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“By bringing together leading thinkers, the APEC Study Centre Consortium Conference in 2018 is enabling us to gain intellectual backing and recommendations on what important positions government should take on particular topics in discussion under APEC.

The digital future is an important part of the conversation that needs to happen because it is integral to many opportunities for further growth and for distributing the benefits of APEC. We must continue to work towards APEC’s goal of achieving a seamless and comprehensively connected and integrated Asia-Pacific by 2025 and the implementation of the APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2015-2025.”

H.E. Ivan Pomaleu, OBE, APEC 2018 SOM Chair and PNG Ambassador to APEC.
The goal of this two-day event is to generate new ideas, build connections, and inform and influence public policy across APEC. We want you to push the limits of research and policy for the benefits of people living in this beautiful, diverse and challenging region.”

Dr. Osborne Sanida Director, PNG National Research Institute.
APEC Study Centres Consortium

APEC Study Centres (ASCs) are institutions that foster research and academic discussions that support the broader APEC mission of regional economic integration. Each of the 21-member economies hosts centres, building networks between the academic professionals of the region. Today there are more than 50 ASCs, and together they form the APEC Study Centres Consortium (ASCC).

ASCs were part of the vision set out by APEC Leaders in 1993 when they launched the “APEC Leaders' Education Initiative.” The Education Initiative called on APEC members to foster regional cooperation among tertiary and research institutes to promote greater academic collaboration on key regional economic challenges.

ASCs are independent from APEC and their functions and funding arrangements are not uniform. Financial support is provided through both public and private funding, and research topics are usually chosen by individual study centres, which assures their independence and flexibility, ensuring the integrity of the ASC process.
PNG APEC Study Centre

The PNG APEC Study Centre (PNGASC) which is part of the PNG National Research Institute (PNG NRI), is hosting the 2018 APEC Study Centre Consortium Conference (ASCCC). The research showcased will focus and support the overall objectives of APEC 2018 hosted by PNG. The ASCC Conference has been organised to align with APEC 2018’s theme of ‘Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future.’ Bringing together leading researchers, practitioners and policy-makers and showcasing evidence-based research, policy and best practice, this conference aims to inform and present practical steps for policy makers throughout the APEC region.

2018 ASCCC themes:
‘Inclusive growth opportunities in an increasingly connected region’
Sub-themes:
1. Regional economic integration and connectivity;
2. Structural reform and competition;
3. Digitisation; and
4. Innovation and technology.

Looking ahead to 2019
As hosts of APEC 2019, Chile will be tasked with hosting the 2019 APEC Study Centres Consortium Conference. Wanting to create consistency and longevity, the PNG APEC Study Centre will provide a policy brief to our Chilean counterparts with direct findings from this year’s conference in Port Moresby.
Session 1: Innovation and Technology

Moderator: Dr Amanda Watson from the Australian National University, and currently a visiting lecturer in public policy at the University of Papua New Guinea. Amanda’s research includes mobile and digital communications and will lead us on the discovery of how innovation and technologies will provide opportunities to transform the way we live, work and communicate.

Dr. Jeffery Noro
PNG Department of Science and Technology

Topic: Development of Domestic Innovation Systems as Drivers for Economic Growth

Dr. Jeffrey Noro works as the Director for Policy with the PNG Science and Technology Secretariat. Having earned his PhD in Biological Sciences from the University of New South Wales in 2015, he has interests in natural products research and development, intellectual property rights, strategic planning and science-based policy for rural development.

In 2017, Dr. Noro undertook a Graduate Certificate course in International Trade at the University of Adelaide where he has developed a keen interest in studying the economics of science, technology and innovation and the impacts on international trade and subsequently economic growth.

Dr. Darcy Allen
Blockchain Innovation Hub
RMIT University

Topic: Blockchain Trade-Tech and the need for international policy coordination.

Dr Darcy Allen is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Blockchain Innovation Hub at RMIT University and an Adjunct Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs. He is an institutional economist focusing on entrepreneurship and new technologies. Dr Allen’s scholarly contributions have appeared in journals, books and conference proceedings including the International Journal of the Commons, the Journal of Peer Production and New Perspectives on Political Economy. Dr Allen has appeared as an expert witness to provide evidence before a range of state and federal parliamentary inquiries, his commentary has featured widely across the print the electronic media, and he is the former editor of Australia’s longest running quarterly magazine on politics and culture. He holds a PhD in economics from RMIT University.
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Session 1: Innovation and Technology

Olga Ismagilova
Russian APEC Study Centre

Topic: Key technology infrastructure constraints and strategies as APEC economies gear up for the digital revolution

Olga Ismagilova is a researcher at the Institute for International Economics and Finance of the Russian Foreign Trade Academy as well as the Russian APEC Study Center. During Russian Presidencies in APEC, G20, and G8 in 2012-2014, Olga worked for Expert Councils on the issues of tourism, electronic commerce, and finance.

