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# Welcome, delegates!

On behalf of the Organising Committee for the 2018 Papua New Guinea Investment Conference, welcome to the Sofitel Brisbane Central for an event dedicated entirely to the promotion of business and investment in PNG.

A particularly warm welcome to delegates who have travelled from overseas to attend, including a large contingent from Papua New Guinea itself.

This is the seventh investment event Business Advantage International has organised on PNG, and our first in Brisbane since 2015. It follows the success of our very first PNG Investment Conference in Sydney in 2017.

The global economy is undergoing significant and far-reaching changes. The minerals sector is gradually emerging from an extended downturn. Global capital flows continue to shift inexorably towards China, and Asia more generally. Global action to address climate change is starting to ramp up, driven by the 2016 Paris Agreement, to which PNG is a signatory.

In each of these three areas, PNG is potentially in the right place at the right time. Major PNG minerals projects—both in LNG and mining—beckon, while PNG is located in the fastest growing region in the world—a region that this year is taking a much closer look at PNG itself, as the country hosts APEC for the first time. With sustainability now firmly on boardroom agendas, PNG also has a chance to emphasise its rich potential as a centre for sustainable marine and agricultural production.

At the same time, PNG's backlog of investment in infrastructure is starting to be addressed. Billions will be spent over the next decade on ports, aviation, energy and roads, bringing opportunities for local and international businesses, and helping to improve national productivity.

Alongside this development is the continuing emergence of a middle class in PNG, and also a new generation of entrepreneurs, eager to innovate.

Our program this year will touch on all this and more.

You'll find our twin themes of sustainability and innovation will permeate many of the sessions, while infrastructure will be the major focus of Day 2.

We want to especially welcome the many subscribers to our weekly *PNG Business Update* who are attending this conference. Business Advantage International started covering business in PNG in 2006, with our annual *Business Advantage Papua New Guinea* magazine now in its 13th edition. Its companion online business magazine, [businessadvantagepng.com](http://businessadvantagepng.com), has now been visited by over 600,000 readers from around the world since its launch in 2013.

Major international events such as this take a lot of work from a lot of people. We particularly want to thank our Sponsors and Partners for their active support. A very big thank you too to our speakers and panelists—35 of them—who have given so generously of their time to be at this event.

Please enjoy the Conference and its social program—and don't forget to share your thoughts and experiences on social media, using the hashtag [#pngconference](https://twitter.com/pngconference).

Andrew Wilkins  
Publishing Director  
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In partnership with PNG's leading hotel, we are proud to provide an authentic café experience at the conference. With free barista service from 8am to 2pm each day and a stylish setting, it's the perfect place for relaxation between sessions, or an informal meeting.

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For your convenience, there is free WIFI at the conference. Simply connect to the conference wireless network with the password "PNGInvest2018".

## OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DINNER

The Conference Dinner on 6 August will be held at Brisbane's historic Customs House, 399 Queen Street, Brisbane City—just ten minutes' walk from the Sofitel.

Pre-dinner drinks on the river-side terrace,

will be followed by a sumptuous three-course meal with wine in the signature Long Room, accompanied by live entertainment and a visit from Rugby League legend Darren Lockyer (right).



**Timing:** 6.30pm for 7pm.

Transport from the conference venue can be arranged on request.

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## DAY ONE: Monday 6 August

### 0900 Official welcome

Sakias Tameo, Papua New Guinea's Acting High Commissioner to Australia

### 0910 Opening address

**The Hon. Peter O'Neill MP CMG**, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

### 0950 Keynote address

The 2016 Paris Agreement, to which Papua New Guinea is a signatory, has committed governments across the globe to a low carbon future. What does that mean for business now and into the future, and how can PNG in particular take advantage of the considerable opportunities that will flow from it? **Tim Flannery**, one of the world's most respected climate experts, will provide valuable insights into what a low carbon future will look like and how it is likely to influence the way business and trade is conducted. [Kindly sponsored by Digicel.](#)

### 1030 Economic Update on Papua New Guinea

PNG looks to be on the cusp of a new phase of significant growth, driven in part by major resources and infrastructure investment. **Edward Faber**, Country Economist for Papua New Guinea at the Asian Development Bank, will provide an update of the state of Papua New Guinea's economy and will provide some insights into what will drive its future economic growth.

