



# Papua New Guinea WOMEN'S FORUM

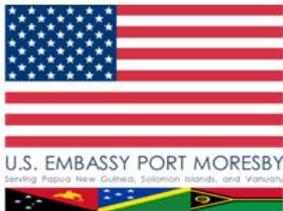
*Stronger Together: Partnering for Equality for Women*

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Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port Moresby

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### Official Program

#### Sunday, March 8, 2015

- 5:00PM      **Icebreaker Reception and Early Bird Registration**  
                 **Hosted by ExxonMobil PNG**  
                 Crowne Plaza, Ballrooms 3 & 4
- 7:00PM      Icebreaker Reception Ends and Early Bird Registration Closes

#### Monday, March 9, 2015

- All Day*      **NGO Expo**  
                 *Leadership and Education Focus*
- 7:30AM      **Registration**
- 8:00AM      **Opening Ceremony and Remarks**
- Anja Blyton  
                 Master of Ceremonies
- Opening Prayer  
                 Senior Pastor Anthony Dalaka  
                 Cornerstone Assembly of God
- Roy Trivedy  
                 United Nations Resident Coordinator
- Anna Solomon  
                 Secretary, Department for Religion, Youth, and Community Development
- Honorable Leo Dion  
                 Deputy Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

9:15AM

**Panel Discussion: PNG's International Commitments to Strengthen Women's Rights**

*At the international level, Papua New Guinea has committed itself to achieving gender equality, and eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls. International conventions to which Papua New Guinea has signed on to include:*

- *The Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals (Rio+20): A set of goals covering a broad range of development issues, including ending poverty and hunger, improving health and education, making cities more sustainable, combating climate change, and protecting oceans and forests;*
- *The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+20): A comprehensive global policy framework to achieve 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.*

*How can these international mechanisms strengthen women's rights in PNG?*

Moderator: Julie Bukikun, Assistant Resident Representative – Governance, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panel Participants:

- Mollie Willie, Deputy Secretary, Policy Division, Department of Community Development
- Theresa Jaintong, President, National Council of Women
- Farapo Korere, Senior Foreign Service Officer, International Organizations Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs
- Josephine Advent, Principal Legal Officer and Acting Director, Legal Policy and Governance Branch, Department of Justice & Attorney General
- Wallis Yakam, Executive Director, Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC)
- Lilly BeSoer, Founder, Voice for Change
- Signe Poulsen, Human Rights Advisor, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) of PNG

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?*

Moderator: Susil Nelson, President, Business and Professional Women's Club of Port Moresby

Panel Participants:

- Baba Danbappa, Country Representative, UNICEF PNG

- Dr. Arnold Kukari, Associate Professorial Fellow and Universalizing Basic Education Program Leader, National Research Institute (NRI) and Editor, Papua New Guinea Journal of Education
- Honorable Nick Kuman, Minister for Education
- Ipul Powaseu, Dean of Women, Pacific Adventist University and Co-Chairperson, PNG Association of Disabled Persons
- Paul Sokou Werei, Acting Executive Manager, Division of Education, Manus Provincial Administration
- Simon Opa, Togoba Secondary School, Western Highlands Province

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 eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*

Ambassador Walter North  
U.S. Embassy

Dame Meg Taylor  
Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Rear Admiral Cari Thomas  
Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard

*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: Diane Kambanei, Executive Director, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of PNG

Betsy Polk and Maggie Chotas, Co-Founders, The Mulberry Partners

Panel Participants:

- Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- Seini Fisi'ihoi-Rageau, Member of the Organizing Committee for Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue, Leadership PNG Inc.

- Barbra Thomas, Acting Executive Director and Program Manager, The Voice Inc.
- Cathy Alex, President, Advancing PNG: Women's Leaders Network
- Sisa Kini, Community Development Support Manager, Public and Government Affairs, ExxonMobil PNG
- Dr. Lalen Simeon, Director, Research and Post Graduate Studies, Pacific Adventist University

2:45PM

Coffee Break

*NGO Expo Networking Contest entry forms due to registration desk*

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?*

Moderator: Maha Muna, Gender Adviser for the Pacific, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Panel Participants:

- Rear Admiral Cari Thomas, Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard
- Laurelle Pentanu, Foreign Service Trainee, Policy/Multilateral/Regional Economic Affairs Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs
- Jean Kekedo, Former PNG High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland
- Betty Palaso, Commissioner General, Internal Revenue Commission (IRC)
- Agnes Friday, Acting Deputy Secretary for Public Service Reforms, Department of Personnel Management
- Dr. Nicole Haley, Convenor, State, Society, and Governance in Melanesia Program, Australian National University

4:00PM

**Closing Remarks and NGO Expo Networking Contest Prize Drawing**

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Lesieli Taviri

Country Head, Origin Energy PNG Limited

2014 Recipient of the Westpac Outstanding Women Award

Chairperson, Business Coalition for Women (BCW)  
President, The Badili Club PNG

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**  
**Hosted by the U.S. Embassy**  
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 **NGO Expo**  
*Business and Partnership Focus*

7:30AM Registration

8:00AM **Opening Remarks**

Mary Karo  
Chairlady, Eda Ranu

8:15AM **Panel Discussion: PNG's SME Policy and Financial Inclusion Efforts**  
*What is being done 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 small and medium enterprise (SME) policy improve the business climate for women?*

Moderator: Marga Fripp, Founder and President,  
Empowered Women International

Panel Participants:

- Stefanie Stallmeister, Country Manager, World Bank
- Avia Koisien, President, PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- David Conn, CEO, Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Geoff Toone, Managing Director, Westpac Bank PNG Limited
- Esther Igo, Principal Director, Esee Consult Ltd.
- Desmond Yaninen, CEO, National Development Bank Investments
- Ellison Pidik, Assistant Governor, Financial System Stability Group, Bank of Papua New Guinea

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 (APEC) 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?*

Moderator: Jenny Lind Elmaco, Executive Director and Member of the Board, SPARK Philippines and Co-Founder and Head of Programs, Goals for Peace International

Panel Participants:

- Ivan Pomaleu, Senior Official for PNG to Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority
- Janet Sios, Vice President, PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Douveri Henaio, Executive Director, Business Council of Papua New Guinea
- Mary Kira, Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Monitoring, Policy, Planning and Information Division, Department of Trade, Commerce, and Industry
- Winifred Kula Amini, Co-Founder, Win-IT Consultancy

10:00AM Coffee Break

10:15AM Breakout Sessions on SME Policy/Financial Inclusion and Access to Markets  
*(Sessions run concurrently)*

*LOCATION: SME Policy/Financial Inclusion – Marea Suite  
 APEC and Access to Markets – Kamasan Suite*

11:30AM **Lunchtime Seminar: Best Practices in Business and Organizational Management**  
*\*\*Speakers will eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*

Marga Fripp, Founder and 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 eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*

Presentation of Papua New Guinean Nominee for the U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award by U.S. Ambassador Walter North

Remarks by Maria Lakamiku Towai Nepel  
U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award Nominee for  
Papua New Guinea

*Photo of U.S. Ambassador Walter North with  
U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award Nominee  
for Papua New Guinea*

1:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Change Makers – Stories of Leaders Who Have Made a Difference in Their Communities**  
*How can communities build buy-in/consensus among competing groups in order to make change?*

Moderator: Amanda Donigi, Editor and Publisher, Stella Magazine

Panel Participants:

- Rita Karre, Owner, Steakhaus Restaurant, Goroka
- Jennifer Baing Waiko, Director, Save PNG Inc.
- Anne Kajir, Executive Director, Monitoring Social Environmental Law Ltd.
- Penny Sage-embo, Founder and Project Manager, Tembari Children's Care
- Fungke Samana, Women's Representative, Morobe Provincial Government
- Andrew C. Abel, ML, President and Co-founder, Surfing Association of Papua New Guinea, Inc.

2:15 PM Coffee Break  
*NGO Expo Networking Contest entry forms due to registration desk*

2:45 PM **Afternoon Workshop**  
**Power Through Partnership – How Women Lead Better Together**

Speakers: Betsy Polk and Maggie Chotas  
Co-Founders, The Mulberry Partners

5:30PM Coffee Break

6:00PM **Closing Remarks and NGO Expo Networking Contest Prize Drawing**

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Theresa Jaintong  
President, National Council of Women

Susan Ferguson  
Counsellor, Australian High Commission

6:30PM      **Networking Reception**  
**Hosted by ExxonMobil PNG**  
Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hotel

8:30PM      **Reception Ends**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

All Day      **NGO Expo**  
*Gender Based Violence and Health Focus*

7:30AM      Registration

8:00AM      **Opening Remarks**

Melanie Higgins  
Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy

Sisa Kini  
Community Development Support Manager, Public and Government Affairs,  
Exxon Mobil PNG

8:30AM      **Panel Discussion: Know Your Rights – The Family Protection Act and Gender Based Violence 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 is the Act expected to have 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?*

Panel Prep Session: March 8, 4pm, Crowne Plaza (Kamasan Suite)

Moderators: Salome Rihatta, President, PNG Yumi Kirap (PNG Arise)  
Ruby Awa, Senior Trainer, Secretariat for the Pacific Community

Regional Rights Resource Team (SPC RRRT)

Panel Participants:

- Josephine Advent, Principal Legal Officer and Acting Director, Legal Policy and Governance Branch, Department of Justice & Attorney General
- Susan Setae, Trainer and Counselor, Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC)
- Justice Catherine Davani, Judge, National and Supreme Courts and President, Papua New Guinea Judicial Women's Association (PNGJWA)
- Joe Itaki, Executive Manager, Office of the Secretary, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development
- Dr. Eric Kwa, Secretary, Constitutional and Law Reform Commission
- Kiun Kimbing, Community Development Advisor, Morobe Province
- Naomi Yupae, Family Support Center Coordinator, Goroka Provincial Hospital

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?*

Moderator: Maryce Ramsey, Senior Gender Technical Advisor, FHI 360

Panel Participants:

- Sister Edith Namba, Provincial Clinical Supervisor, Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority
- Susan Bissell, Associate Director on Child Protection, UNICEF HQ, New York
- Dessie Magaru, Deputy Chief Magistrate, Judicial and Administration, Magisterial Services of Papua New Guinea
- Anna Solomon, Secretary, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development
- Clara Aglua, Gender Based Violence Officer, Save the Children, Goroka

10:30AM Breakout Sessions on Know Your Rights and Combatting Sexual Violence Against Children  
*(Sessions run concurrently)*

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

11:45AM **Debut Screening of Trailer for "Senisim Pasin"**  
**PNG Tribal Foundation's Documentary on Gender Based Violence**

Introduced by Michelle Hau'ofa, Director – Operations, Board of Directors, PNG Tribal Foundation

12:00PM **Lunchtime Discussion: Innovative Projects to Combat Gender Based Violence**  
*Plated lunches will be served during the remarks*  
*\*\*Panelists will eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*

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

Moderator: Beatrice Mahuru, CEO, Digicel PNG Foundation

Panel Participants:

- Gabriel Ganci, Country Representative, Population Services International (PSI)
- Daisy Plana, CEO and Senior Social Worker, Femili PNG
- Daniel Adem Tesfaye, Country Director, FHI360
- Kamane Wauga, Senior Program Officer, Oxfam
- Kay Kaugla, Gender Officer, Gender Equity Desk, National Capital District Commission
- Pastor Mike Field, Manager, Ginigoada Bisnis Development Foundation Inc.

