

PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Friday, February 26, 2010

7:00pm-8:00pm

Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address

Hon. James Marape, Minister of Education, Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Location: Elliot Program Center

8:00pm-9:00pm

Photo Exhibit and Networking Mixer

Location: Elliot Program Center

Saturday, February 27, 2010

10:00am-11:30am

Panel 1 – Building a State: Governance, Civil Society, and the Rule of Law

Location: Building 320 Room 105 (“Geo Corner” in Main Quad)

Panelists:

- Amb. Robert Aisi, Permanent Representative of PNG to the United Nations
- Dr. Francis Fukuyama, Director, International Development Program, School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University
- Mr. James Laki, Executive Director, Peace Foundation Melanesia

12:00pm-1:00pm

Luncheon: Meet the Panelists

Location: Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden (in front of Roble Dorm)

1:30pm-3:00pm

Panel 2 – Challenges in Public Health: Infectious Disease and Community Solutions

Location: Building 320 Room 105 (“Geo Corner” in Main Quad)

Panelists:

- Dr. Rachel Hinton, former Senior Scientific Officer, PNG Institute of Medical Research
- Dr. Fabian Ndenzako, HIV/AIDS Program Director for the Western Pacific Region, The World Health Organization
- Dr. Kerry Pataki-Schweizer, Professor of Medical Anthropology, Portland Community College
- Dr. Bob Siegel, Professor of Human Biology, Stanford University

3:15pm-4:45pm

Panel 3 – Toward Environmentally Sustainable Development: Conservation, Corruption

Location: Building 320 Room 105 (“Geo Corner” in Main Quad)

Panelists:

- Dr. Jerry Jacka, Professor of Environmental Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio
 - Anne Kajir, CEO, Environmental Law Center
 - Dr. Stuart Kirsch, Professor of Environmental Anthropology, University of Michigan
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5:00pm-6:00pm
Policy Workshops

“Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS at the Village Level”

Facilitator: Maryanne Tokome-Amu, Founder, Wapenamanda Centre for Primary Health Care
Location: Bldg. 20-22K (HumBio)

HIV/AIDS has crippled the health and stymied the health services of the people of Wapenamanda, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea. Ms. Tokome-Amu, RN, returned to her province after getting an MS in Primary Health Care Management from the School of Medicine, Flinders University of South Australia, to found a health care center and a community health worker corps of women to provide treatment and educate about HIV/AIDS in her community. Her workshop will discuss her efforts and the challenges to mainstreaming HIV/AIDS in rural villages, particularly the formation of eight “mama groups” of women to reach out to local women, girls, and men to educate them about the dangers of HIV. The “mamas” also support women who are pregnant by bringing them to the center for testing so that care and treatment is given before the baby is born.

“The PNG Restorative Justice Process: Integrating Cultural Tradition in a Western Legal System”

Facilitator: Donna Decker Morris, J. D., Director, Legal Studies Program & Center for Dispute Resolution, University of New Haven
Location: Bldg. 320-221 (GeoCorner)

Applying restorative justice processes, Papua New Guinea (PNG) has taken an innovative approach to address access to justice and law and order problems and to integrate cultural traditions with a national judicial system. In one of the world’s most diverse countries, PNG established the Village Courts to promote community harmony and to preserve cultural traditions in the midst of development within a western legal system. To the extent local customs do not conflict with human rights, Village Courts apply those customs through mediation and arbitration to resolve minor criminal and civil disputes, with over 1,100 Village Courts functioning by 2008. This workshop explores how well PNG’s experiment with Village Courts is working and suggests for discussion ways in which the current model could be improved to better serve the people of Papua New Guinea and to serve as a model for use in other countries.

“The 10 Realities of Development”

Facilitator: Dr. Kerry Pataki-Schweizer, Professor of Medical Anthropology, Portland Community College
Location: Bldg. 320-220 (GeoCorner)

Development is inherently many-faceted. It includes cultural, demographic, economic, health, ideological, political and technological faces. All of these have their genesis in human behavior in its fullest range. This indicates something significant: all, and therefore development, are

inextricably linked to culture in its formal, i.e. anthropological sense. Such a statement is neither banal nor esoteric; it simply means that the datum upon which development proceeds refracts human behavior including values and beliefs, a spectrum well beyond the parameters of any project. I was for many years at the University of Papua New Guinea. as teacher, administrator, researcher and consultant. This includes fieldwork in New Guinea, Southeast Asia and several years as a WHO consultant for the Western Pacific Region. Over that time, I engaged and observed the realities of “development” or, introduced multidimensional sectoral change impacting every individual, collective, environmental, institutional and political domain of that sector at whatever scale. I thought to give some principles about development realized that they were not “principles”, but realities I had witnessed. They are given here as a monitoring statement, a reality-check, and a guide for efforts that are not condemned to a circular existence through their own institutional structure, mnemonics and stasis. Since they derive from personal experience and differ considerably from the orthodoxies of development, they warrant discussion in this workshop and conference.

Sunday, February 28, 2010

11:00am-12:30pm

Panel 4 – Education as Empowerment: Creating Infrastructure for Universal Access & Achievement,

Location: Building 320 Room 105 (“Geo Corner” in Main Quad)

Panelists:

- Hon. James Marape, Minister of Education, PNG
- Ms. Evelyn Pusal, teacher & candidate for M.A. in Education Technology, University of Hawaii
- Mr. Teng Waninga, Director, Department of Curriculum and Training, Goroka University, PNG

1:00pm-3:00pm

Luncheon & Closing Conversation with Ambassador Robert Aisi

Location: Bechtel International Center