



# *"Stronger Together: Partnering for Equality for Women"*

## Papua New Guinea Women's Forum

March 9-11, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port Moresby

### Sunday, March 8, 2015

5:00PM      **Icebreaker Reception and Early Bird Registration** (*Sponsored by ExxonMobil PNG*)  
*LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel*

### Monday, March 9, 2015

*All Day*      **Women's NGO Expo**  
*Leadership and Education Focus*

**Story Station/Ples Stori**  
*Participants can give video feedback on topics discussed at the forum and tell about their own personal experience on these issues*

7:30AM      **Registration**

8:00AM      **Opening Ceremony and Remarks**

*Speakers will be announced in early 2015*

9:15AM      **Panel Discussion: PNG's Implementation of International Conventions on Women**  
*Papua New Guinea is a signatory to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a comprehensive global policy framework to achieve of gender equality, development, and peace, and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), a landmark international agreement that affirms principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women around the world. Where does Papua New Guinea stand in implementing these conventions? How does this work affect women and girls in Papua New Guinea?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

10:00AM      Coffee Break

10:30AM      **Panel Discussion: Decreasing Barriers to Education for Girls**

*Has “free education” improved girl’s enrollment in school and education quality?  
What else can we do to decrease barriers to education for girls?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

11:15AM Breakout Sessions on International Conventions on Women and Education  
*(Sessions run concurrently)*

*LOCATION: International Conventions on Women – Kamasan Suite  
Education – Marea Suite*

12:30PM **Special Guest Speakers**

*Plated lunches will be served during the address*

*Speakers will be announced in early 2015*

*Q&A with Special Guest Speakers (moderated by Master of Ceremonies)*

2:00PM **Panel Discussion: Partnering for Mentoring and Leadership Development**

*How can we encourage mutually beneficial mentoring relationships amongst women and encourage partnerships to develop the next generation of women leaders?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

2:45PM Coffee Break

3:15PM **Panel Discussion: Increasing Women’s Participation in the Public Service**

*Women are underrepresented in decision-making roles within the public service in Papua New Guinea. How have women reached leadership positions and what can we learn from their experiences? What affect will recent public service reforms have on women’s ability to climb the ranks?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

4:00PM **Closing Remarks and Expo Prize Drawing**

Expo Prize Drawing

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*Speakers will be announced in early 2015*

4:45PM Breakout Sessions on Leadership Development and Women in Public Service

*(Sessions run concurrently)*

*LOCATION: Mentoring and Leadership Development – Marea Suite  
Women in Public Service – Kamasan Suite*

- 6:00PM Day One Ends
- 6:30PM **Opening Reception** *(Sponsored by U.S. Embassy Port Moresby)*  
*LOCATION: U.S. Ambassador’s Residence*  
*Shuttles will depart at 6:15pm and 6:30pm to take participants from the Crowne Plaza 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*

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

- All Day* **Women’s Business Expo**  
*Selected business owners from a variety of industries*
- Story Station/Ples Stori**  
*Participants can give video feedback on topics discussed at the forum and tell about their own personal experience on these issues*
- 7:30AM Registration
- 8:00AM **Opening Remarks**  
*Speakers will be announced in early 2015*
- 8:15AM **Panel Discussion: PNG’s SME Policy and Financial Inclusion Efforts**  
*What is the government doing to increase financial literacy for women and to increase opportunities for women to own and operate businesses in Papua New Guinea? How can women access these opportunities? How will the government’s SME policy improve the business climate for women?*  
  
*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*
- 9:00AM Coffee Break
- 9:15AM **Panel Discussion: Using APEC to Increase Access to Markets for Women**  
*PNG will be hosting the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in 2018 and co-hosting (with the Philippines) the Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy (PPWE) in Port Moresby in May 2015. How can PNG’s membership in APEC*

*increase access to international markets for PNG business women? How can PNG-hosted APEC events create opportunities for women to sell their products?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