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?*

Moderator: Dr. Edith Digwaleu-Kariko, Service Delivery Manager, Marie Stopes and Secretary, PNG Women's Doctor's Association

Panel Participants:

- Dr. Lahui Geita, Technical Advisor, Women's Health Division, National Department of Health
- Veronica Kahona, Health Facilities Manager, Susu Mamas, Goroka
- Dr. Julia Stinshoff, Obstetrician and Gynecologist
- Tessie Soi, Founder and Executive Director, Friends Foundation Clinical Manager, Medical Social Work Department and Family Support Center, Port Moresby General Hospital
- Dr. Gilbert Hiawalyer, Assistant Representative, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) PNG
- Dr. Glen Mola, Professor of Reproductive Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology, UPNG School of Medicine and Health Sciences

1:45PM **Yoga Break**  
Fazilah Bazari, Life Coach, Yoga Teacher, Mentor to Yoga Unites PNG

2:15 PM **Panel Discussion: Developing Male Advocates Against Gender Based Violence**

*How can Papua New Guinean men help each other respect women and be positive role models for young men?*

Moderator: Eddie Aila, Founder and Head Trainer, Warrior Culture and Managing Director, AILA Consulting Limited

Panel Participants:

- Honorable Charles Abel, Minister for National Planning and Monitoring
- Leo Kulumbu, Deputy Secretary, Corporate and Regulatory Services Division, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development
- Isi Oru, Coordinator, Male Advocates Program, Family Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC)
- Laitia Tamata, Provincial Family and Sexual Violence Advisor, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion, Law and Justice Transitional Program
- Arthur Tane, Senior Project Manager, Digicel PNG Foundation
- Kendal Henry, Artist and Public Art & Urban Design Consultant

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

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

4:15PM Coffee Break  
*NGO Expo Networking Contest entry forms due to registration desk with surveys  
\*\*In order to be eligible to enter the NGO Expo Networking Contest, participants  
must complete the survey that was distributed at registration.*

*Panel moderators meet with moderator for wrap up session 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.*

Moderator: Michelle Hau'ofa, Director – Operations, Board of Directors, PNG Tribal Foundation

Panel Participants:

- Julie Bukikun, Assistant Resident Representative – Governance, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) *(PNG's International Commitments to Strengthen Women's Rights)*
- Susil Nelson, President, Business and Professional Women's Club of Port Moresby *(Decreasing Barriers to Keeping Girls in School)*

- Diane Kambanei, Executive Director, Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) of Papua New Guinea (*Partnering for Mentoring and Leadership Development*)
- Maha Muna, Gender Adviser for the Pacific, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (*Increasing Women’s Participation in the Public Service*)
- Marga Fripp, Founder and President, Empowered Women International (*PNG’s SME Policy and Financial Inclusion Efforts*)
- Jenny Lind Elmaco, Executive Director and Member of the Board, SPARK Philippines and Co-Founder and Head of Programs, Goals for Peace International (*Using APEC to Increase Access to Markets for Women*)
- Amanda Donagi, Editor and Publisher, Stella Magazine (*Change Makers – Stories of Leaders Who Have Made a Difference in Their Communities*)
- Salome Rihatta, President, PNG Yumi Kirap (PNG Arise) (*Know Your Rights: The Family Protection Act and GBV Policy Reform*)
- Maryce Ramsey, Senior Gender Technical Advisor, FHI 360 (*Combatting Sexual Violence Against Children*)
- Beatrice Mahuru, CEO, Digicel PNG Foundation (*Innovative Projects to Combat Gender Based Violence*)
- Dr. Edith Digwaleu Kariko, Service Delivery Manager, Marie Stopes, and Secretary, PNG Women’s Doctor’s Association  
(*Role of Family Planning in Empowering Women*)
- Eddie Aila, Founder and Head Trainer, Warrior Culture and Managing Director, AILA Consulting Limited (*Developing Male Advocates against GBV*)

*Notetakers will give moderators a summary of recommendations from their panels in advance of the wrap up session*

5:45PM

### **NGO Expo Networking Contest and Powerful Partnerships Networking Prizes Awarded**

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Powerful Partnerships Networking Prizes Awarded

Melanie Higgins, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy

6:00PM

### **Closing Ceremony and Remarks**

Lynda Babao O’Neill

First Lady of Papua New Guinea

General Manager, Paddy’s Hotel

6:30PM Day Three Ends

6:30PM **Closing Reception**  
**Hosted by the Australian High Commission**  
Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hotel

8:00PM **Reception Ends**



# BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

*(in order of appearance)*

## **Anja Blyton**

### **President, Paradisia Consultants**

Anja Blyton has been in the communications industry in PNG for over 18 years and has owned and operated five different businesses. Her focus areas are brand and corporate marketing, training, and media. She is the Port Moresby manager of her small business, Paradisia Consultants, and has consulted on projects such as the national rebrand and rollout for Taubmans PNG and training women entrepreneurs in resource utilization. She co-authored the 7 day franchisee training program used for new franchisees of the innovative Supa V stoa businesses in Port Moresby. In 1996, Blyton hosted and co-produced the first lifestyle television show in PNG called Mind and Body. In 2001, she anchored EMTV's 6 o'clock news and her media services are still sought after by clients and the industry. She is currently Head of Media for the PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry, a voluntary role she has occupied since 2014. Blyton holds a Diploma in Communications and a Bachelor of Social Science – majoring in Psychology and Human Services – from James Cook University in Queensland, Australia.

## **Reverend Philip Anthony Dalaka**

### **Senior Pastor, Assemblies of God Church**

Reverend Philip Anthony Dalaka has been a Pastor for more than 25 years with the Assemblies of God Church in Papua New Guinea. He is currently the Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Gateway Church, and has one of the largest congregations in PNG with a very active women's ministry within the church. He has also numerous leadership responsibilities in the Assemblies of God, serving as the District, Regional, and National Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Reverend Dalaka ministers throughout Papua New Guinea, in both urban and rural communities, and travels across the nation representing Papua New Guinea while speaking at International Conferences. He was appointed to the Statutory Board by the State as a Church representative, serving various terms. Reverend Dalaka has a Diploma in Christian Education, a Bachelor's Degree in Ministry, and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of Papua New Guinea.

## **Roy Trivedy**

### **Director of Operations, PNG Tribal Foundation**

Roy Trivedy is UN Resident Coordinator for Papua New Guinea and has been working in PNG since December 2013. Prior to this, he was Head of the Civil Society Department for the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID UK). He was also Team Leader for the UK Government's "Building our Common Future," White Paper on international development (2009). Trivedy has worked for DFID in Tanzania, Central Asia and the Caucasus, and on peace-building and conflict resolution in various parts of Africa. He joined DFID after 20

years of working for non-governmental organizations in the UK, Mozambique, India and Malawi. He studied at the Institute for Development Studies, Sussex.

### **Anna Solomon**

#### **Secretary, Department for Community Development**

Anna Solomon has served in the Department of Community Development for 22 years in various capacities from Corporate to Program Divisions. In December 2011, she was appointed as the Acting Secretary of the Department. Her appointment proved how challenging it can be for women to climb up the corporate ladder. In early 2015, she was finally confirmed as the Secretary for the Department. Prior to this, she was Deputy Secretary in charge of Corporate and Regulatory services. She is from Kairuku an Mailu in the Central Province.

### **Honorable Leo Dion**

#### **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations**

Educated to grade nine, Honorable Leo Dion went on to become a career police officer from 1969 to 1989, working his way up to Deputy Police Commissioner. For his services to the force he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal (QPM). After leaving the police force, he became a businessman from 1989 to 1997 and Councilor and President of Local Level Government from 1997 to 2000. Dion was Deputy Governor of East New Britain Province when he resigned to run for a by-election for the East New Britain seat in 2000. He was first elected to the Sixth National Parliament for the East New Britain Provincial seat in a by-election in December 2000 after Francis Koimanrea resigned to run for the Pomio Open seat. Dion was then re-elected to the same seat in the 2002, 2007 and 2012 National Elections. He relinquished his governorship in 2012 when he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Inter-Government Relations. In June 2005, he was awarded the Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (CMG) for public and political service.

### **Julie Bukikun**

#### **Assistant Resident Representative for the UN Development Program (UNDP) in PNG**

Julie Bukikun is the Assistant Resident Representative for the UN Development Program (UNDP) in PNG and heads the Governance program. Her work covers a broad range of areas including human development, peacebuilding, electoral support, parliamentary strengthening, and anti-corruption. Bukikun has several years of experience working on gender policy and programs including women in politics and public life, gender-based violence prevention, HIV&AIDS, and legislative reform. She previously served as Senior National Program Specialist for UN WOMEN PNG where she provided technical and advisory support to the PNG government, civil society, and women's groups on advancing gender equality and women's 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 Millennium Development Goals, UN Security Council Resolutions, and Gender Responsive Budgeting. Bukikun also provided technical support to the drafting of the first PNG Government report to the UN CEDAW Committee and supported the Bougainville Autonomous Government's development of an Action Plan on Women Peace and Security to address women's rights issues in post-conflict Bougainville and in the lead-up to the proposed Referendum.

### **Mollie Willie**

#### **Deputy Secretary, Policy Division, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development**

Mollie Willie oversees implementation and coordination of all policies, focused on generating participatory community development that streamlines gender at the district level. She also drafts and implements government policy on the disabled, child protection, and economic policy. Mollie holds a Master's in Social Work and Community Development from the University of Queensland and a Bachelor's in Social Work from the University of Papua New Guinea.

### **Theresa Jaintong**

#### **President, National Council of Women**

Theresa Jaintong has been an advocate for peace and reconciliation in Bougainville following the decade-long crisis, including serving as women's leader to successive negotiations that resulted in the peace accords. She was the first female Mayor of Arawa, Minister for Health in the interim Bougainville government, and has served on the boards and committees of the National Broadcasting Corporation, National Council of Women, and in various community and landowner associations. Jaintong has traveled widely and represented women's empowerment efforts at a host of fora across Asia-Pacific. She holds degrees in Social Work and Public Administration from the University of Papua New Guinea and Panguna Mine Training College.

### **Farapo Korere**

#### **Senior Foreign Service Officer, International Organizations Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs**

Farapo Korere is the Senior Foreign Service Officer in the International Organizations Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs where she serves as the human rights desk officer. Amongst other accomplishments, Korere coordinated the 2012 visit of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and assisted in drafting the national executive cabinet submission on the implementation of the UN Human Rights Council's recommendations to PNG. She is currently coordinating PNG's report to the UN Universal Periodic Review. Prior to her work on human rights, Korere served in the human resources division of the Department of Foreign Affairs. She holds a Bachelor's in Public Policy Management from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Diploma in Economic Policy Analysis from the National Research Institute. Farapo hails from Gulf Province.

