



2021 Papua New Guinea-Australia Alumni Conference

Leadership and Innovation in Papua New Guinea's New Normal

Conference session theme one: Public health in the new normal

This session is important as health is the primary sector being affected during a pandemic. Given the existing health burden, and very limited health resources we have in country, what can be done to address the existing health needs of our country and how can it be done with the additional burden of COVID-19?

Through the conference, alumni can contribute to the question of how and where our limited resources - and those donated by other countries - should be invested for maximum health benefits for our people under the pandemic situation. Alumni can also propose strategies to improve the health sectorial responses to maintain prevention in the new normal in PNG and provide some innovative health service solutions in the new normal.

Presentations under this theme must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be from alumni within the health sector contributing to frontline health sector response to COVID-19 in the country.
2. Share firsthand experiences of alumni in the frontline health sector response to COVID-19 in the country.
3. Share adaptative and innovative strategies taken to ensure health care service delivery continued in the new normal.
4. Highlight how technology was utilised for health care services in the new normal.
5. Propose specific domestic innovative health service solutions in the new normal based on global evidence and local 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. Selected 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.