



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA
AUSTRALIA ALUMNI
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2021 Papua New Guinea-Australia Alumni Conference

Leadership and Innovation in Papua New Guinea's New Normal

Conference sessions theme two: Education and training in the new normal

The education sector was largely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as schools were asked to close and undertake online learning where possible. In PNG, online learning in virtual spaces is quite new and likened to a novel concept similar to COVID-19, especially in public schools which have very limited resources to provide all students with tools required for online learning. Given these challenges that exist in the education sector, how can we continue to maintain education services and provide learning opportunities under the new normal?

Through the conference, alumni can propose strategic contributions: to what it would take to transition modes of learning into non-contact learning; what an ideal hybrid model of learning would be in PNG for public and private sector schools, and what innovative solutions can be provided to some of the anticipated online learning challenges. Alumni can also provide some innovative education service solutions in the new normal at the various levels of education.

Presentations under this theme must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be from alumni within the education sector actively contributing to primary, secondary, Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET), higher education or Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) spaces.
2. Share firsthand experiences of alumni adjusting to the new normal within the education sector at primary, secondary, TVET, higher education or STEM spaces.
3. Share adaptive and innovative strategies taken to ensure learning continued in the new normal at primary, secondary, TVET or the higher education levels including STEM.
4. Highlight how technology was utilised for learning in the new normal.
5. Propose specific domestic innovative education 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 or 5 minutes (based on presentation type) and five PowerPoint slides respectively. All presenters must produce a pre-recorded session as a back-up should there be an interruption in live streaming the presentations.

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 paper presentations (full paper - 15 minutes)
2. Lightning paper 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 media platforms of the PNGAAA.

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