### **Josephine Advent**

#### **Principal Legal Officer and Acting Director, Legal Policy and Governance Branch, Department of Justice and Attorney General**

Josephine Advent is a career public servant with seven years of experience. Advent is focused on providing and implementing legal policy initiatives and legislative programs of the Secretary for Justice and Minister for Justice in the areas of anti-corruption, money laundering, human rights and counter-financing of terrorism. She has driven the development of PNG's law reforms concerning family protection, human trafficking, juvenile justice, and a number of other significant legislative reforms. Advent holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Papua New Guinea and will complete her Master's in Public and International Law in July 2016 at Melbourne University.

### **Wallis Yakam**

#### **Executive Director, Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC)**

Wallis Yakam is the Executive Officer of the Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC), an independent organization responsible for coordinating input to and monitoring of government policy with civil society and the private sector. She has worked at the CIMC for over twelve years, including as a senior research officer. Yakam received her Master's from the University of Queensland in Governance & Public Policy and holds a Bachelor's in Human Resource Management from the University of Papua New Guinea. She is originally from Southern Highlands Province and is married with four children.

### **Lilly BeSoer**

#### **Founder, Voice for Change**

A single mother previously displaced by tribal violence and gender based violence, Lilly BeSoer is the founder of Voice for Change, a non-profit organization in Jiwaka working to promote equal rights for women and to economically empower female victims of gender based violence and tribal violence in the PNG highlands. BeSoer is the General-Secretary of the Highlands Human Rights Defenders Network and represented PNG at the 56<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. She has successfully mediated peace in tribal warfare and worked to resettle displaced families.

### **Signe Poulsen**

#### **Human Rights Adviser, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in PNG**

Signe Poulsen over 15 years of experience working in PNG, Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Nepal, Liberia and Kyrgyzstan and Poland. Prior to joining the UN, Poulsen worked for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (ODIHR/OSCE), Amnesty International, and the International Commission for Jurists. She holds a Master's of Science in Human Rights from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

### **Susil Nelson**

#### **President, Business and Professional Women's Club of Port Moresby**

Susil Nelson is a leader in the new generation of PNG professional women. Westpac Business Woman of the Year for 2012, she was recognized for her contribution to local business through her work with the PNG Sustainable Development Program. President of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Nelson is focused on building a strong network for women and supporting educational opportunities for women and girls in PNG. She is also Honorary Treasurer on the Board of Coalition for Change, which is a local organization dedicated to achieving cultural change in PNG. The organization aspires for a PNG where violence, especially spousal violence and violence against children, is not tolerated and the rights of women and children are respected. Coalition for Change made a landmark milestone achievement in 2013 in getting the Family Protection Bill passed as an Act of Parliament on 18th September 2013. She is also Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee of the newly established PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PNGWCCI). More recently, Susil has been involved in various activities to promote education and activism and encourage young women to pursue leadership roles. Some of these projects include the *Pawa Meri* project, a documentary series of films about six women leaders in PNG, one of which was Nelson. *Pawa Meri* is aimed at educating young women about career paths and inspiring them to become leaders.

### **Baba Danbappa**

#### **Country Representative, UNICEF PNG**

Born in Nigeria, Baba Danbappa was educated in Nigeria and the United States. He started his career with the Ministry of Health Kano State, Nigeria, before joining UNICEF in June 1987 where he has worked in various capacities in Nigeria, Somalia, The Gambia, Afghanistan, Timor Leste and now Papua New Guinea. Danbappa joined the PNG office three years ago as Country Representative.

### **Dr. Arnold Kukari**

#### **Associate Professorial Fellow and Universalizing Education Program Leader, National Research Institute**

Arnold Kukari holds a Bachelor's of Education with First Class Honors from the University of Papua New Guinea, a Master's of Education Policy and Administration Degree from Monash University, and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Pennsylvania State University. Kukari's research interests are universal basic education, teaching and teacher education, curriculum theory and practice, policy development and implementation, inclusive and sustainable development, cultural studies, and indigenous knowledge.

### **Honorable Nick Kuman**

#### **Minister for Education**

Minister Nick Kuman is from Sibmu Province and holds a Master's degree in Applied Sciences from the University of Western Sydney.

### **Ipul Powaseu**

#### **Dean of Women, Pacific Adventist University**

#### **Co-Chairperson, PNG Association of Disabled Persons**

Ipul Powaseu is co-chairperson for the PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons in PNG, where she has been instrumental in developing a structure of disabled people's organization in PNG and as advocating for the establishment of Women with Disability Network across PNG. Powaseu has also contributed to global discussion facing people with disabilities through her involvement and participations on various global committees and groups. She is currently on the WHO Rehabilitation Guidelines Reference Group, and previously participated as an expert consultant in developing the Report on the Situations of Indigenous people with Disability. Recently, Powaseu was asked to participate in the "UN Expert Seminar on Restorative Justice, Indigenous Juridical Systems and Access to Justice for Indigenous Women, Children and Youth and Persons with Disabilities." Before her work with the Association, Powaseu worked in the agricultural research sector for 17 years, and for three years at the National Research Institute between 2007 and 2010. She is currently the Dean of Women at the Pacific Adventist University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science from UPNG in 1985 and obtained a Master's in Business from Queensland University of Technology in Australia in 1995.

### **Paul Sokou Werei**

#### **Acting Executive Manager, Division of Education, Manus Provincial Administration**

Paul Sokou Werei has been working in Education for over 20 years in teaching, research, and in administrative roles. Werei has a Bachelor's in Education from the University of Papua New Guinea and after earning his degree, began teaching in high school and secondary schools in Tabubil and Daru before moving back to his hometown of Manus. In 2005, Paul joined the

Division of Education in the Manus Provincial Administration where he became the Executive Research Officer to the Office of the Provincial Administrator before moving on to his current position as Superintendent for Finance and Planning, Manus Provincial Administration.

### **Simon Opa**

#### **Principal, Togoba Secondary School, Western Highlands Province**

Simon Opa is from Western Highlands Province where he is the principal of Togoba Secondary School. He has been involved in teaching for over 27 years throughout the province, 16 of which were in an administrative capacity. Opa believes that girls' education continues to be a challenge throughout Papua New Guinea, and although some improvements have been made, much more must be done to educate young women, keep them in school, keep them safe, and inform them of their life options.

### **Diane Kambanei**

#### **Executive Director, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)**

Diane Kambanei 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 centers in both Manus Island and Nauru, providing case management services to asylum seekers. Kambanei is active in many aspects of women's rights, including working with the YWCA of Canberra promoting young women's leadership with indigenous girls in Canberra. A recipient of a "great Y ideas" grant through a partnership between Westpac and the YWCA of Canberra, Kambanei helped establish Freedom Marketplace, an online shop front for disadvantaged women in the Pacific. She is a member of Soroptimist International has served as a Policy Coordinator for UN Women Australia National Committee. Her passion is helping women and girls achieve their full potential to live empowered lives free from rape, gender based violence and discrimination. Kambanei believes in the importance of education, mentoring, access to information and leadership for young women in PNG.

### **Betsy Polk and Maggie Ellis Chotas**

#### **Facilitators and Leadership Coaches, The Mulberry Partners**

Betsy Polk, a facilitator, mediator, process designer and board certified coach, received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a master's degree in organization development from the American University/NTL program in Washington, D.C. Polk is an active volunteer and board member for several educationally-focused organizations. When she's not coaching, consulting or writing about partnership, you can find her painting with vivid colors, reading novels that take her far away, scribbling short stories and 6 word memoirs or hanging out with her never-a-dull-moment family in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Maggie Ellis Chotas is a facilitator and leadership coach for The Mulberry Partners who started her career as a middle school teacher and has served as director and consultant for public and independent schools in Philadelphia, New York City, Charlotte, and Durham, N.C. She has attained a Bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College, a master's degree from St. John's College in Annapolis, and a master's degree in school administration from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition to her work with Mulberry, Chotas is senior program manager for North Carolina Ready for Success, a collaboration initiative that ensures seamless

transitions for students through North Carolina educational systems from Kindergarten through college and career. She lives with her husband and two children in Durham, NC.

Inspired by a friendship that began in a high school English class, Polk and Chotas teamed up in 2003 to create The Mulberry Partners, a consulting practice that helps individuals, teams and organizations figure out how to strengthen collaboration, improve communication, resolve conflict, and achieve goals that stick. After a few years of working together, the two realized they were gaining great benefits -- from the flexibility it takes to lead work and life on their own terms to the sheer happiness of doing work they enjoyed, together. They reached out to 125 other women business partners and learned they were achieving similar advantages. Power through Partnership, Polk and Chotas' first book celebrates the power that comes from women working together while navigating the road past myths and pitfalls to creating and sustaining healthy partnerships.

### **Dame Meg Taylor**

#### **Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum**

The Pacific Islands Forum's first female Secretary General, Dame Meg Taylor, DBE, has over 20 years of experience working in the region and internationally, including serving as Vice President and Compliance Advisor Ombudsman with the World Bank Group and as Papua New Guinea's Ambassador to the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Growing up on one of the first coffee plantations in Goroka, Taylor went on to practice law in Papua New Guinea, served as a member of the Law Reform Commission, served on the boards of several companies and both national and international conservation organizations, and worked as Private Secretary to Sir Michael Somare through both self-government and Papua New Guinea's independence. She holds a LL.M from Harvard University in business and labor law.

### **Seini Fisi'ihoi-Rageau**

#### **Member of the Organizing Committee for Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue, Leadership PNG Operations Team Administrator, Oil Search Limited**

Seini Fisi'ihoi-Rageau currently works for Oil Search Limited as the Operations Team Administrator. She is professionally affiliated to a range of organizations and programs including Leadership PNG, Transparency International PNG Inc., Global Women in Management and Toastmasters International. Her experience stems from a passion to leave a gender aware and forward-thinking legacy for her daughter and other young Papua New Guinean girls to reflect on; and make better by identifying leadership development and gender challenges in PNG and supporting the existing initiatives that aim to address them. Fisi'ihoi-Rageau's contribution to the PNG Women's Forum follows from her work with coordinating PNG's participation in the Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue in 2014.

### **Barbra Thomas**

#### **Acting Executive Director and Program Manager, The Voice Inc.**

Barbra Thomas has been involved with The Voice Inc. for the past six years, serving in various capacities which began as a student volunteer, program mentor, team leader. The Voice Inc. strives to see generations of young people driven by purpose and confident in the value of their contribution to their communities, their nation, and the world. 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 a contractor for the PNG LNG Project for two and a half years before she resigned in 2013 in July to pursue her passion for empowering youth and joined The Voice Inc. team as a full time staff member.

