



Papua New Guinea – European Union Business Conference

"Strengthening trade and investment ties between the EU and PNG"

19-20 June 2019

Stanley Hotel, Port Moresby

The conference will last one day. It will consist of an opening session and a closing session, three round-table discussion panels and a business matchmaking session with market analysis for specific economic sectors identified as potential priorities for trade and investment. The conference will be highly interactive. Formal presentations will offer the necessary information to trigger discussions in the round tables and personal interaction during the afternoon session. A moderator will guide each session and facilitate the discussion. After the conference a report/outcome document will be produced.

The conference would be preceded and concluded by a social networking activity, e.g. a cocktail reception.

Tentative Programme

Day 1 – 19 June		
18.00 – 20.00	Welcome cocktail at Lamana Hotel	
Day 2 – 20 June		
8.00 – 8.30	Registration (coffee, tea & refreshments)	Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) of Papua New Guinea
Opening Session		
8.30 – 9.00	Welcome by the European Union Delegation to Papua New Guinea	H.E. Ioannis Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos, EU Ambassador to PNG
	Speech from IPA	Mr. Leon Buskens, Chairman of IPA



	Speech from PNG-EU Business Council	Mr. Michael Sullivan, President of the PNG-EU Business Council
9.00 – 9.30	Keynote Speaker – State of PNG Economy and its Attractiveness to European Trade and Investment	Hon. Charles Abel, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer
Session 1: Panel discussion – PNG – EU trade and investment: Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) benefits and perspectives. Presenter: Mr. Moustapha Magumu, European Commission (DG TRADE) Moderator: PNG National Trade Office		
9.30 – 10.30	The EPA benefits and perspectives	Mr. Moustapha Magumu, European Commission (DG TRADE)
	Success story	Coffee industry (tbc)
	Success story	Belgian Chocolate (tbc)
	Success story	Mr. Sylvester Barth Pokajam President/Chairman Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Inc.
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break	
Session 2: Panel discussion – Doing business in PNG: challenges and opportunities. Presenter: Mr. Patrick Cooke, Regional Manager for Asia and Pacific, Oxford Business Group Moderator: Mr. Clarence Hoot, IPA MD		
11.00 – 12.00	Opportunities and Challenges in Trade and Investment in PNG	Mr. Patrick Cooke, Regional Manager for Asia and Pacific, Oxford Business Group
	Stabilising FOREX and attracting investments	Governor Loi Bakani, Bank of PNG (tbc)
	Contracting with foreign parties and cross- border dispute resolution	Sir Ambeng Kandakasi, Deputy Chief for Justice
	Success Story – EU Investment Expansion in PNG	Mr. Jean-Marc Noiray, Managing Director Total E&P PNG Limited



Session 3: Panel discussion – Is the EU a feasible option for PNG companies? Presenter: H.E. Ioannis Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos, EU Ambassador to PNG Moderator: PNG-EU Business Council		
12.00 – 13.00	EU perspective	H.E. Ioannis Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos, EU Ambassador to PNG
	PNG perspective	H.E. Joshua Kalinoe, PNG Ambassador to the EU
	PNG business perspective	Mr. Robert Nilkare, President of Business Council PNG and Country Manager for New Britain Palm Oil Limited (Group)
	EU business perspective	Mr. Stan Joyce, General Manager, South Pacific Brewery
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
Session 4: Break-out sessions on Trade and Investment Opportunities in specific economic sectors Facilitated by the Investment Promotion Authority and the PNG-EU Business Council		
14.00 – 15.00	First session of presentations	Agriculture
		Energy
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 16.30	Second session of presentations	Services
		Infrastructure
Closing session		
16.30 – 17.00	Closing remarks	Mr. Clarence Hoot, IPA MD H.E. Ioannis Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos, EU Ambassador to PNG Hon. Rimbink Pato, Minister for Foreign Affairs (tbc)
17.00 – 19.00	Networking cocktail reception	