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**CHAIRMAN'S SEMINAR SERIES**

**Concept Note and Program**

**Theme: Building Community Empowerment and Resilience in Society**

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Divine Word University, Madang, Madang Province

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**1. Background**

The process of colonization, decolonization and nationhood has resulted in a major shift in the social processes in Papua New Guinean communities. The shift away from the close-knit traditional group to a mixed and open society does contribute to community fragmentation and people's displacement. Experiences of dependency, socio-economic vulnerability, political patronizing and social exclusion are on the increase, and they demonstrate that people are gradually becoming disempowered, meaning that they now cannot take control of their lives. Compounded by the problems of illiteracy, ignorance, disease, indolence, poverty and lack of government services, these situations confronting communities can only be transformed or addressed through a concerted effort.

The National Government has endorsed the MTDP IV in 2023 – 2027. The Government also has objectives to deliver on the PNG Strategic Development Goals 2030 and Vision 2050. The Prime Minister has provided a vision to achieve by 2030 amongst other objectives –

1. K200 billion economy;
2. Creating one (1) million jobs;
3. Establishing 500,000 SME; and
4. Improving the livelihoods of the people.

The public sector agencies have their Key Result Area (KRA) set out by NEC Decision and Department and Agency Heads have Key Performance Indicators (KPI) clearly articulated in their contracts whilst the society would be informed or participate through the implementation of government programs and projects and activities.

The Government has also established the various reporting and coordinating mechanism namely the Social, Law and Order, Administration Sector (SLOAS) and the Economic Agencies Sector and the CACC process.

The PNG National Research Institute (PNG), a leading policy and development-oriented research institute, recognises that national development agenda goes beyond our industry or sector

department and agencies and looks at the collective livelihoods of each citizen of PNG living in a safe and secure society and have access to social and economic services.

## **2. Objective**

Community empowerment and development has been approached in many ways over the years with different motivations and interests, be they from the perspective of the government, the private sector, the international donor agencies, civil society organizations or other interest groups. Research done by PNGNRI identified six approaches. These are: knowledge-centered approach, project-based approach, minimum basic needs approach, people-centered approach, best model approach, and the integrated approach. These six approaches are options.

Considering the research focus of the PNG NRI through the Culture and Society Research Program, and the need to encourage discussion and fruitful engagement among key stakeholders on existing programs and identified threats and essential reform agenda for desirable outcome, the seminar is proposed. The main objectives of the seminar are as follows:

- To bring together Department of Community Development, Family and Youth and its Boards and Agencies to connect between development partners – churches, NGOs, international organisations, and community groups, and etc;
- To be updated on the MTDP 4 and PNGSDP 2030 objectives of the government;
- Update on the key initiatives of the Ministry and Department; and
- Update from selected development partners.

## **3. Focus**

The Conference presentation and discussion will focus on the following key areas:

- PNG Vision 2050, PNG Strategic Development Goals and MTDP IV.
- Update on the Sectoral Committee – Church, Youth and Women.
- To identify synergies in working together within industry or sector in achieving objectives.
- To provide platform for meaningful and constructive dialogue on national development issues regarding relevant policies, regulation, and institutional arrangements.

## **4. Key outcome**

- Better understanding and appreciation of national development objectives and agenda.
- Understanding what key stakeholders in each sector are undertaking and are planning to do as part of the policy implementation process.
- Enhanced cooperation and partnership among key stakeholders to advance economic empowerment of local communities and building safety nets and resilience.
- Developing necessary program and reform agenda including development of renewable resources, standards, and regulation.
- To refine the scope and focus of how the Department of Community Development and Religion can assist in the implementation of MTDP IV, PNGDSP 2010-2030 and PNG Vision 2050.

## **5. Date and Venue**

The two-day seminar will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, at the Divine Word University, Madang, Madang Province.

## **6. Program**

Find attached is the tentative program.

## 7. Presenters

Invitation is open for each organisation to present whilst those required are stated hereon.

## 8. Stakeholders

The following key stakeholders will be invited to attend and participate at the seminar.

- Departments – Department of National Planning and Monitoring; Department of Prime Minister and NEC; Department of Justice and Attorney General; National Department of Education; Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology; Department of Commerce and Industry; Department of Provincial Affairs and Local Level Government; Department of Labour & Employment; and Department of Agriculture and Livestock.
- Agencies – Child Welfare Office, National Youth Development Authority, National Volunteer Service, Probation Services, PNG Sports Commission.
- Non-Government Organisation – National Council of Women, National Council of Churches, National Association of NGO, PNG Scouts Council, Girl Guides, St John Association for Blind, Red Cross, Callan Services, PNG Disable Persons Board.
- All Public Sector Agency Boards – National Agriculture Research Institute, Coffee Industry Corporation, KIK, PNG Cocoa Board, FPDA, LDC, SMEC, Cooperatives, Narcotics Bureau, Liquor Licensing Commission, University of PNG, Parole Board, Citizenship Advisory Committee.
- Others - UNDP, UNICEF, Save the Children Fund, Oxfam, Care International, World Vision, BCEP.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