Olga received her bachelor’s degree from Moscow State University for International Relations in 2010 and master’s degree from the National Research University – Higher School of Economics in 2012. Olga undertook an internship in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Her current research interests include trade facilitation and customs administration, industrial policy, remote areas development, and integration. At the Russian APEC Study Center, Olga is a coordinator of the following areas of work: tourism, human resources development, science, technology, and innovation.

Karina Kudaeva
Russian APEC Study Centre

Karina Kudaeva graduated from Saint-Petersburg State University in 2013, receiving BA in Asian and African Studies. In 2015, she graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MFA) with the MA in Regional Relations. She undertook an internship in the MFA and the Embassy of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Indonesia in Jakarta. She joined the ASEAN-Russia Youth Summits and several conferences to report on several aspects of social and political development of Malaysia.

From 2015 to 2017, working for the Radio Research & Institute (NIIR) served as the Assistant to the APEC TEWLG. In 2016-2017, participated in the ESCAP activities on facilitation of paperless trade in Asia-Pacific and NIIR activities in the framework of cooperation with ASEAN.

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Session 2: Innovation and Technology

Moderator: Dr. Kilala Devette-Chee is Senior Research Fellow and Program Leader of the Universal Basic Education Program at the Papua New Guinea National Research Institute. With a PhD in Educational Linguistics and a regular contributor to ‘Language & Linguistics in Melanesia’, Dr Devette-Chee will translate innovation and technology into real world outcomes.

Tony Morisause
PNG DataCo Limited

Topic: Using telecommunication to grow economies and transform lives – a Papua New Guinea perspective

Tony is currently the General Manager of Engineering Services with PNG DataCo Limited. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management (Electrical) from the University of Queensland (2014), a Master of Business Administration from the Australian Institute of Business (2012), a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering – Telecommunication from the Papua New Guinea University of Technology (2000). Tony spent 27 years with Telikom PNG Limited, working mostly in engineering disciplines – specialises in microwave radio transmission, satellite systems engineering, fibre optic technology, submarine cable planning, design and construction work. Currently, Tony is leading project design, planning, construction and project management work for PNG National Submarine Fibre Cable Project and also managing PNG component of the proposed Coral Sea Cable System to connect Australia to PNG and Solomon Islands under PNG DataCo.

Jovito Jose Katigbak
Foreign Services Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs, The Philippines

Topic: The ‘Sharing Economy’: How can developing countries respond to this emerging sector?

Mr. Jovito Jose Katigbak is a Foreign Affairs Research Specialist (FARS) of the Center for International Relations and Strategic Studies (CIRSS) of the Foreign Service Institute (FSI). He currently holds the international trade desk under the International Organizations section of the research division and undertakes policy-oriented research and analysis on trade and trade-related matters.

Mr. Katigbak has published articles on ASEAN integration, Philippine trade policy, internet economy, and sustainable development. His areas of interest include political economy, security and geopolitics, public policy, human rights, and development. Mr. Katigbak is currently taking up Master of Arts in Development Policy at the De La Salle University. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in the Consular and Diplomatic Affairs Program of the De La Salle – College of Saint Benilde (DLS-CSB).
Dr. Francis Odhuno
PNG National Research Institute

Topic: Use and Impact of ICT on SMEs in PNG: An Empirical Analysis and Implications for Policy

Dr. Francis Odhuno is a Senior Research Fellow and Economic Policy Program Leader at PNG NRI. He completed his PhD in economics at the University of Otago, New Zealand.

Prior to joining PNG NRI, Dr Odhuno worked with Ernst & Young in Nairobi, Kenya, as a Consultant in International Trade and Tax issues; and with the Ministry of Trade and Industry (also in Nairobi), where he worked as an Economist/Statistician and Industrial Development Officer.

His current research includes the analysis of Household Income and Expenditure Survey and Census data to study equity, inequality and poverty, labour markets, human development and demographics. He is also working on a research project that explores various aspects of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sectors in PNG.

