

# Innovative and disruptive technology in PNG agriculture

Pacific Connect Business Network Dialogue • 1-3 April 2019, Port Moresby

***Pacific Connect* is calling for expressions of interest from accomplished, motivated and forward-thinking individuals to join its Business Network Dialogue in Port Moresby on 1-3 April to discuss emerging opportunities for PNG in digital agriculture. Deadline for submissions - 15 March 2019.**

## What is 'Pacific Connect'?

*Pacific Connect* was launched by the Prime Minister of Australia in September 2017 to forge strong and enduring strategic relationships between Pacific and Australian leaders across the public, private and community sectors. *Pacific Connect* is delivered by the International Centre for Democratic Partnerships (ICDP) and sponsored by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

## What is the 'Network Dialogue'?

The Pacific is undergoing an unprecedented technological transformation, making it an ideal time to discuss and plan our region's digital future.

Since the official announcement of *Pacific Connect* at the 48<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Forum in 2017, ICDP has been working with regional partners and local leaders to create a series of Network Dialogues. In 2018, it held the inaugural Business Dialogue in Port Moresby (March); the Academic Dialogue in Suva, co-hosted by the University of the South Pacific (June); the Creative Arts Dialogue in Apia (July); and the Education Dialogue in Honiara (November). On 6 September 2018, 80 Network members attended the inaugural *Pacific Connect* Forum at NSW Parliament House in Sydney. The year 2019 opened with the *Pacific Women in Business and Digital Delivery* Dialogue in Brisbane, and planning for future regional Dialogues for Vanuatu and Tonga is underway.

## What are we aiming for?

The *Pacific Connect* Business Network Dialogue in Port Moresby on 1-3 April will bring together emerging leaders from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Australia to discuss how improved digital connectivity and disruptive technology can generate new commercial opportunities in agriculture, help create an economy in a rural village, or build sustainability through traditional industries such as coffee, cocoa and cassava.

Through facilitated, outcome-focused roundtable discussions, participants will identify and select one or two practical projects to take forward and develop them through a series of subsequent meetings and long-term collaboration.

Ideas for potential projects include:

- ▶ A standardised collaboration platform for agricultural data management
- ▶ Using Internet of Things (IoT) technology to help farmers to sustainably improve yields and reduce risks
- ▶ Digital technology through the supply chain and developing mobile apps to enable efficiencies in farming

The Dialogue will be co-facilitated by **Andrew Carriline**, Non-Executive Director, Kina Bank, and Chair of the *Pacific Connect* Business Network Council, and **John Pora**, Director, NIUGENE PNG Limited.

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## Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people with leadership skills, a positive, 'big picture' outlook, and a record of achievement in their chosen field.

Our participants will be courageous and passionate free thinkers willing to share their own networks and ideas to build a better tomorrow for all. A keen interest in digital technology is necessary, but technical skills are not.

## How will you benefit?

*Pacific Connect* offers exciting opportunities for outstanding people in Australia and the Pacific to forge new relationships through continued engagement on common challenges.

Through a "Second Track" process which encourages fresh thinking and the development of concrete solutions, participants will be able to test their ideas, broaden their knowledge and widen their networks for future interaction.

Opportunities include:

- ▶ Mentoring and internships with Australian and Pacific organisations
- ▶ An invitation to participate in future regional *Pacific Connect* Dialogues and major international forums, including the Annual Pacific Connect Forum at NSW Parliament House in Sydney
- ▶ Unique networking opportunities with regional leaders
- ▶ New commercial partnerships

## PROGRAMME

**Monday, 1 April 2019**

**Dakota Ballroom, Airways Hotel**

2:30pm	Registration. Tea & coffee
2:45pm	INTRODUCTIONS
4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4:15pm	BRAINSTORMING
5:30pm	Extra-curricular & free time
6:30pm	NETWORKING DINNER
9:00pm	Close

**Tuesday, 2 April 2019**

**Dakota Ballroom, Airways Hotel**

8:45am	Networking, Tea & coffee
9:00am	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLANNING SESSION
10:30am	Morning tea
10:45am	INFORMATION SESSION
11:15am	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLANING SESSION
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	PROJECT INITIATION
2:45pm	OUTCOMES & NEXT STEPS
3:00pm	Close & free time

## How can you get involved?

Please forward your CV and a brief overview of your relevant achievements to [pacific\\_dialogue@icdp.com.au](mailto:pacific_dialogue@icdp.com.au)

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Deadline 15 March 2019