

PNG IMPACT

RESEARCH · INNOVATION · SOCIETY

Port Moresby | 12-13 December 2017

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Research and education across all disciplines are essential to realizing global and national commitments to sustainable development. Knowledge, design and innovation are as important to governance, peace, safety, health and environmental integrity as they are to economic growth and poverty alleviation. As ICT, energy and bio- technologies transform the ways in which people interact, move and work, worldwide, new opportunities are emerging, both to utilize and to protect, PNG's unique human and natural endowments.

Capitalizing on these opportunities will require more thought than simply doing more research. At **PNG IMPACT**, speakers and delegates will consider how research can be designed, coordinated and communicated to deliver more societal benefit. Recognizing that no one approach is relevant across all disciplines and issues, case studies will be presented from a diversity of perspectives, with ample time dedicated to dialogue and networking.

PNG IMPACT will:

- Showcase a cross-selection of active research projects, across the sciences, social sciences and humanities, delivering significant societal benefit for PNG.
- Promote dialogue over how research and research policy can best support aspirations for a safe, inclusive and sustainable society.
- Provide a platform for network-building among researchers, research institutions and research stakeholders active in PNG.

PROGRAM

Day 1. Research Showcase - brings all delegates together in a single plenary format for a mixture of:

- Keynote presentations showcasing best-practice examples of research providing significant societal impact in PNG.
- Panel discussions addressing governance, policy and institutional frameworks for high impact research and innovation.

Day 2. Research Innovation Lab - provides an interactive and participatory opportunity for researchers active or interested in PNG to share their work, network with colleagues, and explore new collaborations. The program for the day will include a mix of research presentations, facilitated dialogue and open networking.

A call for papers and detailed program information including speakers will be released as details are confirmed.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Day 1 of PNG IMPACT, the Research Showcase, is open to anyone with an interest in the role of research in societal transformation. This includes, but is not limited to: policy-makers, donors, philanthropic organisations, business, research leaders, researchers, students, civil society representatives and community members.

Day 2 of PNG IMPACT, the Research Innovation Lab, is open to anyone either active, or aspiring to be active, in the PNG research and innovation sector. Participants will include researchers, research stakeholders and research students.



Photo by Drew Douglas | flic.kr/p/5phiue

CONVENORS

Dr Anna Joskin
Acting Dean of Research, University of Papua New Guinea
e: ajoskin@upng.ac.pg

Distinguished Professor Stewart Lockie
Director, The Cairns Institute, James Cook University
e: stewart.lockie@jcu.edu.au

More information will be posted on the project website <https://www.jcu.edu.au/learning-and-teaching/directorate-of-learning-teaching-and-student-engagement/twinning-project>

FURTHER DETAILS

For further enquiries or to register your interest in receiving full conference details, please contact:
Ms Vyvyan Wong – UPNG/JCU Twinning Project Officer | t: (61) 7 4232 1340 |
e: vyvyan.wong@jcu.edu.au



THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA



UPNG/JCU Twinning Project
Collaborating to advance life in the tropics