**1100 Morning tea**, kindly sponsored by Bank South Pacific

### 1130 The Investors: Opportunities in a connected economy (panel discussion)

Papua New Guinea's economy has undergone significant transformation and modernisation in the past decade, leading the country's major investors to adjust and refine their investment strategies. In this session, some of the country's leading investors will discuss where they feel the opportunities will lie in the coming decade. Participants: **David Brown** (Chief Investment Officer, Nasfund), **Augustine Sanga Mano** (Managing Director & CEO, Mineral Resources Development Company Ltd), **Paul Sayer** (Chief Executive Officer, Nambawan Super). Moderator: Andrew Wilkins. [Kindly sponsored by Security Systems](#)

### 1215 What's really going on in LNG?

Resource analyst **David Lennox** reviews the latest developments in PNG's gas sector against the background of global trends in LNG investment and consumption. Looking beyond the hype, he will take a close look at PNG's LNG prospects over the coming decade.

### 1235 Bringing PNG and the Pacific into the global payments system

Financial services giant Mastercard is experiencing extraordinary global growth in its secure, cashless payments business and now it's taking a strong interest in the Pacific Islands. Its regional director **Craig Kirkland** will explain why, and how business and consumers in the region stand to benefit.



# Your program

## 1250 Case study: Lolata Island Resort

Papua New Guinea has rich tourism potential and now the sector is starting to attract some significant investment. In 2019, Port Moresby will finally see the opening of its first premium resort—at Loloata Island. Director **Lew Nielsen** will outline the nature of this pioneering project, which is being funded by domestic investors.

## 1300 Networking lunch, kindly sponsored by Oil Search

## 1400 The Facilitators: assessing PNG's prevailing investment climate (panel discussion)

Don't write the cheque before you attend this session! What should an investor know before making an investment in PNG? An expert panel will examine the current investment climate in PNG, including the risks, the obligations and the regulatory framework—and how these can all be successfully navigated. Participants: **Kip Hannah** (Regional Head Pacific, Westpac),

**Clarence Hoot** (Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority of PNG), **John Vivian** (Country Manager PNG, IFC—a member of the World Bank Group) and **Zanie Theron** (Managing Partner, KPMG PNG). Moderator: Andrew Wilkins

## 1445 Case study: Aiabba Minerals

Mining has played a major role in Papua New Guinea's economy for many years but the industry is changing, as the country looks to maximise the value from its mineral resources and also avoid the boom-and-bust cycles associated with the sector. We hear from **Moses Mondowa**, Executive Chairman and Managing Director of Papua New Guinean-owned Aiabba Minerals, one of a new wave of exploration companies.

## 1500 Special address

**The Hon Mark Coulton MP**, Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Australian Government

## MOTUKEA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL: GATEWAY TO GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Charting a more expansive course for Papua New Guinea's (PNG) economy requires a world-class maritime gateway, designed for growing trade across Asia and Oceania, and thoughtfully planned to benefit present and future stakeholders. This is precisely the vision for the international port in Motukea in Port Moresby, the bustling capital of PNG—a vision being realized through the strong partnerships between public, private and community sectors.





## 1530 Afternoon break

### 1545 Case study: Sustainable production in PNG Agribusiness

**Ian Orrell**, Head of Sustainability at New Britain Palm Oil, will outline how a commitment to sustainable production has led this pioneering agribusiness into new business opportunities.

### 1600 Case study: growing a successful business in PNG

Formed in Lae, PNG's manufacturing hub, in 2004, Hornibrook NGL has grown into a strong and diverse company, incorporating manufacturing, engineering, construction and property divisions. Founder and Chairman **Mal Lewis** will outline the company's growth strategy and provide insights into the advantages of being based in PNG's second city.