Sheriden Morris
Reef and Rainforest Research Centre

Topic: Rural and Remote Village Development in Papua New Guinea (PNG) Via Community-Driven/placed based Approaches

Sheriden Morris has always strongly believed in intelligent, sustainable development using the region’s tropical expertise – the knowledge of living, building and working most effectively in the tropics. Since 2006, she has been the Managing Director of the Cairns-based not-for-profit company, Reef and Rainforest Research Centre (RRRC). Under her leadership, the RRRC has successfully attracted more than $200 million in grants and investment to support environmental research and development projects in northern Australia. Sheriden is currently Chair of the CRC for Developing Northern Australia and is Deputy Chair of Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef. An extensive contributor to land and sea management policy, she has also spearheaded the development and implementation of an innovative aid development programme on Australia’s northern borderlands with Papua New Guinea.

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Session 3: Digitalisation

Moderator: Christopher Elphick, a youth representative within the Papua New Guinean Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and a young business leader will moderate Session 3 on how digitalisation can be transformative in promoting inclusive growth for the people throughout the region.

Isikeli Taureka
PNG Digital Commerce Association

Topic: How Digitisation will narrow the gap among APEC economies

Mr Taureka was appointed as a Director of Kina in April 2016. Keli previously held a number of roles with Chevron Corporation, including: Executive Director InterOil Corporation; President Chevron Corporation Geothermal; President of ChevronTexaco China Energy Company with responsibility for Chevron’s oil and gas upstream activities in China; Managing Director of Chevron Asia South Business Unit responsible for exploration and production in Thailand, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam and; Country Manager for Chevron New Guinea Limited with responsibility for oil operations in Papua New Guinea and Western Australia.

Before joining Chevron, Keli managed the PNG-owned Post and Telecommunication Corporation, worked at the Bank of South Pacific Limited in a senior management capacity and was Deputy Managing Director at Resources Investment Finance Limited. He holds a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Papua New Guinea and is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Brad Jackson
i2i Development, Queensland Australia

Topic: Reducing Poverty through technology and an inclusive agribusiness model

Brad Jackson is the General Manager of i2i Development Projects. He has been supporting Indigenous community development for 25 years with a specific focus on designing and implementing programs to increase locally owned private sector enterprises.

Working with Indigenous Australians and communities throughout the Asia Pacific, Brad has endeavoured to introduce innovative ideas and business models that transform local economic development whilst maximising opportunities for residents to develop their own skills to participate in the broader market economy.

Brad places significant importance on linking Indigenous cultures across the globe to leverage shared values and work together to enhance the adoption of new ideas. In this regard, Brad was a founding member of the World Indigenous Business Network established in Guatemala in 2014. Brad is very proud to be currently working alongside the Cocoa Board of PNG to assist them transform the industry for the benefit of farming families.
Session 3: Digitalisation

Dr. Jackie Kauli
Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Topic: Leave no one behind – recognizing the challenges in creating inclusive spaces utilizing digital technologies

Dr Jackie Kauli is Research Fellow in the School of Design in Creative Industries at Queensland University of Technology and Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Social and Creative Media at the University of Goroka. She holds a PhD in Creative Industries and has extensive experience working in development in the Pacific. Jackie’s focus has been on the use of process drama, storytelling and performance for development, focusing on education, health and gender issues. Jackie has worked as a Lecturer in Drama and was a Rotary Peace Fellow in 2015. She currently leads a research project on developing communication strategies to address sorcery accusation related violence in PNG.

Dr. Verena Thomas
Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Dr Verena Thomas is Research Fellow in the School of Design, Creative Industries Faculty at Queensland University of Technology. She holds a PhD in Communication from the University of Technology Sydney. Verena has developed innovative and creative approaches to localising research in cross-cultural contexts and has extensive experience in research and media capacity building in the Pacific region. She is the founding Director of the Centre for Social and Creative Media at the University of Goroka, Papua New Guinea, which she led from 2012-2016.

Dr. Katherine Lepani
PNG-Australia Governance Partnership

Topic: Inclusive growth and greater economic opportunities for women in the formal sector.

Co-authored by Virginia Bruce, CEO of the REAL Group.

