



Papua New Guinea Women's Forum

"Working Together to Inspire Change"

March 6 – 7, 2014
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port Moresby



Thursday, March 6, 2014

7:30AM Registration

7:45AM Welcome Dance Performance

8:00AM Opening Remarks

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

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

U.S. Ambassador Walter North

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill

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

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

Moderator: Rangita de Silva, Director, Women in Public Service Project

Panel Participants:

- PNG Women's Organization: President, PNG Girl Guides -or- YWCA
- International Rep/Org: UN Women
- Government Rep: Norit Luiyo, Acting Commissioner, National Youth Commission
- Area/Industry Expert: Barbara Thomas, President, The Voice
- Area/Industry Expert: Naomi Woyengu, UPNG Student Leader and PNG Representative to Young Leaders of the Pacific Conference

9:45AM Coffee Break

*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, Manila

Panel Participants:

- PNG Women's Organization: Kup Women for Peace (Highlands expert)
- International Rep/Org: Regina Graham, Deputy Chairperson, PNG Red Cross Society (PNGRCS), Mount Hagen
- Area/Industry Expert: Josephine Kauna (Bougainville expert)
- Area/Industry Expert: Francesca Somoso, former PNG Politician and Women's Activist (Bougainville expert)
- Area/Industry Expert: Naomi Yupai, Founder, Family Voice

11:15AM

Coffee Break/Networking Activity

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

12:30PM

Lunch

Remarks by Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia and Pacific Affairs Dennise Mathieu

Presentation of Women of Courage Award by Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia and Pacific Affairs Dennise Mathieu

Remarks by Dame Josephine Abaijah

Keynote Address by Dr. dt ogilvie, Founding Director of The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (CUEED) at Rutgers Business School

Photo of Speakers with Women of Courage Nominee Alumni

2:00 PM

Panel 3: Investing in Women through Better Educational Opportunities

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, Founding Director of The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (CUEED) at Rutgers Business School

Panel Participants:

- PNG Women's Organization: Susil Nelson, President, Business and Professional Women
- International Rep/Org: Ellen McCaskill, Venture Business Manager, Esso Highlands PNG LNG Project
- Government Rep: Professor David Kavanamur, Director General, Office of Higher Education
- Area/Industry Expert: Fr. Ariel Macatangay, Principal, Don Bosco Technical Institute
- Area/Industry Expert: Trevor Birney, Director for Training and Development Services, International Education Agency (TAEF)

3:00 PM

Coffee Break

*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, Bangkok

Panel Participants:

- PNG Women's Organization: Dr. Linda Sirigoi, President, PNG Women Doctors Association
- International Rep/Org: Tom Ellum, Country Director, Marie Stopes International
- Government Rep: Dr. Paison Dakulala, Deputy Secretary, National Department of Health
- Area/Industry Expert: Dadi Toka, President, PNG Cancer Society
- Area/Industry Expert: Grant Muddle, CEO, Port Moresby General Hospital

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

Group Photo of All Participants

6:00PM Day One Ends

6:30PM **Reception at U.S. Ambassador's Residence**

8:30PM Reception Ends

Friday, March 7, 2014

7:30AM Registration

8:00AM **Opening Remarks**

Anna Solomon, Secretary, Department for Community Development

Decie Autin, Project Executive, Esso Highlands 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:

- PNG Women's Organization: Salome Rihatta, President, PNG Arise
- International Rep/Org: Phillippe Allen, Associate Country Director, Oxfam
- Government Rep: John Kali, Secretary of the Department of Personnel Management and Male Advocate for Eliminating Violence Against Women
- Area/Industry Expert: Lady Winifred Kamit, Founding Chairperson, Coalition for Change
- Area/Industry Expert: Eddie Aila, Founder of "1,000 Strong—Men Against Family Violence"

9:30AM Coffee Break

*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: Tanya Hiple, Women's Entrepreneurship Advisor, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel Participants:

- PNG Women's Organization: Avia Koisen, Interim President, PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- International Rep/Org: Carolyn Blacklock, Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Government Rep: Loi Bakani, Governor, Bank of Papua New Guinea
- Area/Industry Expert: TBD Westpac Representative -or- Paul Thornton, Head of Rural Banking, Bank of South Pacific (partner on SME Risk Sharing Facility project with IFC)
- Area/Industry Expert: Naomi Samual, Founder, Kutubu Foe Women's Co-operative Society

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

12:00PM **Lunchtime Discussion on Women's Political Participation with Current/Former Female MPs**

- MP Delilah Gore
- MP Julie Soso
- Minister Loujaya Kouza
- Dame Carol Kidu
- Dame Josephine Abaijah
- Hon. Nahau Rooney

Co-Moderators: DCM Melanie Higgins, U.S. Embassy Port Moresby
Ambassador Lucy Bogari, Deputy Secretary, PNG Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Networking Cards Due from Participants

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: TBD

Panel Participants:

- PNG Women's Organization: Maria Linibi, President, PNG Women in Agriculture Development Foundation
- International Rep/Org: Professor Glen Mola, University of Papua New Guinea's School of Medicine and Health Science
- Area/Industry Expert: Beatrice Mahuru, CEO, Digicel Foundation
- Area/Industry Expert: Gima Kepi, Manager for Women's Banking, Nationwide MicroBank
- Area/Industry Expert: Amanda Donigi, Editor, Stella Magazine

2:30PM

Coffee Break

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

3:00PM

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: Rangita de Silva, Director, Women in Public Service Project
Julie Bukikun, National Program Specialist, UN Women
Dickson Kiragi, Executive Manager, Office of the Secretary of
Department for Community Development
Gayle Tatsi, Director, Office for the Development of Women

4:00PM

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.

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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.

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- Ellen Masckell, Esso Highlands PNG LNG (*tentative*)
- Patty Alleman, Senior Gender Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development, Bangkok
- James Lang, Program Coordinator, Partners for Prevention Program
- Tanya Hiple, Women's Entrepreneurship Advisor, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Technology Panel TBD: Sarah Logan, Danielle Cave, or Dr. Amanda Watson

5:45PM

Networking Prizes Awards

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

6:00PM

Closing Remarks

Minister for Planning Charles Abel

6:30PM

Farewell Dance Performance

6:45PM

Day Two Ends

7:00PM

Cocktail Reception

Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hotel