### 1610 The Innovators - how PNG is creating a culture for innovation

On the back of improved and cheaper internet

services, PNG is becoming home to new generation of entrepreneurs—the vanguard of the country's fledgling digital economy. This session will throw a spotlight on some of the innovators and their work, and also discuss the environment that is encouraging and supporting such entrepreneurs. Participants: **Mathew Care** (Chief Executive Officer, Hausples), **Samson Korawali** (Head of Digital and Co-Founder, KK Consultancy), **Dr Thomas Webster** (Professorial Research Fellow, PNG National Research Institute), **Crystal Kewe** (Director, Crysan Technology). Moderator: Andrew Wilkins

**1700 Networking Drinks**, kindly sponsored by Nasfund

**1900 Official Conference Dinner, Customs House, Brisbane**

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# Your program

## DAY TWO: Tuesday 7 August Infrastructure Day

### 0830 Bonus session: 'Coffee in Honiara'— Solomon Islands Business Update

Business links between Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands are going from strength to strength. Grab a coffee from the Airways Café (open from 8am daily) and get a first-hand update on the Solomon Islands economy from **Jay Bartlett** (Chairman) and **Denis Meone** (Chief Executive Officer) of the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce. and Industry.

### 0900 Welcome

### 0930 PNG's infrastructure report card

Author of a recent Lowy Institute report on infrastructure in PNG, Lytton Advisory Principal **Craig Lawrence**, will provide a 'state-of-the-

nation' appraisal of the nation's infrastructure. He will also identify priority future infrastructure projects, notably those best suited to private sector participation. *Kindly sponsored by ICTSI*

### 0945 PNG's telecommunications and IT future

No sector in Papua New Guinea has benefitted more from private sector investment in the past decade in PNG than telecommunications. The advent of Digicel has led to more than 80% of PNG's population now having mobile phone coverage, while 4G is now commonplace and internet connectivity has expanded, improved and reduced significantly in price. So, what's next for the sector, and how can business make use of the new services that are in the pipe-

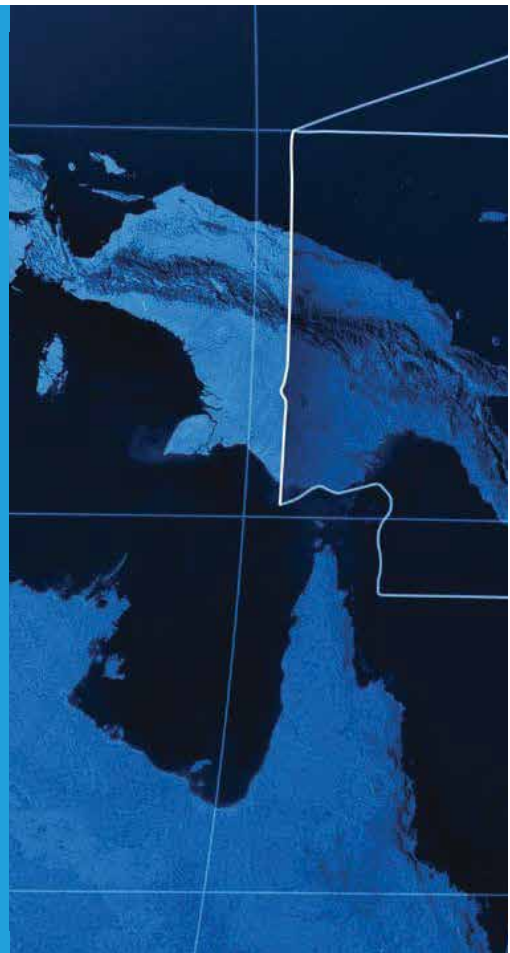


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line? Participants: **Pablo Kang** (Head—Undersea Cables Task Force, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) and **Paul Statham** (Regional Director, Digicel Pacific).

**1030 Morning tea**, kindly sponsored by Akzo-Nobel

**1100 Transforming PNG's electricity sector**

PNG has ambitions to dramatically expand access to electricity over the next decade, with a goal of achieving 70% population coverage by 2030. State utility PNG Power owns the strategy to achieve this goal, which has already seen significant mobilisation of private sector investment into power generation. Its Acting Managing Director **Carolyn Blacklock** will outline both PNG's future energy roadmap and also the outlook for private sector involvement.