- 10:00AM Coffee Break
- 10:15AM Breakout Sessions on SME Policy/Financial Inclusion and Access to Markets  
*(Sessions run concurrently)*
- LOCATIONS: SME Policy/Financial Inclusion – Marea Suite  
APEC and Access to Markets – Kamasan Suite*
- 11:30AM **Lunchtime Seminar: Best Practices in Business Management**
- Marga Fripp, President, Empowered Women International
- 12:45PM **Presentation of Papua New Guinean Nominee for the U.S. Secretary of State’s Women of Courage Award**  
*Plated lunches will be served during the awarding and remarks*
- Speakers will be announced in early 2015*
- Photo of Presenter and U.S. Secretary of State’s Women of Courage Award Nominee for Papua New Guinea*
- 1:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Change Makers – Stories of Community Leaders/Ordinary Women Who Have Made a Difference in Their Communities**  
*How can women build buy-in/consensus among competing groups in order to make change?*
- Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*
- 2:15 PM **Coffee Break**
- 2:45 PM **Afternoon Workshop  
Power Through Partnership – How Women Lead Better Together**
- Speakers will be announced in early 2015*
- 5:30PM Coffee Break
- 6:00PM **Closing Remarks and Expo Prize Drawing**

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6:30PM      **Networking Reception** (*Sponsored by ExxonMobil PNG*)  
*LOCATION: Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hotel*

8:30PM      **Reception Ends**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

All Day      **Women's NGO Expo**  
GBV and Health Focus

***Story Station/Ples Stori***

*Participants can give video feedback on topics discussed at the forum and tell about their own personal experience on these issues*

7:30AM      Registration

8:00AM      **Opening Remarks**

*Speakers will be announced in early 2015*

8:30AM      **Panel Discussion: Know Your Rights – The Family Protection Act and GBV Policy Reform**

*In September 2013, the PNG government passed the Family Protection Act, which makes domestic violence a criminal offence and strengthens protection orders. Since that time, what has been done to make the public aware of the Act and what steps are being taken to incorporate the penalties and rights that the Act provides for into the justice system? What effect has the Act had on gender based violence trends in Papua New Guinea? What effect will the government's plans for a gender based violence strategy have on Papua New Guinea?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

9:15AM      Coffee Break

9:45AM      **Panel Discussion: Combatting Sexual Violence Against Children**

*Sexual violence increasingly impacts children in Papua New Guinea. What can be done to reverse this trend? What role does “compensation culture” play in access to justice?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

10:30AM Breakout Sessions on Combatting Sexual Violence Against Children and Family Planning  
(Sessions run concurrently)

*LOCATIONS: Know Your Rights – Marea Suite  
Combatting Sexual Violence against Children – Kamasan Suite*

12:00PM **Lunchtime Panel Discussion:**  
**Innovative Projects to Combat Gender Based Violence**  
*Plated lunches will be served during the remarks*

*What innovative methods are NGOs, the private sector, donors, and the government using to combat and prevent gender based violence?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

12:45PM Coffee Break

1:00PM **Panel Discussion: Role of Family Planning in Empowering Women**  
*What role does family planning play in helping women to achieve their personal and professional goals? How do men affect women’s decisions regarding family planning?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

1:45PM Yoga Break

2:15 PM **Panel Discussion: Developing Male Advocates against GBV**  
*How can PNG men help each other respect women and be positive role models for young men?*

*Moderators and panelists will be announced in early 2015*

3:00PM Breakout Sessions on Family Planning and Male Advocates  
(Sessions run concurrently)

*LOCATIONS: Family Planning – Kamasan Suite  
Male Advocates – Marea Suite*

- 4:15PM      **Coffee Break**  
*Panel moderators meet in Marea Suite to synthesize findings and recommendations*
- 4:45PM      **Wrap-Up Session: Panel Findings and Recommendations**  
*Panel moderators will present each panel's findings and recommendations and ask questions of and answer questions from the audience. This discussion will synthesize recommendations for the PNG government, donors, civil society, and the private sector in Papua New Guinea.*
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- 5:30PM      **Expo Prize Drawing and Networking Prizes Awarded**
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- Networking Prize Awarded  
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- 6:00PM      **Closing Ceremony and Remarks**  
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- 6:30PM      Day Three Ends
- 7:00PM      **Closing Reception (Sponsored by Australian High Commission)**  
*LOCATION: TBD*
- 9:00PM      **Reception Ends**