### **Cathy Alex**

**President, Advancing PNG: Women's Leader's Network**

**Sustainable Livelihood Program Coordinator, Community Development Initiative Foundation Trust Fund**

Cathy Alex is a community development practitioner and agriculturalist by profession and has served the rural communities of Kikori, Samberigi and Kutubu for almost nine years. She is currently the Sustainable Livelihood Program Coordinator with Community Development Initiative (CDI) Foundation Trust Fund. The CDI Foundation is focused on training national NGOs working in the Oil and Gas Project impacted areas of PNG, focusing on building the capacity of these communities to address development needs in an effective and sustainable manner. Alex's current work with the Samberigi Polopa Women's Voice is changing rural marginalized mindsets and unveiling un-tapped economical potential turning the hearts of the many Samberigi people to see regular income earning opportunity right in their rural community doorstep. She holds a Bachelor's in Tropical Agriculture from the University of Natural Resources and Environment (then Vudal University in 2002). She attended Global Women in Management (GWIM) program in Washington DC in 2012, GWIM Trainer-of-Trainers and GWIM Coaching workshop in 2013.

### **Sisa Kini**

**Community Development Support Manager, Public, and Government Affairs, ExxonMobil PNG**

Sisa Kini has spent most of her career working in the petroleum industry in PNG, starting out as a graduate student with Chevron Nuigini, the former operator of the Kutubu Joint Venture Petroleum Project (KVJP). As part of the company's exit strategy from the country, she was instrumental in helping to set up the CDI Foundation Trust Fund, a non-profit entity that is funded by KVJP. Kini has worked for ExxonMobil PNG since 2010 and in her current role is primarily responsible for ExxonMobil PNG's social investments portfolio, mostly for the ExxonMobil-operated PNG LNG Project. These programs focus primarily on health, education, livelihood support and law and justice. Her personal goal is connecting people who are passionate about making a difference, in order to maximize the positive impact like-minded people can make. Kini is from Keapara (Central Province) and Miaru (Gulf Province) villages in Papua New Guinea. She holds a Master's in Social Science from Lincoln University in New Zealand, and a Bachelor's in Communication for Development from the PNG University of Technology.

### **Dr. Lalen Simeon**

**Director, Research and Post Graduate Studies, Pacific Adventist University**

After graduating as a secondary school teacher, Dr. Lalen Simeon taught in two different secondary schools before joining Pacific Adventist University where she serves as an associate lecturer for three years before becoming a lecturer and finally a senior lecturer, which she has been for the last 14 years. Simeon obtained her Master's and Doctorate in Education at the University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia. Since 2010, she has been working as the Director for Research and Post Graduate Studies, which has given her the opportunity to engage with researchers from other research institutions in PNG and with international partners from

several overseas universities. She has conducted social science research and specific research projects involving successful model of youth leadership in PNG, women in agriculture and small business, violence against women at the workplace, and SDA response to HIV.

### **Maha Muna**

#### **Gender Adviser for the Pacific, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

Maha Muna is the Gender Adviser for the Pacific for United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) Pacific regional sub-office in Suva, Fiji. She provides policy and program technical assistance to Pacific Islands States, focusing on Violence against Women; Women, Peace and Security; and Gender-Based Violence in humanitarian emergencies. Previously, she served with UNFPA in Switzerland and Sudan, and worked with UNIFEM as the Program Manager for Governance, Peace, and Security. Maha previously served as Deputy Director of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and Azerbaijan Country Director as well as headquarters Program Officer at the International Rescue Committee and Save the Children. She is a graduate of Columbia University, with a Masters in International Affairs. Maha lives in Suva with her husband and two children.

### **Rear Admiral Cari Thomas**

#### **Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard**

Rear Admiral Thomas is the Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, an area of responsibility nearly three times the size of the continental United States. Her command includes the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, American Samoa and activities in Saipan, Singapore and Japan. Thomas previously served as the Assistant Commandant of Response Policy, where she oversaw the development of Coast Guard response doctrine and policy guidance and led U.S. delegations negotiating treaties for Arctic search and rescue, oil spill response, and counternarcotic and fisheries enforcement. Thomas graduated with distinction from the Naval War College with a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies, and completed Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative. She also holds a Master in Educational Leadership from Troy State University and a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy. Thomas is currently the Chair, Board of Directors of the Sea Services Leadership Association and has served on other non-profit boards as a member. Her awards include the Legion of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Department of State's Superior Honor Award and many other personal, unit, and campaign awards.

### **Laurelle Pentanu**

#### **Foreign Service Trainee, Policy/Multilateral/Regional Economic Affairs Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs**

Laurelle Pentanu is a Foreign Service Trainee with the Department of Foreign Affairs. She has been undergoing the PNG Foreign Service Training Program for the past ten months and looks forward to her induction into the PNG public service this year. Pentanu was chosen by the U.S. Embassy as the PNG representative to attend the Future Leaders of the Pacific Conference which was held in Apia, Samoa in September-August 2014, in line with the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) conference. She has a Bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Papua New Guinea and her specific interest lies in political economics. Pentanu is from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and Manus Province and resides in Port Moresby.

### **Jean Kekedo**

#### **Former PNG High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland**

Jean Kekedo served Papua New Guinea for over 40 years in the Public Service with distinction. She has a wide range of management experience, including as Papua New Guinea's Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland where she was also accredited to Israel, Egypt, Zimbabwe, and Jordan. She previously served as Managing Director of the PNG Forest Authority and as Secretary for the Department of Civil Aviation among other roles. Kekedo holds a degree in social work from the University of South Australia.

### **Betty Palaso**

#### **Commissioner General, Internal Revenue Commission (IRC)**

An economist by training, Betty Palaso began her career at the Department of Treasury where she moved up the ranks to head the Fiscal Policy Section and served as both Acting Division Head and Deputy Secretary. She moved to the Internal Revenue Commission as Commissioner for Taxation in 1999 where she was responsible for administered four divisions, enforced all tax legislation and compliance, successfully concluded two International Double Taxation Treaties as head of negotiations. As Commissioner General, Palaso established the IRC as a full statutory body. She continues to champion the IRC's zero tolerance policy against corruption policy and is developing a modernization program to improve the organization.

### **Agnes Friday**

#### **Acting Deputy Secretary for Public Service Reform, Department of Personnel Management**

Agnes Friday is one of the senior officers spearheading the successful passing of the Public Services (Management) Act of 2014 and other legislation that further formalized PNG's professional public service and made gender discrimination and harassment in the workplace an element of misconduct. She also works on implementation of the Gender Equity and Social Inclusion policy across the public service to create a safer, more dynamic work environment for women to thrive.

### **Dr. Nicole Haley**

#### **Convenor, State, Society, and Governance in Melanesia Program, Australian National University**

Dr. Nicole Haley heads the State, Society, and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) Program at Australia National University. For the past 20 years, she has conducted empirical and applied policy-relevant research in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and has published extensively on aspects of political and social conflict. Her PhD entitled "Ipakana Yakaiya: Mapping Landscapes, Mapping Lives – Contemporary Land Politics among the Duna," was awarded the 2003 ANU Crawford Prize for Academic Excellence. Dr. Haley is co-editor (with Ron May) of Conflict and Resource Development in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea (2007) and Election 2007: The Shift to Limited Preferential Voting in Solomon Islands (2011). In 2007, she coordinated the first ever domestic observation of the PNG General Elections. Dr. Haley's extensive research has also seen her engaged in various advisory and consultative capacities with AusAID, DFAT, UNDP and the World Bank's Justice for the Poor (J4P) program, and is currently writing about elections and electoral politics, women's leadership and political participation, and local political cultures in PNG and Melanesia.

### **Lesieli M. Taviri**

**Country Head, Origin Energy PNG Limited**

**2014 Recipient of the Westpac Outstanding Women Award**

**Chairperson, Business Coalition for Women (BCW)**

**President, The Badili Club PNG**

Passionate about energy as the key enabler to productive activity, Lesieli Taviri is the Country Head of Origin Energy PNG Limited, an energy sales and distribution business. She has experience in all facets of business management and was appointed to the role of Country Head in September 2012. Taviri holds a Bachelor of Science and is in the process of completing an MBA with the Chifley School of Business. She is the Chair of the Business Coalition for Women and is a Director on the Nambawan Super Board of Directors, President of the Badili Club and Executive of the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In 2014, she was named Westpac Outstanding Women of the Year.

### **Mary Jean Karo**

**Chairlady, Eda Kanu**

Mary Karo was born of mixed parentage in Hula village, Rigo, Central Province. She then moved to the National Capitol District where she attended St. Francis Anglican School, Koki before moving to Popondetta, Oro Province. She attended secondary school in Queensland, Australia before obtaining a Certificate in Commerce from Lae Technical College. Karo worked in the Private and Public Sectors for six years in Lae, then 19 years in business management (1973 – 1992). During this time, she also focused her energy on Sports Administration (1970 to 1986) and for 30 years (1983-2013) associated with political parties in PNG where she held positions such as Party Senior Vice President, General Secretary/Treasurer and Party President. She also served as the PNG Consul in Cairns from 1997 to 2001) and as CEO of Eda Ranu from 2003 to 2004. Karo served in the private sector from 2006 to 2009 and was the Event Manager for 2009 PNG Games in NCD before being appointed Chairperson of Eda Ranu in 2013.

### **Marga Fripp**

**Founder and President, Empowered Women International**

Marga Fripp, Founder and President of Empowered Women International, is an award-winning social entrepreneur and international consultant in women's leadership and empowerment. With over 20 years of experience in solving social problems through the arts, innovation and entrepreneurship, Fripp is passionate about empowering women to pursue their dreams. She has worked with thousands of women in the US and internationally to start or grow their micro-businesses. A former journalist and a native of Romania, she produced programs that focused on women's equality, human rights, and integration solutions for orphans and street children during the difficult first years of Romania's transition from communism. Fripp was banned from broadcasting in Romania in 1996 due to her critical portrayal of social policy of the post-communist Iliescu government.

### **Stefanie Stallmeister**

**World Bank Country Manager**

Stefanie Stallmeister assumed her position as the World Bank Country Manager in Papua New Guinea on July 1, 2014. Prior to joining the East Asia and Pacific Region, she served as Senior Strategy and Operations Officer in the office of the Vice President for the Europe and Central Asia Region of the World Bank. From 2008 to 2012, Stallmeister worked as the Senior Country

Officer for Tanzania, Uganda, and Burundi in the Africa Region of the World Bank. Between 2005 and 2008 she was the Senior Operations Officer in the World Bank's Timor-Leste office, where she was responsible for the education sector, country dialogue, and portfolio issues. Prior to joining the Timor-Leste office, she held various positions in as an education specialist in the Africa and Middle East and Northern Africa Region, including in the World Bank's country office in Jerusalem. Before joining the World Bank as a staff member as a Young Professional, Stallmeister worked for the GIZ based in Indonesia (1999-2001).

### **Avia Koisen**

#### **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, and currently serves as President of the PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. 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.

### **David Anderson Conn**

#### **CEO, Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce Industry (POMCCI)**

David Conn has been a long term resident of PNG since 1977, when he arrived as a volunteer teacher in Manus Province. After a career in teaching and running his own business for 15 years he became involved with the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry (POMCCI) in 1988. He has over 27 years' experience with the Chamber and now provides full-time management services to the POMCCI Bizcentre as CEO. Dave is currently the host of Business Plus, a regular business and current affairs programme, on the new TV station, TVWAN. Conn holds a Master's Degree from Glasgow University and training qualifications from RMIT in Melbourne, and is a founding member of the PNG Institute of Directors. Married to Gari from Milne Bay, he visits his daughter Rhona and his two grandchildren, Dylan and Mia, as often as he can in his other home, Alotau.