**1130 Case study: Solar power in PNG**

Renewable energy sources, including solar power, are considered by many experts to be

the short-to-medium term electricity solution for PNG's rural and remote communities. Solar pioneer **Jon Pittar** will tell how Solar Solutions is already helping to meet the power needs of those communities.

**1145 Getting it there: transport and logistics**

Getting goods to market, both domestically and overseas, has traditionally been a major challenge in Papua New Guinea. This session will examine the substantial progress being made in the country's key areas of transport: roads, aviation and ports, and identify increasing opportunities for private sector participation. Participants: **David Hill** (Country Director—PNG, Asian Development Bank), **David Wereh** (Secretary, Department of Works and Implementation)

**1300 Networking lunch**, kindly sponsored by KPMG

**1400 Close**



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We are committed to ensuring our impact in PNG goes well beyond our position as the country's largest non-government employer and investor. By working closely with joint venture partners, regulators, the PNG Government, landowners and communities, we have built mutually beneficial partnerships that are delivering real, long-term benefits to PNG.





# Your speakers (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

## **Jay Bartlett, Chairman, Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry**



SICCI is the peak body for private sector representation in the Solomon Islands. Jay was appointed to this position in 2015 prior to which he served as Vice Chair. He works in the private sector as the General Manager of Hatanga Ltd, a building and construction company based

in Honiara. Jay represents an emerging group of young Solomon Island leaders who want to take the country forward into the 21st century and is clear in his aims of working closely with government promoting private sector led growth through strategic reforms and key infrastructure development.

## **Carolyn Blacklock, Acting Managing Director, PNG Power Ltd**



Carolyn has 25 years' experience in private sector finance, development and infrastructure with the last 15 years in the Pacific. Following a successful corporate banking career working with Australian top tier banks, in 2009, Carolyn moved permanently to Papua New Guinea to

establish the International Finance Corporation (the private sector arm of the World Bank), where she led the office for four years. Carolyn was engaged by the Government of PNG in Treasury as the specialist adviser to oversee and accelerate infrastructure development and create a pipeline of bankable projects to attract high quality developers and investors to PNG. Carolyn was instrumental in advising Prime Minister O'Neill on the supply of fast and affordable internet to PNG which led to securing support from the Australian Government to the tune of AUD\$85m to fund the new Sydney-to-Port Moresby fibre optic cable. She was appointed Acting Managing Director of PNG Power Ltd in January 2019.

## **The Hon. Mark Coulton MP, Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Australian Government**

Mark was first elected to the House of Representatives for the seat of Parkes, New South Wales, in 2007. He has since been re-elected in 2010, 2013 and 2016. Currently Australia's Assistant Minister



for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Mark has held this parliamentary position since March 2018. During his time in the Federal Parliament, Mark has also held the positions of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, National Party's Chief Whip, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for

Ageing and the Voluntary Sector, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Water and Conservation and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Emerging Trade Markets.

## **David Brown, Chief Investment Officer, Nasfund**



David is Chief Investment Officer at NasFund, the largest private sector super fund in PNG. With extensive experience managing superannuation, pension and insurance funds, David has run portfolios of infrastructure, private equity and real estate as well as listed securities.

An experienced director, David has advised boards on investment strategy, portfolio design, and risk management in PNG, Australia and the UK. Previously, David was CIO at PacWealth, Senior Advisor at Cambian Corporate Advisory in Melbourne, Chairman of AVCAL (The Australian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association), Head of Private Markets at VFMC, Melbourne, Strategist at QIC, Brisbane, and Investment Manager for corporate pension clients at Standard Life in Edinburgh, Scotland.

