



APEC STUDY CENTRES CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE
14- 15 May 2018 International Convention Centre, Port Moresby PNG.

Provisional Draft Timetable

Day 1: Monday May 14, 2018	
07:30 - 08:30	Registration and collection of Accreditation at International Conference Centre (entrance foyer of Event Auditorium)
08:30 - 10:00	<p>Welcome: APEC Study Centre: Ravu Verenagi, Manager PNG APEC Study Centre, (Conference MC)</p> <p>Official Opening Remarks: Dr. Osborne Sanida Director, PNG National Research Institute.</p> <p>Keynote Speech: H.E. Ivan Pomaleu, OBE, APEC 2018 SOM Chair and PNG Ambassador to APEC.</p> <p>Briefing on the APEC Themes and Topics: Lahui Ako, Director General, PNG APEC Secretariat.</p> <p>Partnership remarks: H.E Bruce Davis, Australian High Commissioner to PNG.</p> <p>Group Photo</p>
10:00 - 10:20	Tea break
10:20 - 12:00	<p>Session 1: Innovation and Technology</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amanda Watson, Australian National University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Jeffery Noro, PNG Department of Science and Technology <i>Topic: Development of Domestic Innovation Systems as Drivers for Economic Growth</i> ➤ Dr. Darcy Allen, Blockchain Innovation Hub, RMIT Melbourne Australia <i>Topic: Blockchain Trade-Tech and the need for international policy coordination.</i> ➤ Olga Ismagilova and Karina Kudaeva, Russian APEC Study Centre <i>Topic: Key technology infrastructure constraints and strategies as APEC economies gear up for the digital revolution</i> <p>Followed by Q&A</p>
12:00 - 13:20	Lunch
13:20 – 15:00	<p>Session 2: Innovation and Technology.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kilala Devette-Chee, Senior Research Fellow & Program Leader</p>



	<p>Universal Basic Education, PNG National Research Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tony Morisause, PNG DataCo Limited <i>Topic: Using telecommunication to grow economies and transform lives – a Papua New Guinea perspective</i> ➤ Jovito Jose Katigbak, Foreign Services Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs, The Philippines <i>Topic: The ‘Sharing Economy’: How can developing countries respond to this emerging sector?</i> ➤ Dr. Francis Odhuno, Economic Policy Program Leader, PNG National Research Institute <i>Topic: Use and Impact of ICT on SMEs in PNG: An Empirical Analysis and Implications for Policy</i> ➤ Sheriden Morris, Managing Director Reef and Rainforest Research Centre <i>Topic: Rural and Remote Village Development in Papua New Guinea (PNG) Via Community-Driven/placed based Approaches</i> <p>Followed by Q&A</p>
15:00 - 15:20	Tea break
15:20 - 17:00	<p>Session 3: Digitalisation</p> <p>Moderator: Christopher Elphick, President (Youth) PNG Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Isikeli Taureka, President of the PNG Digital Commerce Association <i>Topic: How Digitisation will narrow the gap among APEC economies</i> ➤ Dr. Verena Thomas, Senior Research Fellow, and, Dr. Jackie Kauli Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Queensland University of Technology, Australia <i>Topic: Leave no one behind – recognizing the challenges in creating inclusive spaces utilizing digital technologies</i> ➤ Brad Jackson, Managing Director i2i Development, Queensland Australia <i>Topic: Reducing Poverty through technology and an inclusive agribusiness model</i> ➤ Dr. Katherine Lepani, PNG-Australia Governance Partnership, and Virginia Bruce CEO of The REAL Group. <i>Topic: Inclusive growth and greater economic opportunities for women in the formal sector. (TBC)</i> <p>Followed by Q&A</p>
17:00	Day 1 Close
19:00 – 22:00	Cocktail Event at the International Conference Centre