Katherine Lepani is an anthropologist with a specialist focus on gender, health, and development. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Hawai‘i (1991), a Master of Public Health from University of Queensland (2001), and a PhD from Australian National University (2008), where she is an honorary senior lecturer in the College of Asia and the Pacific. She is currently the gender equity specialist for Abt PNG Management Services, which supports six partnership portfolios under the PNG—Australia Governance Partnership. Her work focuses on strategies for supporting women’s leadership, economic empowerment, and the enabling environment for ensuring equitable and inclusive access to development opportunities and benefits.
Session 4: Regional Economic Integration and Connectivity

Moderator: Alan Oxley, an experienced international adviser and trade negotiator and the former Australian Ambassador to GATT (the predecessor of World Trade Organisation or WTO). Currently, Alan is the Chair of the Australian APEC Study Centre, RMIT University and the Director of ITS Global a leading consultancy on trade related matters.

Dr. Wayne Chen
Taiwan Institute of Economic Research

Topic: Deepening APEC’s Regional Economic Integration Using an Evolutionary Approach”

Experienced Associate Research Fellow with a demonstrated history of working in the research industry. Skilled in Negotiation, Regional Economic Integration, Sustainable Development, Digital Economy and Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation. Strong research professional with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) focused on Environmental Politics from Queen’s University Belfast.

Professor. Imad Moosa
RMIT University

Topic: Capital mobility within the APEC region

Imad Moosa holds a PhD in Financial Economics, and he is currently a professor of finance at RMIT University. Before turning to academia in 1991, he worked as a financial analyst, a financial journalist and an investment banker for over 10 years. He was also an economist at the IMF and acted as an advisor to the U.S. Treasury, the United Nations and the Central Bank of Kuwait.

Imad’s work encompasses the areas of International Finance, Banking, Risk Management, Macroeconomics, and Applied Econometrics. He has published over 240 papers that appeared in top journals, including the Journal of Applied Econometrics, IMF Staff Papers and Journal of Development Economics. He has also published 24 books, including The US-China Trade Dispute and Quantitative Easing as a Highway to Hyperinflation.
Session 4: Regional Economic Integration and Connectivity

**Professor. Clement Kong-Wing Chow**
Taiwan Institute of Economic Research.

**Topic: Air Connectivity in APEC: Development and Challenges**
Co-authored by Dr. Cheung-Kwok Law, the Co-Director of APEC Study Centre, Hong Kong (China) and the Senior Research Fellow of the Global China Research Programme of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Prof. Clement Kong-Wing CHOW is the Head and Associate Professor in the Department of Marketing and International Business, Faculty of Business, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China. He received his B.Soc.Sc. from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, M.A. in Economics from Queen’s University and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Western Ontario. Prof. Chow has conducted research in a variety of areas including productivity issues in Chinese industries, pricing, productivity and service quality issues in Chinese civil aviation sector.

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**Dr. Hwok-Aun Lee**
Singapore APEC Study Centre, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies.

**Topic: Relationship between immigration status and employment conditions of Indonesian migrant workers in Malaysia.**

Hwok-Aun Lee is Senior Fellow in the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. He obtained a PhD in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He has researched and published works on affirmative action, discrimination, inequality, social protection, labour and education, with a focus on Malaysia, as well as comparative study vis-à-vis South Africa and Southeast Asia.


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Session 5: Regional Economic Integration and Connectivity

Moderator: Ken Waller, currently the Chair of the APEC Business Advisory Committee PNG, the former director of the Australian APEC Study Centre, RMIT University and an extensive history within the Public and Private sector. Ken will moderate Session 5 which will examine specific types of integration and how APEC can impact at a national and local level.

Dr. Robert Scollay
New Zealand APEC Study Centre, University of Auckland

Topic: How Deep is the CPTPP’s “Deep Integration”?
Robert Scollay is director of the New Zealand APEC Study Centre at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, where he is also a member of the Economics Department. He is a former international coordinator for the PECC Trade Policy Forum, and led a number of its research projects, including an early study of the proposed Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP), one of several projects undertaken for ABAC, and a later project on “A Post-2010 Trade Agenda for the Asia-Pacific”. Much of his recent research and publications have focused on regional trade agreements and regional economic integration, including recent initiatives such as the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP), as well as multilateral liberalisation and the global trade architecture. Dr Scollay has undertaken numerous consultancies for international institutions, national governments, and non-governmental organisations.