## **Mathew Care, CEO, Hausples**



Mathew commenced his career as a banking and finance solicitor at global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills, before launching a series of businesses in the real estate and technology spheres. In 2013, Mathew co-founded Digital Classifieds Group, a business focussed on developing

online classifieds in emerging markets. The company initially launched in Papua New Guinea with the





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# Your speakers

website Hausples.com.pg, the country's leading real estate portal, quickly followed by the acquisition of Marketmeri.com, Papua New Guinea's leading general classifieds website. Digital Classifieds Group has snowballed since launch and now operates real estate and general classifieds websites in Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Cambodia and Laos.

## Edward Faber, Country Economist PNG—Asian Development Bank



Edward assumed the role of ADB Country Economist in PNG in early 2018, where he is responsible for ADB's economic outlook and updates on PNG as well as liaising with the PNG Government and development partners on ADB's forward pipeline of transactions. Edward has

worked for ADB for more than eight years, as both consultant and staff, and has a strong understanding of the economies in the region, having worked in more than 20 countries in Asia and the Pacific. Edward started his career in banking in London as a credit analyst with Bank of New York and Socie-

te Generale Group. At ADB, Edward was initially responsible for analysis of financial institutions and economic and country contexts. He then held responsibility for managing a \$2 billion annual trade finance portfolio in ADB's private sector operations team, covering Bangladesh, Pakistan and the Pacific Islands, including PNG.

## Tim Flannery, Professorial Fellow, Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, University of Melbourne



Tim is an Australian mammalogist, palaeontologist, environmentalist and global warming activist. He was the Chief Commissioner of the Climate Commission, a Federal Government body providing information on climate change to the Australian public. In 2013, Flannery announced that he

would join other sacked commissioners to form the independent Climate Council, that would be funded by the community. Tim was named Australian of the Year in 2007 and previously, until mid-2013, was a



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professor at Macquarie University and held the Panasonic Chair in Environmental Sustainability. He is also chairman of the Copenhagen Climate Council, an international climate change awareness group.

#### Kip Hanna, Regional Head Pacific, Westpac



As Westpac Pacific Regional Head, Kip delivers Westpac's International business priorities in Fiji and Papua New Guinea. He oversees the full end-to-end banking operations with strategic oversight, governance and operational management. Kip is a senior banking executive with over 20 years'

experience locally and internationally, including in the UK, China and the Pacific. He has deep banking and financial services knowledge and most recently held the position of Head of Asia Pacific Business Development for ANZ, leading the business across 34 markets including Papua New Guinea and Fiji. Kip has extensive experience running successful end-to-end international transaction businesses in emerging markets. He has led cross-border business transformations covering sales and risk, and is an

ambassador for Westpac and the financial services industry. Sustainable business management is both a priority and a passion for Kip, continuing the positive impact Westpac has in the Fiji and PNG communities.

#### David Hill, Country Director—PNG, Asian Development Bank



Dave is an economist with 28 years of experience in infrastructure planning and implementation. After working for the US Army Corps of Engineers for ten years in Washington DC, Dave moved to Asia in 2000, where he spent the next ten years working on Multilateral Development

Bank financed projects throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, with considerable inputs in Indonesia, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu. In 2010, Dave joined the Asian Development Bank as a transport specialist working in the Central and West Asia Department, focused on reconstruction of Afghanistan's transport network and charged with oversight of a \$1.5 billion portfolio. In April



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# Your speakers

2016, Dave transferred to ADB's PNG Resident Mission where he initially served as the Unit Head for Portfolio Management, whilst also being charged with processing the \$1 billion Sustainable Highlands Highway Investment Program, which was approved by the ADB Board in June 2017. In May 2017, Dave was appointed as Country Director and currently oversees ADB's operations in PNG.

## Clarence Hoot, Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority of PNG



Clarence was appointed Managing Director of the Investment Promotion Authority of Papua New Guinea in 2016, having joined the organisation in 2004. As well as being responsible for investment promotion and facilitation, the IPA

also houses PNG's business registry, and the country's Companies Office, Securities Commission and Intellectual Property Office.

