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# Papua New Guinea Update

Tuesday 17 April, 9am–4.30pm

Venue: Wanigili Centre, Alotau

- 9.00–9.15 **Chair:** Bob Warner, Centre for International Economics  
**Welcome**  
Henry Bailasi  
Provincial Administrator, Milne Bay Province
- 9.15-9.35 **Economic update**  
Rod Duncan, Charles Sturt University
- 9.35-9.45 **Comment:** Paul Barker, Institute for National Affairs
- 9.45-10.00 **Discussion**
- 10.00-10.15 **Government, company or community? Is management of the Beche-de-mer fishery possible in PNG?**  
Jeff Kinch, Coastal Fisheries Advisor
- 10.15-10.25 **Comment:** Fiu Igara, Beche-de mer fisher tbc
- 10.25-10.35 **Discussion**
- 10.35-11.00 *Morning tea*
- 11.00-11.20 **'Preparing PNG - 'NOW'- for climate change & El Niño!**  
John Bailey, Principal Scientist, Natural Resource Management, The National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI)
- 11.20-11.30 **Discussion**
- 11.30-11.50 **Milne Bay Community-based Coastal and Marine Conservation Program: what is happening?**  
Modi Pontio
- 11.50-12.10 **Discussion**
- 12.10-1.30 *Lunch*
- 1.30- 1.50 **Use of developmental intermediaries for service delivery**  
David Kavanamur, the University of Papua New Guinea

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- 1.50-2.10      **The role of Australian aid in service delivery**  
Bill Costello, Counsellor, AusAID, PNG
- 2.10-2.30      **Comment:** Gretta Todurawai, President, Chamber of Commerce
- 2.30-2.40      **Discussion**
- 2.40-3.10      **Problems with InterIsland shipping in PNG**  
Leah Sharp, CEO Star Ships
- 3.10-3.20      **Discussion**
- 3.20-3.40      *Afternoon tea*  
**Chair:** Paul Barker
- 3.40-4.00      **Mama Lus Frut program**  
Bob Warner, Centre for International Economics  
Abel Iso, Project Manager of the Milne Bay Oil Palm Project
- 4.00-4.10      **Discussion**
- 4.10-4.25      **Electoral ("slush") funds**  
Joe Ketan, UPNG
- 4.25-4.30      **Discussion and Close**

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