



2021 Papua New Guinea-Australia Alumni Conference

Leadership and Innovation in Papua New Guinea's New Normal

Conference session theme four: Agriculture and food security in the new normal

Agriculture and fisheries together contribute to over 50% of the country's revenue. In PNG 80% of the population engaged in the informal sector are farmers or fisherman coming to the markets to sell fresh produce and catch. The produce is transported to main towns and cities like Port Moresby with greater population participating in the formal economy who can afford to buy food. While there was a shortage in supply due to transportation and market restrictions in a country like PNG, with large land masses and oceans, the potential for agriculture to maintain food security within PNG can be maintained.

Through the conference, alumni can strategically contribute to how PNG can maintain the potential of the agriculture sector and maintain food security locally in the new normal. Alumni can contribute to areas that can be invested in to improve the potential of food storage and supply in PNG under the new normal engaging innovative solutions.

Presentations under this theme must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be from alumni within the agriculture or fisheries sector actively contributing or engaged in the sector as a local farmer or technical expert within the sector.
2. Share firsthand experiences of alumni adjusting to the new normal within the agriculture sector particularly as farmers or in specialist key positions within the agriculture sector driving agribusiness advancement in the new normal.
3. Share adaptative and innovative strategies taken to ensure agribusiness continued in the new normal.
4. Highlight how technology was utilised for agriculture in the new normal.
5. Propose specific food security solutions in the new normal based on global evidence, domestic agriculture capacity and experiences of alumni.

Abstracts submitted should have a maximum of 350 words. Presentations need to cover research papers, shared ideas and experiences that may contribute to a dialogue on the theme. Presentations will be limited to either 15 minutes or 5 minutes (based on presentation type) and five PowerPoint slides and all presenters must produce a pre-recorded session as a back-up should there be an interruption in live streaming the presentations. Select presentations will be made available on all PNGAAA social media platforms.

A rigorous selection of participants will be made by the conference panel according to the proposed presentation's contribution to the highlighted sectors. Selected presentations will be made available on all social media platforms of PNGAAA.

Thematic presentations may be delivered in the following ways:

1. Live and/or prerecorded presentations (15 minutes)
2. Lightning presentations (5-minute talk)
3. Posters presentations (digital poster sessions)
4. Digital video presentations
5. Display presentations

The online conference program will include:

1. Presentations (key address and break out session presentations)
2. Interactive displays (digital posters with electronic tags, videos and displays) that can be accessed through all PNGAAA social media platforms.

Participants will be able to e-vote the best presentations and provide feedback on selections.