## Pablo Kang, Head—Undersea Cables Task Force, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Pablo heads a DFAT Task Force directed to implement an under-sea telecommunications cable connecting Australia with Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. Prior to this, Pablo was the inaugural Assistant

Secretary of DFAT's Melanesia Branch. The Branch, established in March 2016, manages Australia's relationships with Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Before establishing the Melanesia Branch, Pablo headed the Pacific Bilateral & New Zealand Branch encompassing Australia's relationships with New Zealand, Nauru, the countries of Polynesia and Micronesia. Other positions in Canberra have included Assistant Secretary, International Organisations Branch during Australia's United Nations Security Council election campaign

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### **Crystal Kewe, Director, Crysan Technology**

Crystal is a self-taught IT programming prodigy who co-founded the tech company Crysan with her father at the age of 15. She is appearing at the conference courtesy of the Westpac Outstanding Women Awards.

### **Craig Kirkland, Director for the Pacific Islands, Mastercard**



Craig has been involved in many aspects of payments in Australia and New Zealand since 1995 before starting a consulting practice in 2000, then joining Mastercard in 2011. Prior to that he spent nine years with NSW Police.

Craig's role at Mastercard covers all aspect of payments including B2C, B2B and Government

with financial inclusion being a major focus for Mastercard in the region. More recently he has been working in several markets, including PNG to upgrade the acceptance networks, delivering a robust world class ecosystem which will support the Pacific Islands markets into the digital future.

### **Samson Korawali, Head of Digital and Co-Founder, KK Consultancy**



Samson has 15 years of industry experience working on multiple digital projects locally and internationally across the education, mining, government and corporate sectors. He is currently a Co-Founder of four companies, partner of two

businesses and a consultant to the University in Sydney, all within the Digital and Technology sector.



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# Your speakers

## **Craig Lawrence, Principal, Lytton Advisory**



Craig brings over 28 years' experience in the infrastructure sector, working on government, private sector and development projects, particularly in infrastructure and transport. His expertise includes over

100 separate economic,

financial or commercial appraisals and modelling assignments, and he is highly experienced in supporting governments and businesses to make informed infrastructure investment decisions, including in the telecommunications, civil and electricity subsectors. Craig has advised investment banks and infrastructure managers on strategic, commercial issues. He was recently the Infrastructure Planning, Policy and Finance Adviser on ASI's design of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's PNG Economic and Social Infrastructure Program.

## **David Lennox, Resource Analyst, Fat Prophets**



As Fat Prophets' Resource Analyst, David Lennox covers the spectrum of the commodity offerings and provides a focus on both the Australian and international markets. David's practical experience covers over 40 years of research

activities, covering resource and non-resource investments. David's research experience has covered companies at each end of the market capitalisation metric and projects of all sizes, complexities and commodity types. David is regularly approached by the media to provide views and analysis of global events and their impact on commodities and resource companies. David holds an MBA from the Macquarie University.

## **Mal Lewis, Chairman, Hornibrook NGI**

Mal joined Hornibrook NGI in 1994 as Managing Director until 2002, when Steamships bought the Boulderstone Hornibrook shareholding, and thereafter undertook the additional role as General Manager Industrial for



Steamships. In 2004, together with four close friends, he put together a management buy-out of Hornibrook NGI to become the major shareholder. In 2007, they sold a 20% shareholding to PNG's Nasfund. In 2014, he relin-

quished the MD role to his son Matthew, and slipped back to the role of Chairman of the Group, to concentrate on strategy and marketing. During the last 24 years, Mal has served on many boards in PNG, chairing several of them, including the Metal Trades Association, NCD Building Board, and National Airports Commission.

## **Augustine Sanga Mano, Managing Director and CEO, Mineral Resources Development Company**



Augustine was appointed to head the MRDC in March 2008. MRDC is a state owned entity that manages all royalties and equities for landowners and provincial governments in mining and petroleum projects in PNG. He

currently serves as Director on the board of MRDC, Mineral Resources Star Mountains, Mineral Resources Ok Tedi No. 2, Petroleum Resources Kutubu, Petroleum Resources Moran and Petroleum Resources Gobe and many other subsidiaries of MRDC in Mining and Petroleum Projects in PNG. Augustine also serves as a director on the boards of Hevilift, PNG Air, Bank South Pacific and Ok Tedi Mining Limited and is Chairman of the Pearl South Pacific Resort (Fiji), Star Mountains Plaza and Taumeasina Resort (Samoa).

