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Papua New Guinea Update
Friday 11 April, 9.00am–4.00pm
Main Lecture Theatre, University of Papua New Guinea

9.00–9.30 Welcome
Professor Ross Hynes, Vice Chancellor of University of Papua New Guinea
Chris Moraitis, High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea

Opening address
Dr Puka Temu
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Physical Planning and Mining

Chair: Dr Rod Duncan, Charles Sturt University

Mark McGillivray, Chief Economist, AusAID

9.50–10.00 Discussion

10.00–10.25 Economic survey
Bob Warner, International Projects Manager at the Centre of International Economics (Centre for International Economics)
Eric Omuru, Economist & Marketing Specialist, Kokonas Industri Koporesen

10.25–10.35 Comment
Loi Bakani, Deputy Governor, Bank of PNG

10.35–10.45 Discussion

10.45—11.00 Morning tea

11.00–11.25 Agricultural development and the strategic plan
Brown Bai, Chairman, Rural Industries Council

11.25–11.40 Discussion

11.40–12.00 Breaking away from the land policy stalemate

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Theodore Levantis, AusAID and Charles Yala, NRI and ANU

12.00–12.20  **Discussion**

12.30–1.30  **Lunch**

1.30–1.55  **Chair:** Thomas Webster, NRI

**A review of the development of Information and Communication Technology law**

Lois Stanley, University of Papua New Guinea

1.55–2.30  **Panel discussion on ICT reform**

Paul Barker, Institute of National Affairs

UPNG student

Mark McGillivray, Chief Economist, AusAID

Stanley Alphonse, ICCC

Thomas Webster, NRI, the benefits to consumers of opening up markets

2.30–3.00  **Discussion**

3.00–3.30  **PNG and Australia working together on climate change**

Stephen Howes, Australian National University

3.30–3.35  UPNG student

3.35–4.00  **Discussion**

4.00  **Closing remarks: Vice Chancellor UPNG**

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