Time	Activity	Facilitator/Presenter (proposed)
8:00am-8:30am	Registration	
8:30am -9:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Mr. Wilson Thompson, Chairman, PNGNRI Council
9:00am - 9:30am	Overview and Challenges towards 2030	Dr. Osborne Sanida, Director
9:30am-10:00am	Department of Prime Minister and NEC – Where are we in PNGSDP 2030 and Vision 2050?	Mr. Ivan Pomaleu, Chief Secretary, PMNEC
10:00am-10:30	Impact on service delivery: Getting service delivery right	Mr. Philip Leo, Secretary, Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs
<b>10:30am-10:45am</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
<b>10:45am-11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
11:00am-11:30am	How will MDTP 4 improve the livelihood of the people?	Mr Michael Kumung, Deputy Secretary-Policy Wing, DNPM
11:30am-12:00pm	Managing diversity and going rural	Mr Jerry Ubase, Secretary, Department of Community Development and Religion
12:00pm-12:30pm	PNG's progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals	Mr. Nicholas Booth, Resident Representative, UNDP
12:30pm-12:45pm	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
12:45pm – 1:30pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

1:30pm-2:00pm	Underlying factors driving social unrest	Dr. Elizabeth Kopel, Senior Research Fellow and Program Leader, Culture and Society Research Program CSRP), PNGNRI
2:00pm-2:30pm	Addressing Violence and Sorcery Accusation Related Violence	Mr. William Kipongi, Research Officer, CSRP, PNGNRI
2:30pm-3:00pm	The SLOAS and EAC Process and Outcomes	Dr. Eric Kwa, Secretary, Department of Justice and Attorney General
3:00pm-3:30pm	Role of Police in Peace building and Maintaining Law and Order in the communities	Mr. David Manning, Commissioner, RPNGC
<b>3:30pm – 3:45pm</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
3:45pm -4:15pm	Counselling service and providing refuge for victims of violence	Mr. Bugave Kada, Chairman, Lifeline PNG
4:15pm – 4:45pm	Early Childhood Literacy	World Vision PNG
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks	Dr. Osborne Sanida, Director, PNGNRI
	<b>End of Day 1 Program</b>	

## DAY 2: THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Facilitator/Presenter</b>
8:00am-8:30am	Registration	
8:30am -9:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Mr. Wilson Thompson, Chairman, PNGNRI Council
9:00am-9:20am	Community Resource Centre	Department of Community Development and Religion
9:20am – 9:40am	Addressing the Youth Bulge by Compulsory Service	Mr. Koney Samuel, Secretary, DNPM
9:40am – 10:00am	Harnessing our Youths and Population: Update on Lukautim Pikinini Act	National Youth Development Authority Director - Child Welfare
<b>10:00am-10:15am</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
<b>10:15am – 10:30am</b>	<b>Morning Tea/Coffee</b>	
10:30am-10:50am	Services for persons with disabilities	Callan Services/Red Cross
10:50am-11:15am	Coverage of Child Welfare Inclusive Programs	Save the Children Fund
11:15am-11:35am	Reducing poverty and social injustice	Care International
11:35am-11:45am	Economic Development Program: Natural resource management, food justice and livelihoods	Oxfam/DFAT
<b>11:45am-12:00pm</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
<b>12:00pm -1:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:00pm-1:20pm	Supply and demand of labour and creating one million jobs	Mr. George Taunakekei, Secretary, DLIR
1:20pm-1:40pm	Achieving K200 billion economy	Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry
1:40pm: 2:00pm	Access to Finance and Financial Literacy	Centre for Excellence in Financial Inclusion
2:00pm-2:20pm	Developing a savings and finance culture	Women's Micro Bank

2:20pm-2:40pm	Market for Village Farmers Project - Maket Bilong Vilis Fama	International Fund for Agriculture Development.
2:40pm-3:00pm	Reducing poverty: Role of FPDA	Mr. Mark Worinu, General Manager, Fresh Produce Development Agency
<b>3:00pm-3:15pm</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
<b>3:15pm -3:30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea/Coffee</b>	
3:30pm-3:50pm	The Role of Churches in nation building	Rev. Roger Joseph, General Secretary, PNG Council of Churches
3:50pm-4:15pm	Church Partnership Program	Building Community Engagement in PNG Program, DFAT Australia
4:15pm -4:30pm	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	
4:30pm -5:00pm	Closing Remarks	Dr. Osborne Sanida, Director, PNGNRI

## 9. Contact

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