### **Geoff Toone**

#### **Managing Director, Westpac Bank PNG Limited**

Geoff Toone has 25 years of financial services experience gained from an extensive career across institutional, business and retail banking and was most recently Director for SME and Mid-markets at the Australian Export Finance and Insurance Corporation. Toone leads Westpac's PNG team and provides strategic direction and is focused on growing the bank's proposition across consumer, commercial and institutional banking. He is passionate about continuing the bank's great work in helping local communities to prosper and grow through its focus on financial inclusion, women's empowerment and education.

### **Esther Igo**

#### **Principal Director, Esee Consult Ltd.**

Esther Igo is the Principal Director for Esee Consult Ltd, a PNG-owned consulting firm concentrating on Total Strategic Management approaches. She is a strong advocate for gender equality and women's empowerment and has facilitated various forums and initiatives to

facilitate that desire to see women in Papua New Guineans have better quality of life. Igo is currently the lead consultant to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, and Industry on the PNG government's SME policy and Master Plan. Her desire to see women rise above discrimination led Igo to found Women Arise PNG in 2013 and organize a nationwide campaign against discrimination against women. She has also developed forums on economic empowerment for women as she believes an empowered woman is one that is financially independent. Igo holds a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Bath in UK and a Bachelor's in Business Management and Diploma in Accounting from the University of Technology in PNG.

### **Desmond Yaninen**

#### **Chief Executive Officer of NDB Investments Limited**

Desmond Yaninen serves as Chief Executive Officer of NDB Investments Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of the PNG government's National Development Bank focused on developing and delivering business incubation products and services to our citizens. His company is based in Port Moresby and employs 33 national staff and one expatriate and has net assets of under K20 million. His current line of work is in developing and delivering simple business incubation programs that can turn an ordinary villager into a savvy and successful entrepreneur. The three core areas of his business incubation program are training, funding and support. Training is a prerequisite to any funding, and support is ongoing during the term of the loan and includes mentoring and coaching. Programs already underway include the Stret Pasin Retail Business Incubation Program, the Young Enterprise Scheme and the Entrepreneur Start-up Credit Facility. In 2015, several more of his programs will come online as pilot projects in various parts of the country.

### **Ellison L.W. Pidik**

#### **Assistant Governor, Financial System Stability Group, Bank of Papua New Guinea**

Ellison Pidik is the Assistant Governor responsible for financial system stability group at the Bank of Papua New Guinea – the regulatory function of the Central Bank. He received a Bachelor's in Economics from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Master's in Business Finance from the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. Pidik has worked for 27 years in PNG, including 22 years with the Central Bank and six years in the private sector. During the past five years, he has focused a lot of his work in micro-financing and financial inclusion & financial literacy in PNG. He played a key role under the overall leadership of Governor Loi Bakani in leading a team of experts to develop the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion & Financial Literacy 2014-2015. Pidik is passionate about ensuring that the banking services reach a large percentage of unbanked population in PNG.

### **Jenny Lind Elmaco**

#### **Executive Director and Member of the Board, SPARK Philippines**

#### **Co-Founder and Head of Programs, Goals for Peace International**

Jenny Elmaco was the former Project Manager for Asia of Women without Borders in Vienna and the Austrian Foundation for World Population in International Development. Before that she managed the project of the Philippine Commission on Women for the implementation of the Magna Carta of Women with special focus on creating the Gender Mainstreaming Monitoring System and WEE (women's economic empowerment). Elmaco has a Master's in Peace, Security, Development and International Conflict Transformation from the University of Innsbruck (Austria) and the Universidad Jaume I (Spain). A European Commission scholarship

gave her a Second Master's in Global Studies from the University of Vienna and the University of Leipzig. Currently, she heads the *KaSaMa Secretariat* (Innovative Human Rights Initiative) – a multi-donor human rights initiative participated by the international community in the Philippines and coordinated this year by the Spanish Embassy. She is also the Executive Director of SPARK! – a non-profit geared towards the economic and political empowerment of women.

### **Ivan Pomaleu**

#### **Senior Official for PNG to Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)**

#### **Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority**

Ivan Pomaleu has served as Managing Director of the Investment Promotion Authority since August 2001. During this period, he also served as Registrar of Companies and Chairman of Securities Commission of Papua New Guinea. In 2012, he was appointed by the PNG government to be the Senior Official for PNG to APEC, a role he commenced during the Indonesian Host year in 2013. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Master in Business Administration from Deakin University, in Australia. Pomaleu is also the Chairman of the Board of Management of the Institute of Business Studies, and a Member of the Petroleum Advisory Board. With regard to APEC, Pomaleu believes that PNG is just discovering the enormous opportunities to build capacity and construct clear policy and practices from the experiences and information that APEC offers, and therefore the PNG government's decision to reassert its presence and participation in APEC is the right one.

### **Janet Roland Sios**

#### **Vice President, Papua New Guinea Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Janet Sios owns several small businesses in the car rental and printing industries, and has served on senior management roles for the last 20 years in major companies in PNG including the State owned Mineral Resources Development Company, PNG Sustainable Development, Price Waterhouse and Melanesian Trustee Services. She has also served on various boards in PNG and was recently appointed by the PNG government as a Director to the Motor Vehicle Insurance Limited (MVIL), a state owned company. Sios is also a senior member of the Professional Accounting body in Papua New Guinea and has been an associate member of CPA PNG since 1992, and served as a council member of CPA PNG in years past. Outside her professional life, she has been a strong advocate for People Living With Disabilities (PLWD) in PNG, and her companies have been major sponsors of PLWD programs. Sios is also the founder and manager of the Hospital Poroman Foundation, an NGO that raises funds for hospitals and carries out health awareness in PNG. She also volunteers at the PNG Rehabilitation Centre in Hohola where she helps with feeding programs, and her company by Frangipani Car Hire sponsors food donations to the Centre twice a month. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Commerce from the University of PNG in 1990 and also holds a MBA degree from the University of Queensland in Australia.

### **Douveri Henao**

#### **Executive Director, Business Council of Papua New Guinea**

Douveri has a vast experience in developing policies and legal frameworks and has also provided assistance to the Department of Health, Provincial and Local Government, Planning & Treasury, Civil Law Divisions, PNG Department of Justice & Attorney General, State Solicitors International Law Division, University of Papua New Guinea, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and other regulatory bodies in drafting policies, legal frameworks, international trade negotiations,

intellectual property rights and general advising. Henao also serves as a Director on both Mineral Resource Authority (MRA) and Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) Board. Douveri has an undergraduate degree in Law at the University of Papua New Guinea.

### **Mary Kira**

#### **Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Monitoring, Policy, Planning and Information Division, Department of Trade, Commerce, and Industry**

Mary Kira joined the Department of Trade, Commerce, and Industry in 1993 and has steadily moved up the ranks. She has been Acting Assistant Secretary since October 2013, and before that she was Acting Assistant Secretary – Personnel and Training. Kira did her Post Graduate in Public Policy and Management at Monash University in Australia.

### **Winifred Kula Amini**

#### **Co-founder and Managing Director, WIN-IT Consultancy**

Co-founder of WIN-IT Consultancy, Winifred Kula Amini is the Managing Director of a start-up company registered in 2009, specializing in project management, business-IT advice, and mobile enterprise development. Prior to that, she was the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the national postal administrator POST PNG from 2006-2009. Amini's enthusiasm about entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation was further deepened through her experience from the APEC Start-up Acceleration Leadership Summit in 2013, an inaugural leadership summit by APEC's Small and Medium Enterprise Working Group (SEMWG). She believes that there is potential to develop PNG's business eco-system, National Innovation System, connect local entrepreneurs (SMEs) to build international business relationships, and facilitate venture capital/start-up fundraising activities. Amini holds a Master's in Business specializing in entrepreneurship from the University of Queensland, Australia, and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (With Merit) from the PNG University of Technology, Lae.

### **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. North served as the mission director in India, Indonesia and Zambia. Other overseas postings include Ethiopia and Bangladesh. He 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. North has also served with the Offices of East Asian Affairs and East African Affairs. North has a Master's in public administration from Harvard University, a law degree from the George Washington University, and did his undergraduate studies at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin.

### **Maria Lakamiku Towai Nepel**

#### **U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award Nominee for Papua New Guinea**

Maria Nepal is a strong advocate for women's rights who has faced numerous challenges as a woman living in Papua New Guinea. As a medical professional, she rose from working as a clinical nurse to a midwife, a healthcare trainer, an institutional manager, an organizational

administrator, consultant and an advisor in her various professional positions. Her commitment to comprehensive health services was a paramount factor to her success as a healthcare administrator, providing the best care possible while integrating peace, reconciliation, security concepts and context into her professional activities to the people of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea during the civil war. Nepal diagnosed and provided comprehensive healthcare and medical treatment for general patients, obstetrics services, and gynecological procedures for patients from all walks of life in Port Moresby, East New Britain, New Ireland, and Western Highlands and North Solomons Provinces. She holds a Masters of Public Health from Queensland University of Technology. Maria is currently enrolled in Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) by research at Flinders University, South Australia, under the Australian AID Scholarship.

### **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. Donigi hopes to challenge stereotypes levied on Pacific women and youth by the mainstream media. She is experienced in writing for print and online media and 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 (SWEPE).

### **Rita Karre**

#### **Owner, Steakhaus Restaurant, Goroka**

Rita Karre began The Steakhouse Mobile Catering Service in Goroka as an informal business selling ice-blocks, Maggi noodles, flower-balls, chicken, etc. It was from these sales that she saved up enough to purchase the current land on which her current business is located. Many Papua New Guineans identify with her story as most urban settlers earn their daily living through informal business.

### **Jennifer Baing Wako**

#### **Director, Save PNG INC.**

Jennifer Wako is a marine science graduate, community leader, agriculturist, businesswoman, sustainable living and cultural advocate from the Markham Valley of Morobe Province. Wako is dedicated to improving the livelihoods and advancing the rights of rural communities in PNG. She leads by example and applies principles of honesty, fairness and environmental stewardship in her everyday social and work endeavors. Wako believes Melanesian people deserve equal rights and opportunities and should be equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to determine their own future for a prosperous Papua New Guinea that can engage richly with the rest of the world. She lives in the Markham Valley and manages a 365 hectare agricultural lease on which she is developing a 60 hectare cocoa plantation, small scale goat farming, and taro farming. She is also a strong advocate for agriculture and fisheries as key development targets to ensure that 80 percent of the PNG population can be included in building the local, provincial land national economy. She holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Fisheries from the Australian Maritime College, and has experience in project management and planning on agricultural projects and International NGO programs.