## **Denis Meone, Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Denis is a passionate young Solomon Islander who is keen to see change and wanting to see his country's economic potential transferred into reality and opportunities for growth.





Dennis believes strong Public Private Relationships are a key factor in realising economic progress for Solomon Islands—hence effective policy dialogue between the government and the private sector. Previously, Dennis worked for the

Solomon Islands Government at the Economic Reform Unit, Ministry of Finance and Treasury from 2006 to 2015 and later at the Australian High Commission in 2015. Dennis holds a Master of Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Economics and Public Management from University of the South Pacific in Fiji.

#### **Moses Mondowa, Executive Chairman & Managing Director, Aiabba Minerals**

Moses Mondowa has more than 20 years' experience in the mining industry include business development (negotiations with international firms, investors and concluded several joint venture agreements). He worked with several exploration firms in various capacity in corporate, government and community affairs, logistics and setting up field camps. He is the founding board member of Rural Airstrip Agency (RAA) in PNG since 2014. RAA is PNG government funded annually for airstrip maintenance and restoration of rural airstrips in PNG. Moses is Executive Chairman and Managing Director of Malaumanda Development Corporation Ltd (MDC-private) has interest in Aiabba Minerals, 100% owned by the indigenous (12 clans) community of the Malaumanda region.

#### **Lew Nielsen, Director, Loloata Island Resort, Lamana Developments**



Lew has worked exclusively for the Lamana Group for more than 20 years. He was involved in the planning of the first project in Port Moresby for Lamana Development. He went on to oversee the regional

and international hotels until he decided to step back a little in 2015. Lew is Director and Secretary of Heritage Park Hotel in Honiara and Loloata Island Resort in Port Moresby.

#### **The Hon. Peter O'Neill MP CMG, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea**



Prime Minister O'Neill is the leader of the People's National Congress and represents the constituency of Ialibu-Pangia. He was sworn in on 4 August 2012 as the ninth Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and was returned for a second

term as Prime Minister after PNG's National Elections of July 2017. Prime Minister O'Neill was a businessman before entering politics. He was first elected to the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea in 2002 and became a minister in the same year. He became the leader of Papua New Guinea's opposition in 2004. He joined the government of Prime Minister Michael Somare in 2007, serving as Treasurer.

#### **Ian Orrell, Head of Sustainability, New Britain Palm Oil Limited**



Ian has 30-years' experience in the palm oil industry and for most of this time has been involved in oil palm research; initially as an agronomist, but later spent 17-years as the CEO of the PNG Oil Palm Research Association.

He was the CEO of the PNG Palm Oil Council, the industry peak body, for 5-years before joining NBPOL in 2015 to take up his current role as Group Head of Sustainability. Ian is a member of several PNG Government and institutional Boards & committees dealing with rural development, infrastructure, climate change, health and environment. He is the Deputy Chair of the Rural Industries Council of PNG. He is also a long-term member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil's Smallholder Working Group and more recently the Peatland Working Group.



# Your speakers

## Jon Pittar, Managing Director, Solar Solutions PNG Ltd



Arriving in PNG in 1988, Jon has 29 years of experience in senior management roles throughout Papua New Guinea. Solar Solutions PNG was established in July 2013. From small beginnings, it has become a respected supplier and solution pro-

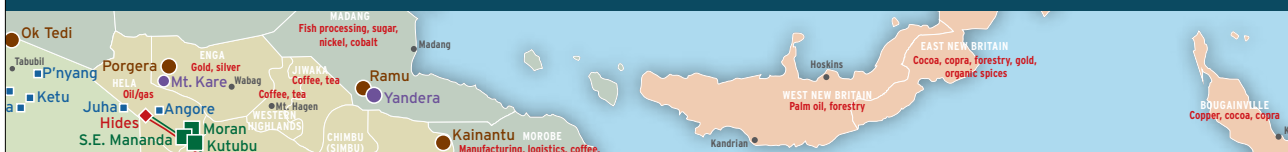
vider for rural electrification using 12 volt solar home systems in PNG. They have supplied and assisted with installations of thousands of solar home lighting kits for schools, village health centres and village homes. Jon is also currently Chairman of Pure Water LTD and Vice President of The Solar Energy Association of Papua New Guinea (SEAPNG). Previously, Jon was with Colgate Palmolive PNG for 15 years, the last 8 as General Manager, and with SP Brewery for 5 years as Regional Operations Manager for the Islands, Highlands and Momase regions.