Elai Soutai
PNG-Australia Governance Partnership

Topic: The Impact of APEC to rural communities and how APEC will contribute to PNG’s developmental goals
Elai Soutai is the Case Study Analyst with Abt Associates PNG. He holds an Honours and Bachelor Degree in Anthropology and Sociology from the University of Papua New Guinea. He is passionate about providing in-depth research insights and analysis on emerging issues and using evidence to inform decision making processes. Over the years Elai has been a researcher to NGOs, oil and gas company, land owner groups and provincial governments in Papua New Guinea. Elai is fascinated about understanding the role and benefits of APEC to people living in rural areas. His research discusses and examines the benefit of hosting APEC 2018 and the potential impact APEC will have on structural reforms, policy development and inclusive growth for people living in rural areas in PNG has well as other developing APEC economies.

Justin Eloriaga
De La Salle University, The Philippines

Topic: Alleviation of income inequality and a sustainable economy through digital inclusiveness
Justin Eloriaga is currently the Commissioner of the 17th Young Economists’ Convention under the Economics Organisation of De la Salle University and the Angelo King Institute of Business and Economic Studies. He is a candidate Summa Cum Laude and is currently in the masteral phase of the Applied Economics Ladderized Track in DLSU. He is currently the research and teaching assistant under the Office of the Dean (Dr. Marites M. Tiongco) and the Scientist in Residence (Dr. Jesus Dumagan). He also emerged as Champion of the 14th ECONOMIX Global Economic Challenges in 2016 at Universitas Indonesia.

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Session 6: Structural reform and Competition

Moderator: Dr. Thomas Webster, Professorial Research Fellow and Project Manager of Bougainville Research in the Governance Program at NRI. Dr Webster started his career working as a primary school teacher, later taking up the role as Director of the National Research Institute in 2004, a role he had for 11 years. Research interests include land reform, economic competition policy, and education reform.

This session we will explore how reform can drive international competitiveness and expand competition and access to economic opportunities and basic public services.

Professor Tony Makin
APEC Study Centre, Griffith Business School

Topic: Improving International Competitiveness via economic reform

Tony Makin is Professor of Economics and Director of the APEC Study Centre at Griffith University. He has previously served as an International Consultant Economist with the IMF Institute and as a senior economist in the Australian federal departments of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Trade, The Treasury and Prime Minister and Cabinet. He is a member of the National Economic Panel of the Economic Society, has been Australian convenor of the structural issues group of the Pacific Economic Co-operation Council (PECC) and is author of International Money and Finance, Global Finance and the Macroeconomy and Global Imbalances, Exchange Rates and Stabilization Policy as well as many journal articles.

Alan Oxley
Australian APEC Study Centre, RMIT University

Topic: Current Trends and opportunities for APEC economies in mining, petroleum, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, forestry, tourism and services sectors.

Alan Oxley is Chairman of the Australian APEC Study Centre and one of Australia’s most authoritative advisers on international trade. Before establishing his consultancy in 1990, Alan was a career diplomat. He represented Australia in Singapore, at the United Nations in New York and in Geneva. He transferred to the Trade Department in 1985 and served as Australian Ambassador to the GATT, the predecessor of the World Trade Organization, until 1989.

Alan played a key role in creating the ground-breaking coalition of agricultural exporters, known as the Cairns Group. He was the first Australian to serve as GATT Chairman, and has expertise in all areas of international trade from agriculture to services, intellectual property to government procurement, and in particular provisions of international trade agreements.
Session 6: Structural reform and Competition

Dulcie Saroa
Geological Mapping, Mineral Resources Authority

Topic: Geoscience Engagement Fundamental for Inclusive Growth

Dulcie Saroa obtained her Masters in Geoscience Exploration in 2009 from Department of Applied Geology at the Curtin University of Technology, Western Australia. Her prior engagement before her Master’s program was a postgraduate research fellow at the University of Papua New Guinea with attainment of Bachelor of Science honours degree in 2006 while serving as contract geologists at Barrick’s Porgera gold mine and the Newcrest-Harmony’s Wafi-Golpu project. In late 2009, she commenced employment with the Mineral Resources Authority’s Geological Survey Division as a Senior Exploration Geologist and has since been promoted to Manager of Geological Mapping & Mineral Exploration.

With over 15 years mining industry related experience, Dulcie has strong insights into geoscience-based development issues.

Dr John Fallon
Economic Insights Ltd Pty

Topic: Economic Regulation and Reforms of Electricity Supply in Papua New Guinea

Dr John Fallon is a Senior Economic Advisor and founder of Economic Insights Pty Ltd, an Australian based economic consulting firm. John has been an advisor on a wide range of economic development, economic regulation, public finance and other public policy matters. He has extensive experience in Papua New Guinea, particularly in the 1990s and early 2000s. In 2003, he led a comprehensive review of the performance of Australia’s aid program there since independence.