## **Anne Kajir**

### **Executive Director, Monitoring Social Environmental Law Ltd.**

Attorney Anne Kajir won a precedent-setting lawsuit on landholder rights against a global timber company that conducted large-scale, illegal logging in the largest remaining intact block of tropical forests in the region. She uncovered evidence that widespread corruption and complicity in the Papua New Guinea government had allowed rampant, illegal logging, which was destroying the largest remaining intact block of tropical forest in the Asia Pacific region. In 1997, her first year of practice, Kajir successfully defended a precedent-setting appeal in the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea, which forced the logging industry to pay damages to indigenous land owners. Kajir is the Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre in Port Moresby and was the lead attorney in a Supreme Court case aimed at stopping foreign timber companies' large-scale, illegal deforestation practices, often accompanied by threats of harm to local landholders who dare to challenge them. Kajir has faced considerable personal risks in her years of posing legal challenges. She has been physically attacked more than once, and robbers forced their way into her home to steal her computer, which had files on all her legal cases. Kajir was the Goldman Environmental Prize winner for 2006 Islands and Island Nations, and was 2007 Pride of PNG Awards for Women for the Environmental Category. Her area of expertise is awareness and advocacy on the management of natural resources (Land, Forestry, Oil and Gas) and she holds a Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Papua New Guinea.

## **Penny Sage-embo**

### **Founder and Project Manager, Tembari Children's Care**

As Founder and Project Manager of Tembari Children's Care based in ATS, Seven Mile, National Capital District and Popondetta, Oro Province, Penny Sage-embo focuses on creating a better environment for local children. She is involved with a number of valuable initiatives, including helping women from broken homes, widows, caregivers and orphans to generate their own income via access to microfinance. Sage-embo also helps run sports for local youths in ATS/NCD and Oro Provinces, provides skills training, mentoring sessions and community training on health and social issues such as violence and HIV/Aids from her dedicated resource center in Port Moresby. She provides counselling to the clients, their families and perpetrators, and helps women to write up their statements if they wanted to proceed to court while staying in the Lifeline Safe Haus. Sage-embo also works closely with police, welfare, law firms such as Legal Training Institute (LTI) and Papua New Guinea Law Firm (PNGDLA) for filling up Affidavits for client for IPOs) Interim Protection Order for 14 days, (PPOs) Permanent Protection Order through the family court. In 2014, she has won the Westpac Outstanding Women's Award's Trukai Community Responsibility Award.

## **Fungkec Z. Samana**

### **Women's Representative to Morobe Provincial Government**

In her current position, Fungkec Z. Samana applies research to improve subsistence agriculture farming methods to advance food production and introduction of small livestock for village families. Prior to this, Fungkec was the Director of Subsistence Agriculture Improvement Program in Morobe Province from 1984 – 1990 while acting as a consultant on women in development and community mobilization. In the community, she was the President of Morobe Women's Association from 1978 to 1993, designed and conducted agriculture training programs for women's, youth and teachers, and participated in many national and international seminars,

conferences and workshops on issues concerning women in agriculture, rural development, economic advancement for rural women, and women in natural resource management.

### **Andrew C. Abel**

#### **President and Cofounder of the Surfing Association Papua New Guinea Inc. (SAPNG)**

Andrew Abel is the driving force behind the Surfing Association of Papua New Guinea (SAPNG). He is also the principal architect of the Abel Reverse Spiral model and policies that govern the SAPNG home grown Surf Management Plan (SMP) and the Integrated Management Plan Product (IMPP) products together with traditional resource custodian methods in host communities on the promotion and development of surfing as a sport and niche tourism sector. Abel was the Deputy President of the Board of Trustees of the PNG National Museum Board Trustees and Board Member PNG Tourism Promotion Authority from 2006 to 2015. He was awarded the Member of the Order of Logohu award for 20 years voluntary service to SAPNG and country, by the PNG government in 2007. Abel's grandfather is late Reverend Charles Abel of the Kwato Church of Milne bay and his father is late Sir Cecil Abel KBE, OBE, a pioneering statesman and founder of the famous Bully Beef Club and Pangu Pati that brought PNG to independence in 1975.

### **Susan Ferguson**

#### **Counsellor, Australian High Commission**

Susan Ferguson is the Counsellor of the Gender Program for the Australian Government in PNG. This is the second time she has lived and worked in PNG. From 2005 to 2010, she worked on both elections and then as a gender adviser to the aid program. She is delighted to have returned to continue this work. Ferguson has a broad range of experience across the Pacific and in other regions of the world. She started her overseas development work in South Africa, working on local government issues, post-apartheid. Apart from over 10 years' experience working on gender issues in different regions of the world, she has worked in the non-government sector as a community development worker; in the mental health area; on youth issues and refugee affairs and in all levels of government. She holds a Master's of International and Community Development.

### **Melanie Harris Higgins**

#### **Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy**

Melanie Higgins is Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby, which is accredited to Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands. She has lived in Papua New Guinea since August 2013. She was Deputy Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia from 2010 to 2013. Before that, she served as Acting Public Affairs Advisor in the State Department's East Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau. From 2005-2007, she was the Thailand Desk Officer. From 2004-2005, Higgins served in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she was a Political Advisor in the Office of the High Representative, the international organization charged with acting as the civilian arbitrator in the Dayton Peace Accords. She has also served as a Political Officer in Australia and Cameroon, and has worked in the U.S. State Department's Operations Center. Higgins joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1998 and is married to a Diplomatic Security Special Agent. She speaks Indonesian, French and some Bosnian, attended Johns Hopkins University, and received an Master of Arts from the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

### **Salome Rihatta**

#### **President, PNG Yumi Kerap (PNG Arise)**

Salome Rihatta is a Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA) and is currently employed as a Finance Manager for the Papua New Guinea-Australia Law and Justice Partnership – Transition Program. 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. Rihatta is 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) and become part of the great awakening to address violence and heal the nation. She has been heavily involved in extracurricular and community activities and gives the same passion to these activities as she does to her work and family.

### **Ruby Awa**

#### **Senior Trainer, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Regional Right Resource Team (SPC RRRT)**

A lawyer by profession, Ruby Awa works as a Senior Trainer with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Regional Rights Resource Team (SPC RRRT). Awa has been involved in capacity building trainings and provision of technical support to raise awareness on discriminatory laws and support movements towards law reform for better protection of women’s human rights around the Pacific. SPC RRRT has supported the development of comprehensive domestic violence legislation in Tonga, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. She is also a founding member of the Women’s Rights Action Movement, an NGO based in Solomon Islands which advocates for gender equality.

### **Susan Setae**

#### **Trainer and Counselor, Family Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC)**

Susan Setae was born in Fife Bay, in Milne Bay Province. She received her teaching certificate in 1963 and became a primary school teacher shortly thereafter. In 1970, Setae became a Christian Educator and the United Church College and Congregations before becoming Community Development Officer in 1970. Since 2005, she has been a trainer and counselor for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and has carried out basic trauma counseling. From 1996-2002, Setae was the National President for the PNG National Council of Women and is currently the Interim President for PNG Civil Society Forum.

### **Justice Catherine Anne Davani**

#### **Judge, National and Supreme Courts**

#### **President, Papua New Guinea Judicial Women’s Association (PNGJWA)**

Justice Catherine Davani was appointed a Judge of the National and Supreme Courts in March, 2001. Prior to that, she was a practising lawyer in both the public and private bar, mostly as a litigation lawyer, and practised for 18 years before she was appointed to the bench. Davani obtained a law degree from the University of Papua New Guinea in 1980 and completed her nine months of post-legal training at the Legal Training Institute in November 1982. In 1988, she attained a Master’s Degree in Law of the University of Sydney, Australia. Her Honour is a member of several judicial committees, including the Judges Rules Committees, which is the committee that makes Rules of Court e.g. the Supreme Court Rules, the Election Petition Review Rules, amongst others. Davani is also a member of several other extra-judicial bodies. She is the President of the PNG Judicial Women’s’ Association. She is a member of the Court of Arbitration

of Sport whose headquarters is in Lausanne Switzerland and has been a member of several international tribunals, deliberating on international sports disputes.

### **Joe Itaki**

#### **Executive Manager, Office of the Secretary, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development**

Joe Itaki has worked with the Department of Religion, Youth, and Community for 10 years. He previously worked as the Assistant Secretary for Gender Division. Itaki has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Papua New Guinea and hails from Wapenamanda District, Enga Province.

### **Dr. Eric Kwa**

#### **Secretary, Constitutional and Law Reform Commission**

Dr. Eric Kwa is the Secretary (CEO) for the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission. He was formerly the Associate Professor of Law at the UPNG Law School and also a former Dean of that School. Kwa is from Siassi Island in the Morobe Province and is a lawyer, having practiced law, appearing before all the different levels of courts in PNG. He holds a PhD in Environmental Law from the Auckland University, New Zealand, a Master of Laws with Honors (LLM (Hon)) from Wollongong University, Australia, and a Law Degree with Honors (LLB (Hon)) from the University of Papua New Guinea. Kwa has also attended and successfully completed specialized training in teaching Environmental Law at the National University of Singapore and on biosafety and biotechnology at the Tromso University, Norway. His key interests are: Environmental Law; Natural Resources Law; Constitutional Law; and Local Government Law. He has researched and published widely in these areas having published five books, a number of refereed articles and book chapters published locally and internationally, and presented more than 25 papers at both national and international conferences. His most notable books are: Constitutional Law of Papua New Guinea (2001, Law Book Co) and Natural Resources Law of Papua New Guinea (2001, Law Book Co). His most recent work is: Access and Benefit Sharing: Policy and Legal Implications for Papua New Guinea (2011, UPNG Press). Kwa has also undertaken various consultancies for the PNG Government; multilateral organizations such as the UNDP, AusAid, NZAid, UN/GEF; NGOs and the private sector. He is also an experienced legislative draftsman having drafted more than 12 laws and is a trainer of trainers.

### **Kiun Kimbing**

#### **Community Development Advisor, Morobe Province**

Kiun Kimbing has been a Community Development Advisor for the Morobe Provincial Administration since 2013. Prior to that, he was a Development Coordinator with URS Australia Pty. Ltd.

### **Naomi Yupae**

#### **Family Support Center Coordinator, Goroka Provincial Hospital**

A native of the Eastern Highlands Province, Naomi Yupae is the FSC Coordinator at the Goroka hospital and just returned from completing a Master of Arts under an Australian Leadership Award. She founded and built up over the course of a decade an NGO called Eastern Highlands Family Voice, which support survivors of gender based violence and promote the human rights of all family members. Yupae holds a degree in social work from the University of Papua New Guinea and in 2007 attended a two week leadership training seminar at Harvard University.

### **Maryce Ramsey**

#### **Senior Gender Advisor, FHI360**

Maryce Ramsey is the Senior Gender Advisor for FHI 360 where she is responsible for providing sector specific technical assistance as well as capacity building on gender integration, analysis, and assessment across sectors and business units. She has lived in the Philippines (RPCV), Bangladesh, and Jamaica and worked around the globe. Her areas of technical expertise include gender, GBV including school-related GBV, youth, reproductive health, and capacity building with an emphasis on participation and power relations. Ramsey has served as a gender advisor on multiple USAID global projects, was director of the Safe Schools project – one of the earliest programs to address school-related gender-based violence and singled out in the USAID Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy. She also wrote the curricula for the Johns Hopkins University led Go Girls! program selected by Women Deliver 2010 as one of the 50 best programs for women and girls. Ramsey has a BA in International Relations from Sweet Briar College and an MPH in International Health, from the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Fun fact: She was the first female umpire for boys Little League baseball in her home state of Oklahoma.