## Paul Sayer, Chief Executive Officer, Nambawan Super



Paul Sayer was appointed Chief Executive Officer in July 2017 and is responsible for leading the K6 Billion Fund. A proven leader with over 25 years' experience in Superannuation and Insurance, Paul has a wealth of experience

from a range of senior positions in the industry, including CEO of TWUSUPER and Chief Operating Officer of REST Industry Super. Paul holds a Bachelor of Business and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Technology, Sydney, and a graduate Diploma of Organisational Leadership from the University of Melbourne. Paul is a Certified Practicing Accountant and a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance.



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**Paul Statham, Regional Director, Digicel Pacific**



Paul is an experienced executive with over 25 years of sales and leadership experience in the Information and Communication Technology industry. Paul has worked in Western Europe, Australasia and Africa across different areas including

Payments, IT Managed Services, Data Centres, Cloud, Wholesale and Retail Telecommunications businesses, both for Blue Chip and Start Up organisations.

**Sakias Tameo, Acting High Commissioner, Papua New Guinea High Commission**

Sakias took up his posting assignment at the PNG High Commission in Canberra as Minister and Deputy High Commissioner in June 2015. Since the departure of the former High Commissioner, Sir Charles Lepani in late Feb-



ruary 2017, Tameo has been the Acting High Commissioner. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in March 1993. He was posted to the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations in New York as Second

Secretary and later got promoted to First Secretary.

**Zanie Theron, Managing Partner, KPMG PNG**



Zanie has been living and working in PNG since 2006. She has spent the past 20 years in the accounting profession after leaving a successful career as a lieutenant commander in the South African Navy. She is a chartered



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accountant in Australia and South Africa and a CPA in PNG and Solomon Islands, Zanie is also a qualified barrister admitted to the Supreme Court in South Africa. Zanie is passionate about the growth in PNG and also the development of high-quality local accountants. As committee member of the CPA PNG education sub-committee she is also a regular speaker at the national CPA conference.

## **John Vivian, Papua New Guinea Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation**



John joined the IFC, part of the World Bank Group, eight years ago and has been leading Financial Markets work in the Pacific and Timor Leste. He has spent the past 20 years in working in Asia and the Pacific with a strong focus on

Papua New Guinea, supporting a wide range private sector initiatives. Prior to joining IFC, John was the co-owner and director of First Commercial Limited, a boutique consulting and merchant banking company focused on Australasia and the Pacific, he held Senior Management roles at Citibank and Andersen Consulting in AustralAsia.

## **Dr Thomas Webster, Professorial Research Fellow, National Research Institute**



Thomas is currently Professorial Research Fellow under the Governance Research Program and Team Leader of the Bougainville Referendum Research Project at the PNG NRI. Prior to that, he served as Director of the PNG NRI for nearly

eleven years, retiring in 2015. As Director, shifted the focus of the PNG NRI core research work to analysing PNG development issues and public policy options. Some of the key policy reforms that the PNG NRI contributed to thinking and discussions during his tenure as director were in the area of electoral reforms, competition policy, sub-national governance

arrangements, land development policies particularly reforms targeted at development of customary-owned land.

## **David Wereh, Secretary, Department of Works & Implementation**



David Wereh is Secretary at the Department of Works & Implementation, the government agency responsible for road building and maintenance. he was appointed to the position in 2013. He holds a Masters in Civil Engineering and is a registered member of the

Institute of Engineers PNG, & Australian Chartered Procurement Institution.



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