Day 2: Tuesday 15 May 2018

08:30 - 10:00	Session 4: Regional Economic Integration and Connectivity Moderator: Alan Oxley, Chairman Australian APEC Study Centre ➤ Dr. Wayne Chen, Director Taiwan Institute of Economic Research, Taipei. <i>Topic: Deepening APEC's Regional Economic Integration Using an Evolutionary Approach</i> ➤ Prof. Imad Moosa, RMIT University <i>Topic: Capital mobility within the APEC region</i> ➤ Prof. Clement Chow, Dr. Cheung-Kwok Law, APEC Study Centre Hong Kong (China) <i>Topic: Air Connectivity in APEC: Development and Challenges</i> ➤ Dr. Hwok-Aun Lee, Singapore APEC Study Centre, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies. <i>Topic: Relationship between immigration status and employment conditions of Indonesian migrant workers in Malaysia.</i> Followed by Q&A
10:00 - 10:20	Tea Break
10:20 - 12:00	Session 5: Regional Economic Integration and Connectivity Moderator: Ken Waller, APEC Business Advisory Committee, PNG. ➤ Dr. Robert Scollay, Director New Zealand APEC Study Centre University of Auckland <i>Topic: How Deep is the CPTPP's "Deep Integration"?</i> ➤ Elai Soutai, Researcher, PNG-Australia Governance Partnership <i>Topic: The Impact of APEC to rural communities and how APEC will contribute to PNG's developmental goals</i> ➤ Justin Eloriaga, De La Salle University, The Philippines <i>Topic: Alleviation of income inequality and a sustainable economy through digital inclusiveness</i> Followed by Q&A
12:00 - 13:20	Lunch
13:20 - 15:00	Session 6: Structural reform and Competition Moderator: Dr. Thomas Webster



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Prof. Tony Makin, Director APEC Study Centre, Griffith Business School, Queensland Australia. <i>Topic: Improving International Competitiveness via economic reform</i>➤ Alan Oxley, Chair Australian APEC Study Centre, RMIT Melbourne Australia. <i>Topic: Current Trends and opportunities for APEC economies in mining, petroleum, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, forestry, tourism and services sectors.</i>➤ Dulcie Saroa, Manager Geological Mapping, Mineral Resources Authority. <i>Topic: Geoscience Engagement Fundamental for Inclusive Growth</i>➤ Dr. John Fallon Economic Insights Ltd Pty and Ron Sofo, Economics Fellow, National Research Institute. <i>Topic: Economic Regulation and Reforms of Electricity Supply in Papua New Guinea</i> <p>Followed by Q&A</p>
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee Break
15:20 – 17:00	Session 7: Structural Reform and Competition <p>Moderator: Dr. Charles Yala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Eric Kwa, Secretary for the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission PNG. (Co-authored by Pamela Kamyra and Benjamin Bofeng, staff of the PNG Constitutional and Law Reform Commission) <i>Topic: Improving the legal framework to increase participation of women in the economy.</i>➤ Dr. Wei Luo and Dr. Jiayun Xu, APEC Study Center of Nankai University, China <i>Topic: Service trade development among APEC members, the overall service trade, and the competitiveness of key service sectors</i>➤ Prof. Kenneth Sumbuk <i>Topic: Service Trade Agreements in Higher Education</i>➤ Dr. Eugene Ezebilo, National Research Institute PNG. <i>Topic: Assessment of House Rent Prices in Port Moresby: Are the Prices Affordable?</i> <p>Followed by Q&A</p>



17:00 – 17:30

Wrap up session: The ASCCC Chair joined in conversation by selection of presenters/moderators.

Moving policy forward: What's next?

Reflecting on the ASCCC theme AND the overall APEC 2018 theme of 'Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future'...

1. Research and Policy

- How can research and policy contribute to ensure social and economic growth is inclusive for all?
- How can research and policy deliver the anticipated benefits of digital revolution to all?
- What can we learn from our collective experiences to ensure research makes a positive contribution to people living in the region?
- What practical steps can we take to ensure policy is informed by evidence based research?
- What are partnerships and conditions needed to ensure the research leads to better policy?

2. APEC Study Centre Consortium

- What is the role and value of APEC Study Centres and the ASC Consortium in advancing the APEC themes and priorities?
- How can PNG take forward research post-APEC 2018?
- How can PNG benefit from APEC 2018?
- What are the key research policy priorities we should be championing and taking forward to APEC 2019 (Chile)?

End of Conference

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