### **Sister Edith Namba**

#### **Provincial Clinical Supervisor, Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority**

Edith Namba is a passionate nursing who strives to serve with love and dedication to the people of Western Highlands. She is a qualified nurse, specialized in the eyes, and started the Family Support Center in Mt Hagen General Hospital before being promoted to clinical coordinator for all clinics in Mt Hagen General Hospital. Namba was awarded the Nivea City Pharmacy's Award in 2006, "Volunteerism Flight against GBV" by FSVAC in 2013, the FHI360 "WHP champion –End Violence against Women" award in 2014. She is passionate about educating leaders in the community to end violence against women and children in Hagen Central district of Western Highlands.

### **Susan Bissell**

#### **Associate Director of Child Protection, UNICEF HQ, New York**

A native of Canada, Susan Bissell first served UNICEF in 1987, in New York, in what was then called the Division of Information and Public Affairs. Thereafter, she returned to the University of Toronto to complete a Master's degree in law, economics, and international relations. Bissell then resumed her work at UNICEF, in the Sri Lanka country office, focused on children in especially difficult circumstances (CEDC). From there she moved to Bangladesh and maintained her CEDC concentration, positioning UNICEF particularly on child labor. Bissell came back to UNICEF in 2001 as the Chief of Child Protection in India. In 2004, she transferred to the Innocenti Research Center, where she led a research unit and a number of studies. In 2009, Bissell was appointed to her current position in New York, heading all of UNICEF's Child Protection work. She oversees a team of professionals guiding efforts for children affected by armed conflict, child protection systems strengthening to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against children, and a range of other matters. UNICEF is active in child protection in 170 countries, and the New York team offers leadership, strategic vision, and technical support.

### **Dessie Magaru**

#### **Deputy Chief Magistrate, Judicial and Administration, Magisterial Services of Papua New Guinea**

Prior to Dessie Magaru's role as Deputy Chief Magistrate, she served as Senior Provincial Magistrate for East New Britain and was responsible for setting up the counseling and mediation service at the Kokopo District Court. In this capacity, she conducted the four regional workshops on reviewing the Interim Protection Order (IPO) process and gender sensitization for Magistrates in 2013, updated the IPO process which is IPO Practice Direction of 2013, and conducted the four regional consultation workshop and ongoing consultation of the Family Protection proposed Regulation. This is ongoing, once the Regulation comes into force, she will work with a team of Magistrates to work on the Practice Direction for the Family Protection Act for Magistrates. Magaru is also on the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission (CLRC) that is working on the Lukautim Pikinini Act and Policy and is involved in the consultation on the Juvenile Justice Regulation including the requirements for facilities for victims of violence as witnesses, child friendly rooms, and accessibility for the disabled children and adults and separate facilities for juveniles in the new Court Complex. She has a Masters in Law from the University of New South Wales in Australia.

### **Clara Aglua**

#### **Gender Based Violence Officer, Save the Children, Goroka**

Clara is the Gender Based Violence Officer (GBV) for Save the Children, Goroka (Poro Sapot Project). She is actively involved with the Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC) in setting up the FSVAC in the Eastern Highlands Province. Working as a GBV Officer for Save the Children in Goroka (EHP), one of her roles is to address the abuse and issues faced by and are affecting the Most at Risk Populations (Female sex workers, Men having sex with other men, Transgender) in the Eastern Highlands Province. In addition, addressing and help women and children access necessary services needed. Addressing issues affecting the Most-at-Risk Populations (MARPs) population is still a challenge. Aglua graduated from the Divine Word University in the year 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in the field of Community Development & International Relations. After that, she worked with Burnet Institute as a Researcher, researching into Prevention Parent to Child Transmission of HIV & AIDS and went on to work with the Family Health International's MARP's project in Madang as the Monitoring & Evaluation Officer.

### **Michelle Hau'ofa**

#### **Director – Operations, Board of Directors, PNG Tribal Foundation**

Michelle Hau'ofa is PNG Tribal Foundation's Director – Operations, and is a Producer on a documentary on gender based violence in PNG due for release in 2015. An advocate of corporate and individual social responsibility and of good and transparent governance, Hau'ofa is serving her second term on the Board of Directors of Transparency International (PNG) as Treasurer. She has a private sector background in property development & management and is currently studying a Master of Business Administration. In recent years, Hau'ofa gained valuable experience in community development and the public sector while working for Dame Carol Kidu, former Minister for Community Development, on pertinent issues such as the political empowerment of women, maternal health and gender based violence. She is an alumni of the U.S Department of State's "Global Women in Public Service Program for Emerging Leaders," and its inaugural "Pacific Islands Women in Leadership" program at the East-West Center, Hawai'i. Hau'ofa is an outrigger (va'a) paddler and is in the PNG Women's Va'a Training Squad for the

2015 Pacific Games. She walked the Kokoda Track in July 2009 and climbed to the summit of Mt. Wilhelm (4,509m) in April 2011. Hau'ofa is also a keen scuba diver, is a new convert to the thrills of skydiving, and sings alto with the Port Moresby Choral Society.

### **Beatrice Mahuru**

#### **CEO, Digicel PNG Foundation**

Beatrice Mahuru is the first national Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Digicel PNG Foundation, leading a team of 12 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. Mahuru 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. Mahuru attributes her success in life to her parents, Catherine and Allen Mahuru and her faith in God. She is married with 6 daughters whom she says are her drive.

### **Gabriel Ganci**

#### **Country Representative, Population Services International (PSI)**

Gabriele Ganci, Italian of nationality, was born in Palermo, Italy in 1976. He completed his high school studies completed in both Italy and the United States, with a focus to foreign languages (Greek, Latin, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese). In 1995, Ganci enrolled in university studies in the faculty of agronomy, specialized in irrigation, drainage systems and tropical and sub-tropical cultivations. He completed his Master's degree in International Cooperation and Development completed in 2001. Ganci took a lead role in the launch of the "Laboratory of Cooperation and Development" within the University of Padova, which recently became an independent faculty department. He worked for two years with an Italian NGO to open an agricultural project in Tanzania, before joining Medecines Sans Frontiers (MSF) in 2004. Ganci worked for MSF for nine years in different management positions and in a variety of countries around the world (Ethiopia, Darfur, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Myanmar, India, DRC etc.). In November 2012, he started working with Population Services International (PSI) as Country Representative in PNG.

### **Daisy Plana**

#### **CEO and Senior Social Worker, Femili PNG**

Daisy Plana is from Manila, Philippines and is a Social Worker by Profession. In 1999, she started working for Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) helping street children and their families who were victims of sexual, physical, and emotional form of abuse in the Philippines. In 2004, she was successfully considered as an international volunteer for MSF working in a post conflict (Uganda) post natural disaster (tsunami and earthquakes), HIV and tuberculosis (Zimbabwe and Uzbekistan) and environmental disaster setting (lead poisoning in Nigeria) and the Family and Sexual Violence Unit in Lae. Currently, Plana is the CEO/Senior Social Worker for the Femili PNG, which runs the PNG Family and Sexual Violence Case Management Center in Lae. Her vision is for the organization to make a difference in the lives not just of the survivors, but also of the staff caring for them.

### **Daniel Adem Tesfaye**

#### **Country Director, FHI360**

Daniel Tesfaye is the Country Director for FHI 360 in Papua New Guinea and has vast experience in education, child care, management of MCH projects, HIV/AIDS. He has worked in Ethiopia, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea in different capacities ranging from program manager to country director. Tesfaye has a MSc in development management from Open University in UK and MA in Social Anthropology from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. He has been living in Papua New Guinea since 2011.

### **Kamane Wauga**

#### **Senior Project Officer, Oxfam**

Kamane Wauga has worked on ending violence against women since 2009. To date, he has contributed to expanding the availability of services for survivors of violence against women, providing capacity building for indigenous community based organizations and government service providers around organizational and staff capacity development, and ensuring survivors' access justice and hold perpetrators accountable for their actions in parts of the Highlands region. Wauga has been a champion in engaging individuals, communities and institutions to be involved in gender based violence issues and concerns. He has worked with World Vision's project Ol Meri Igat Numba (2010-2011) and Care International as an assistant research officer on their Maternal and Infant Health Project (2012). Wauga currently works with Oxfam (Kundiawa) in a project called Repatriation and Reintegration project as their senior program officer. This project covers Chimbu, Goroka and Jiwaka provinces. He has a BA in Political Science, Public Policy, and Management from the University of PNG.

### **Kay Kaugla**

#### **Gender Officer, Gender Equity Desk, National Capital District Commission (NCDC)**

Kay Kaugla is the Gender Officer with the National Capital District Commission's Gender Equity Desk, a position she has held for the past 16 years. She coordinates the implementation of women's empowerment programs in the National Capital District (NCD) in the areas of Economic Empowerment; Women's Health & Wellbeing including GBV; and Women's Leadership and Good Governance. In July 2014, Kaugla coordinated and conducted the first successful election for NCD Women's Council in 12 wards of NCD. She is currently part of the Safe Cities program, a joint initiative by NCDC and UN WOMEN to create and promote safer markets for women, girls, and the general public. She continues to work with different stakeholders and agencies to promote and empower women in the nation's capital.

### **Pastor Mike Field**

#### **Manager, Ginigoada Bisnis Development Foundation Inc.**

Reverend Michael Field is the Manager for Ginigoada Foundation. He also holds the post of Special Projects Officer for Foursquare Gospel Church, Papua New Guinea. Field has a diverse educational & employment background including Business Management & Administration, Retail & Marketing, Curriculum Development, Workplace Assessment, Bookkeeping, Mercantile Law, Project Design, Nursing, Carpentry & Construction. He has been a high school teacher, trainer, Community Welfare worker and he is also a counsellor. Field and his wife, Debra, moved to Papua New Guinea in February 2007 to allow him to utilize his training, skills, and experience to serve as the Special Projects Officer for the Foursquare Gospel Church PNG.

During the past 8 years in Papua New Guinea, he has worked with a number of organizations in various capacities, including with City Mission PNG as POM General Manager and his current engagement as Ginigoada Foundation Manager, through which he is charged with looking after the Meri Seif Ples program.

### **Dr. Edith Digwaleu-Kariko**

**Service Delivery Director, Marie Stopes PNG  
Secretary, PNG Women's Doctor's Association**

Dr. Edith Digwaleu-Kariko is a member of the Family Planning Working Group, which is co-hosted by National Department of Health and Marie Stopes PNG. She is also a committee member to the Reproductive Health Technical Advisory Committee for the National Department of Health, a board member of Safe Motherhood Alliance (SMALL) in PNG, and a committee member with the Reproductive Health Training Unit. Kariko is the Secretary for the PNG Women Doctors Association, which will be hosting the upcoming 2015 Medical Symposium. Some highlights of her work with Marie Stopes include advocacy to Parliamentarians about sexual and reproductive health (SRH) issues both in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific region, having spoken at different fora including Family Planning World Summit sister event in Sydney in 2012; the Women Deliver Conference in Malaysia, 2013; and at International Family Planning conference held in Ethiopia in 2013. In terms of community involvement, she has facilitated advocacy and awareness workshops in family planning and SRH with adolescents and women, and community leaders including church leaders and LLG leaders as well. Kariko has now over 8 years working experience in SRH care in Papua New Guinea, focusing on family planning. She is married and a mother to two teenage daughters thus making her role in family planning ever meaningful.