Prior to becoming a consultant John worked at the Australian Industry Commission on trade policy and other economic reforms, at the OECD on macroeconomic issues, at the Queensland Treasury on public enterprises and earlier in his career at the Reserve Bank of Australia. From 2012 to 2014 he was Director of Research at the Queensland Competition Authority.

Ronald Sofe
National Research Institute

Ronald Sofe is a Research Fellow with the Economic Policy Research Program at NRI. He received a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Papua New Guinea, and a Master of International and Development Economics from the Australian National University. Mr Sofe has undertaken an internship with the ANU Development Policy Centre as an awardee of the 2014 Australian Prime Minister’s Pacific Program. At NRI, he is engaged in research projects that focus on state-owned enterprises (SOEs), roads and other infrastructure and utilities in the country.

He has keen research interests in competition, market and regulatory economics.
Session 7: Structural reform and Competition

Moderator: Dr Charles Yala, one of PNG’s leading authorities on land reform and is widely credited with mainstreaming the PNG government land reform policy and implementation agenda. He once said publicly that country’s leaders need to ‘think outside the box’ and when talking about PNG we should harness ‘its natural beauty and landscape’. Dr Yala will help us think outside the box for the final group of presenters.

Dr. Eric Kwa
Constitutional and Law Reform Commission PNG.

Topic: Improving the legal framework to increase participation of women in the economy.

Co-authored by Pamela Kamya and Benjamin Bofeng, of the PNG Constitutional and Law Reform Commission.

Dr. Eric Kwa is the Secretary for 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. He is from Siassi Island in the Morobe Province. Dr. Eric Kwa holds a PhD in Environmental Law from the Auckland University, New Zealand. He also has a Master of Laws with Honours (LLM (Hon)) from Wollongong University, Australia and a Law Degree with Honours (LLB (Hon)) from the University of Papua New Guinea. Dr. 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. Dr. Kwa’s key interests are: Environmental Law; Natural Resources Law; Constitutional Law; and Local Government Law. He has researched and published widely in these areas.

Dr. Wei Luo
APEC Study Centre of Nankai University, China

Topic: Service trade development among APEC members, the overall service trade, and the competitiveness of key service sectors.

Co-authored by Dr. Jiayun Xu, Doctor of Economics, Assistant Research Fellow of APEC Research Institute in Nankai University, China.

Dr. Wei Luo is an Assistant Research Fellow of APEC Research Institute in Nankai University, China. The main research areas include multinational enterprises, international investment, international cooperation and so on. At present, he has published more than 20 papers as the first author or communication author in important academic journals, such as Economic Research Journal (Chinese), The Journal of World Economy (Chinese), Management World (Chinese), etc. Meanwhile, he has presided and joined many kinds of social science research programs supported by the Humanities and Social Sciences section of the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China and China Postdoctoral Science Special Foundation.
Session 7: Structural reform and Competition

Professor Kenneth Sumbuk
James Cook University

Topic: Service Trade Agreements in Higher Education
Educated at the University of Papua New Guinea; University of Waikato, New Zealand; University of Oxford, United Kingdom; Fox Business School, Temple University, USA.
Fellowships Held: Teaching Fellowship, UPNG; Post Doctoral Research Fellowship, Wolfson College, University of Oxford; Visiting Fellowship, La Trobe University, Melbourne; Humphrey Fellowship, University of Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tennessee, USA; Distinguished Fellowship, Cairns Institute, James Cook University, Australia.
Previous appointments: Executive Dean, Pro Vice Chancellor, Acting Vice Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea. Current appointments: DHERST; James Cook University (adjunct)

Dr. Eugene Ezebilo
National Research Institute PNG

Topic: Assessment of House Rent Prices in Port Moresby: Are the Prices Affordable?
Eugene Ezebilo is an Associate Professor of Economics specialising in Environmental and Resource Economics. Before joining the Papua New Guinea National Research Institute (PNG NRI), he has worked for several years at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden as Associate Professor in Economics, Assistant Professor in Economics and Planning and Postdoctoral Researcher in Environmental and Resource Economics, respectively. He is currently the Program Leader of the Property Development Research Program at the PNG NRI. His research interests include economic valuation of ecosystem services, land use policy, housing policy and economic development.
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