Ouna Women's Group is located in Okiufa village in the Goroka District. The group focuses on HIV/Aids home-based care for people living with HIV/Aids and HIV/Aids orphans. There are over 250 women and girl members.

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PNG Women in Coffee

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Women in Coffee Development

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East New Britain

East New Britain Council of Women

A branch of the National Council of Women, the ENBCW promotes networking and represents the women of East New Britain Province.

East New Britain Social Action Committee

East New Britain Sospel Eksen Komiti (ENBSEK) is an incorporated non-government organization. Established in 1998, the group focuses on environmental awareness; landowners rights; domestic violence and women's rights; alcohol and drug awareness; information on AIDS and STIs; and provides counselling for survivors of domestic violence.

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Gazelle Women's Desk

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Matrak Cooperative Society Limited

Established in 2010, the group currently works with women settlers from Matalau and Rakunat (Matrak) villages in the Gelegele area, Kombiu LLG. The group specializes in floriculture and is supported by the Kombiu Local Level Government.

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Francisca Carl President

East Sepik Committee Against Violence Against Women

East Sepik Committee Against Violence Against Women (ECAVAW) is a grassroots women's organization working to make a change in the East Sepik with regards to violence against women. It is a full-time crisis counselling and support service providers and has been actively involved in legal aid and support services.

Rebecca Alman Coordinator

East Sepik Council of Women

A branch of the National Council of Women, the ESCOW promotes networking and represents the women of East Sepik Province.

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Highlands Women's Human Rights Network - Hela

A network of leaders from seven Highlands Provinces who are working to promote peace, economic, social and gender justice in the Highlands.

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Jiwaka

Aviamp No. 2 Women's Group

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Jiwaka Women in Microfinance

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Elizabeth Palme	President
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Madang

Madang Country Women's Association

MCWA provides legal advice and counselling to genuine cases of domestic violence; and financial assistance for project to local women's groups in Madang.

Madang Women in Business

Established to provide capacity building for SMEs based in Madang. All done on voluntary basis, female entrepreneurs provide skills training for aspiring business women.

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Manus Professionals for Community Development

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Milne Bay

Abau District Council of Women

The organization aims to promote the advancement of women and girls through projects or programs so they can become self-reliant and improve their lives in their villages.

Gennie Kapigeno	President
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Community Based on Marine Turtle

Works with youth and single mothers in marine conservation.

Liberty Betuel Rugabuna	Founder
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Lousiade Womens Association

The association runs the Misima guesthouse.

Colleen Nunukeli	President
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Women for Justice

Women for All is a group that promotes gender equality, elimination of violence against women and works toward peace and justice. This group is from Mataita village on Goodenough Island.

Patrina Awa	Councillor
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Papua New Guinea Women in Agriculture Development Foundation

PNGWiADF's goal is to develop, facilitate and implement agricultural programs and projects under the National Agricultural Development Plan. This in turn drives the vision to promote equal participation of women in agriculture, livestock and other natural resource development; improve and enhance women's status through economic development.

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PNG Women Doctors

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Situm's Women's Association

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New Ireland

Niu Ailan Women in Business

NAWB was formally registered in September 2013 and is purposely set up as the voice to represent the views and opinions of women enterprises in government to foster the participation of its members in activities of the Association, the business community and the government in promoting the public private partnership approach. This activities also include promoting women owned businesses and extend industrial and commercial women individuals, companies and associations within and outside New Ireland to setting up an effective

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Vice Chairperson

Delmay Malai

Treasurer

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Treasurer

communication network that serves the purpose of dialogue of the association with its members.

Oro

Koyatuna Women's Group

The group was established in 2013, it aims to enhance the lives of women in the Tufi area of Oro Province to be better, healthier and happier.

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Women's Representative

Oro Womens Floriculture & Agriculture Association

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Chairperson

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President

Sandaun

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Simbu

Catholic Women's Association

(no information received)

Fransisca Moiwi

President

Highlands Women's Human Rights Network - Simbu

A network of leaders from seven Highlands Provinces who are working to promote peace, economic, social and gender justice in the Highlands. Monica Paulus has been working in Simbu to protect women accused of sorcery. The network is trying to tackle this very complex problem. Monica's network pushes for such cases to be heard before the courts to bring perpetrators to justice and supports women through their ordeal.

Monica Paulus

Simbu
Representatives

KUP Women for Peace

Founded in 1999, the Kup Women for Peace mission is to promote peace, protect human rights and advocate sustainable development activities within the Kup LLG. KWP was built on the collective effort of leading women activists in Kup to address issues of tribal fights, violence against women and children, and build peace among the various clans and tribal groups.

Mary Kini

Simbu Women's Center

Established in March 1996, the center provides a support network for victims of violence; to provide individual and family counselling; community awareness programs and look at ways of reforming laws which will better help victims of violence. The center strives for a non-violent society.

Sarah Garap

Southern Highlands

Kutubu Foe Women's Cooperative Society

KFWCS was founded in 2007 when the Pimaga women began forming groups to assert their independence and share skills such as sewing and cooking. The founder of the Association came up the idea of harnessing the power of Foe Women's Association to form the cooperative and engaged them in farming and selling crops.

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Soro Women's Business Group

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Western Highlands

Highlands Women's Human Rights Network - WHP

A network of leaders from seven Highlands Provinces who are working to promote peace, economic, social and gender justice in the Highlands. These two women are working with HWHR network to promote peace and bring an end to tribal conflicts that are damaging their communities.

Monica Paulus	Founding Member
Mary Kini	Founding Member
Brenda Kapil	WHP Representative
Mary Gele	

National Women's Network of Evangelical Church of PNG

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Voice For Change

Voice for Change is a provincial Women's organization; it is an established organization, working from the bottom-up in communities of Jiwaka since 2004. It has worked to end Violence Against Women, promote the economic empowerment of women, respond and prevent conflict, including armed conflict and the displacement of families and people. And to make community-level planning, development and community laws to end

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violence against women and promote a safe community.

Western Highlands Women's Molgpa Kundi Association

The association is a community-based group that focuses on good governance and leadership. It also provides advocacy training on gender-based violence, women's health and HIV/Aids. The other focus the group has ventured into is micro-entrepreneurship and economic skills training.

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WHP Provincial Women's Council

(no information received)

Paula Mek

West New Britain

NBPOL Women Empowering Women Group

NBPOL WEW group provides on going counseling and advise to GBV victims and conducts awareness within the company and surrounding community.

Lydia Tunian

Barbra Nuabi

Rose Soupa

Jennie Wanera

Women Skills

The organization teaches lifetime skills to men & women to improve living standards. They provide trainings on income-generation activities for the community. The organization is also assists with recommendation of its members to companies seeking employees.

Jean M. Vai

Western

(no information received)



Who I Met at the Forum



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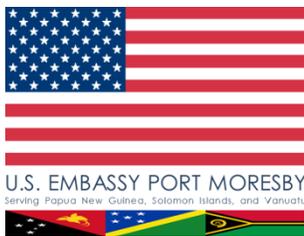
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