### **Dr. Lahui Geita**

**Technical Advisor, Women's Health Division, National Department of Health**

A Gynecologist by profession, Dr. Lahui Geita is a Technical Advisor in the National Department of Health's (NDOH) Women's Health Division. From 2012 to 2014, he was the Chair of the Steering Committee for the PNG Reproductive Health Training Unit (RHTU), a public-private partnership. There, his role involved providing technical oversight across implementation of RHTU's activities throughout Papua New Guinea, ensuring that it is in accordance with the National Health Plan; ensuring best possible coordination across the stakeholders and partners; and advising on priority projects. Prior to joining the NDOH, he was the sole Gynecologist at Modilon General Hospital, Madang, for many years.

### **Veronica Kahona**

**Health Facilities Manager, Susu Mamas, Goroka**

Veronica Kahona is a professional midwife and nurse working in maternal and child care outside in rural areas of the Highlands region. She obtained her General Nursing certificate in 2002 from St. Mary's School of Nursing, Vunapope, East New Britain, and then her Bachelors in Midwifery from the University of Goroka in 2009. Kahona has worked as a nurse at the Catholic Health Service Bereina Diocese and the Kundiawa Diocese in Simbu province, and then as a midwife at the Catholic Health service and Kendene health center where she helped many women and children, attending to birthing complications, overall support during pregnancy, labor and delivery. She joined Susu Mamas, Goroka, in 2012 as a clinician and was soon promoted to Health Facilities Manager, coordinating maternal and child health programs in the province. She

is heavily involved in family planning and she does counselling for HIV. Kahona is a member of Family Planning technical working committee with the National Department of Health as the Susu Mamas representative.

### **Dr. Julia Stinshoff**

#### **Obstetrician and Gynecologist**

Dr Julia Stinshoff is an Obstetrician and Gynecologist with four years of experience working in PNG. She holds a medical degree from the University of Heidelberg, Germany and completed a joint PhD program at Harvard University and University of Heidelberg on "Gender Difference in Pain and Anxiety." First working with Medicine Sans Frontieres as a doctor at Tari hospital in 2011, she was in charge of the maternity ward as well as for the Family Support Centre in Hela, providing medical and psychological support of victims of domestic and gender based violence. Stinshoff has just completed a three year engagement with OilSearch Health Foundation where she worked as the HIV program manager in various remote provinces of PNG including Hela, Southern Highlands, Gulf, and Morobe. During her time in PNG, she has put significant effort into projects against Gender based violence, including the foundation of a saif haus in the Highlands of PNG.

### **Tessie Soi**

#### **Founder and Executive Director, Friends Foundation**

#### **Clinical Manager, Medical Social Work Department and Family Support Center, Port Moresby General Hospital**

Tessie Soi is well known not only for her work with HIV and AIDS, but also her role in assisting women and children, who have been sexually abused. Soi has been a social worker at the Port Moresby General Hospital (PMGH) since 1984, where she is currently the Clinical Manager for the Medical Social Work Department and the Family Support Centre, supporting women going through intimate partner violence and women and children whom have been sexually abused. She is also the founder and director for Friends Foundation, a NGO that focuses on helping families and especially children affected by HIV. She has a Masters in Social Work from James Cook University, Australia (2004) and Bachelors in Social Work from the University of PNG (1982).

### **Dr. Gilbert Hiawalyer**

#### **Assistant Representative, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) PNG**

Prior to joining the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) PNG, Gilbert Hiawalyer worked with the National Department of Health for 23 years, of which he served 6 years as the Medical Superintendent for Kainantu District Hospital, and supervising at 10 health centres in the Easter Highlands. For 11 years, he was the Director for Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Branch of Department where he was responsible of setting up the National Health Information System (NHIS) for National Department of Health and monitoring indicators for PNG's National Health Plan (NHP) 2001-2010. Hiawalyer has a doctorate in Public Health (Dr.PH) from James Cook University, Australia; a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) from the University of Papua New Guinea; and a postgraduate degree in Epidemiology (MSc-Epidemiology) from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London where the title of his thesis was "Use of Health Information for Decision Making Process."

### **Dr. Glen Mola**

#### **Professor of Reproductive Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology, UPNG School of Medicine and Health Sciences**

Dr. Glen Mola has worked as a doctor in many provinces of 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 a 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. Mola's professional 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 particularly curriculum development and teaching of the above. 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. Mola has been a leader in the fight against STIs including HIV/AIDS, and is a strong proponent for women's equal place in Society.

### **Fazilah Bazari**

#### **Life Coach, Yoga Teacher, Mentor to Yoga Unites PNG**

Fazilah Bazari is a yoga trainer and a certified life coach. After a successful career in public relations and advertising, Fazilah found her true passion in yoga. She trained to become a yoga teacher and further studied to become an NLP Master Life Coach, a Certified Journey Healing Practitioner and a Certified Family Constellations Facilitator. Bazari has worked in Papua New Guinea for City Pharmacy Limited (CPL) on their Youth Empowerment and Transformation Program. She also serves as a mentor and trainer to Yoga Unites PNG, a yoga organization started by some of the youths who worked with her in the CPL program.

### **Eddie Aila**

#### **Founder and Head Trainer, Warrior Culture Managing Director, AILA Consulting Limited**

Eddie Aila is managing director of AILA Consulting Limited, which – together with its Brisbane-based Australian partner Shape Consulting – has provided solutions in Management Consultancy, Organizational Culture Shaping, and Leadership & Soft Skills training to Papua New Guinean industry since 2012. Aila, an ex-PNG Kumul representative 2000 – 2002, is also the founder of social enterprise, Warrior Culture, which believes in a PNG free from family violence and assists men, women and youths through conducting free community education workshops where attendees become aware of violence, personal trauma, personal leadership and how to heal and empower their lives to move them away from addiction in the family violence cycle. The workshops are based on the "haus man" traditions in PNG where peer groups share their collective wisdom to overcome life's challenges and to live a life of leadership. Warrior Culture just partnered with the U.S. Embassy to deliver their inaugural "Real Men, Real Talk" program to selected male participants. The program's objective is to empower men to become agents of change against the challenge of family violence in their respective lives, fields, and communities.

### **Honorable Charles Abel**

#### **Minister for National Planning and Monitoring**

Honorable 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, Abel 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. Abel holds a Bachelor’s of Economics from the University of Queensland. He is married to Hacy Henao Abel and they have three children.

### **Leo Kulumbu**

#### **Deputy Secretary, Corporate and Regulatory Services Division, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development**

Leo Kulumbu has over 29 years of work experience in the public service, mostly within the Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development, where he is now the Deputy Secretary for Corporate & Regulatory Services. He has a very strong background in Corporate Service areas of Finance and Administration and Human Resource Management. Kulumbu holds an MBA, has extensive experience in working with Non-Government Organizations and Churches, and is knowledgeable on social welfare and community development issues.

### **Isi Oru**

#### **Coordinator, Male Advocates Program, Family Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC)**

Isi Oru is the Coordinator of Male Advocates Program with the Family Sexual Violence Action Committee in the National Capital District, where he is a specialist in the Gender and Perpetrators Program. He has worked in this area for seven years and has gained skills, knowledge and understanding in the topics of human rights, gender based violence and perpetrators. Oru has come to understand that to change someone else we first need to change within ourselves as individuals – meaning changing our attitudes, behavior, and conversations.

### **Laitia Tamata**

#### **Provincial Family and Sexual Violence Advisor, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Program, Law and Justice Transitional Program**

Laitia Tamata is the Provincial Family and Sexual Violence Adviser with the Law and Justice Program, which is part of the Papua New Guinea-Australia Law and Justice Transition Program (PALJP). He supports PALJP Advisers in the Law and Justice Provinces on projects such as the Transformational Leadership Development Program (TLDP), the Family Protection Act, Male Advocacy, and other activities like the Referral Pathway for the Provincial Family Sexual Violence Action Committees and the Police Family Sexual Violence Units. Tamata is a lawyer by profession and his area of work has been mostly in the areas of restoring Dignity and Respect for all persons in terms of their fundamental rights and freedoms. He is a member of the Family Protection Act Implementation Committee (FPAIC) and first engaged in Male Advocacy in 2002 when he co-facilitated a Male Advocacy training session with the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre. Before he joined PALJP in 2013, Tamata was a member of a coalition of the willing, a group of men that were questioning and advocating for the responsibilities of men and the family and sexual violence that continued in the family homes.

### **Arthur Tane**

#### **Senior Project Manager, Digicel Foundation**

Arthur Tane is a social entrepreneur, Senior Project Manager with Digicel PNG Foundation, and an ordained Minister of religion with the Foursquare Gospel Church of PNG. He is passionate about seeing fellow Papua New Guineans possess and cultivate their land and mentor young men to help them discover their individual purpose and to develop strategies to fulfill it. Tane's goal is to motivate and facilitate tangible opportunities for vulnerable young people, mothers and children so they can reach their full potential.

### **Kendal Henry**

#### **Artist, Public art, and Urban Design Consultant**

Kendal Henry is an artist and public art & urban design consultant who lives in New York City and specializes in the field of public art for the past twenty years. He illustrates that public art can be used as a tool for social engagement and economic development through projects and programs in the United States, Europe, Russia, Asia, Central Asia, Australia and the Caribbean. Henry served as a Manager of Arts Programs at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Arts for Transit for eleven years. During that time, he oversaw the fabrication and installation of their permanent art projects, served as a member of the MTA's in-house design team, and produced temporary exhibitions at Grand Central Terminal. Before this, he served as a project manager at the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs' Percent for Art Program. Henry is also the Curator at the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Art (MoCADA) in Brooklyn, NY and serves on the Americans for the Arts Public Art Network Council.

### **Lynda Babao O'Neill**

#### **First Lady of Papua New Guinea**

#### **General Manager, Paddy's Hotel**

First Lady Lynda O'Neill is a steadfast champion of women's empowerment and health in Papua New Guinea. A mother of five children and an experienced business woman, she travels widely and serves as patron to several organizations in support of PNG causes, including the PNG Cancer Foundation. O'Neill earned her a Bachelor's degree in Applied Psychology from the University of Southern Queensland, Australia. She prides herself on balancing life as a mom, public figure and a businesswoman. O'Neill built Paddy's Hotel from the ground-up over the last six years, where she still serves as General Manager of the establishment. She is from Wewak, East Sepik Province.





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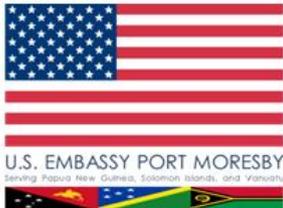
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