Papua New Guinea Update

Wednesday 11 April, 9.00am–5.00pm
Main Lecture Theatre, University of Papua New Guinea

9.00–9.15  Welcome
Chair: Professor Andrew MacIntyre, the Australian National University
Chris Moraitis, High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea
Professor Ross Hynes, Vice Chancellor of University of Papua New Guinea

9.15- 9.35  Economic update
Dr Rod Duncan, Charles Sturt University

9.35-9.45  Discussion

9.45-10.00  Governance for Growth: priorities for a reform-minded PNG government
Dr Satish Chand, the Australian National University

10.00-10.15  Discussion

10.15-10.30  PNG: Is high sustained economic growth achievable?
Ebrima Faal, International Monetary Fund

10.30-10.40  Discussion

10.40-11.00  Morning tea

11.00-11.15  'Preparing PNG - 'NOW'- for Climate change & El Niño!
Dr John Bailey, Principal Scientist, Natural Resource Management, The National Agricultural Research Institute

11.15-11.25  Discussion

11.25-11.40  Enhancing agriculture productivity growth in Papua New Guinea
Professor Ron Duncan, University of the South Pacific

11.40-11.50  Discussion

11.50-12.10  PNG’s fisheries development
Tom Kompas, the Australian National University

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12.10-12.20  Comment: Ronald Kuk, National Fisheries Authority
12.20-12.30  Discussion
12.30-1.30   Lunch
1.30 – 2.00  Chair: Andrew MacIntyre, the Australian National University

Perspectives on the PNG 2007 elections:
Peter Aitsi, The Media Council of Papua New Guinea
Paul Barker, Institute for National Affairs
Lawrence Kalinoe, Law Reform Commission
Enaha Kwa, the University of Papua New Guinea, Women in the 2007 Elections

2.00-2.15  Discussion
2.15-3.15  Forum on electoral reform, provided by the Centre for Democratic Institutions
Chair: Ben Reilly, Director, the Centre for Democratic Institutions

Electoral Development ("slush") funds in PNG
Joe Ketan, the University of Papua New Guinea
Comment: Michael Unagi, The National

3.15-3.30  Discussion
3.30-4.00  Afternoon tea
4.00-4.30  Chair Professor Ross Hynes, VC, the University of Papua New Guinea
Panel on services delivery in PNG: Health and Education
Margaret Thomas, Counsellor, AusAID
University of Papua New Guinea student
David Kavanamur, the University of Papua New Guinea

4.30-4.50  Prevalence of HIV/AIDS in PNG
Dr Gilbert Hiawalyer, United Nations Population Fund

4.50-5.00  Discussion and close

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