

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM - CIMC

CROWNE PLAZA

20th-22nd JUNE

PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- NEW GUINEA ISLANDS REGION
- DATE: 5th-6th April
- HOST: CIMC/NATIONAL PLANNING
- VENUE: HOTEL GENESIS
- **THEME:** “Quality Leadership and
Community Oversight for Improved
Governance”

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- BACKGROUND INFORMATION
- ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION
- FEEDBACKS FROM PARTICIPANTS
- EVALUATION
- ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- **Purpose of Forum**

- The main reason for selecting such a theme is to provoke discussions, understanding and create awareness on good leadership, effective systems and processes for improved service delivery, at the same time emphasising that everyone in the communities has a role to play in ensuring quality leadership in the service delivery system. The expected outcome is that participants are aware of the various views/concepts/knowledge expressed through the forums which would then assist them to make informed choices in the 2017 elections.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

- Forum was opened by WNB Provincial Administrator and key note by Deputy Secretary of the Department of National Planning and Monitoring
- Attendance: Based on head count, 150 participants; 45% female.
- Composition: 60% Govt (dominated by host Province
 - 15% Businesses
 - 25% CSOs and wider community
 - None from donor sectors

Participating provinces: East and West New Britain, Manus, New Ireland , excluding ARoB. WNB was chosen to host the forum this year.

Feedbacks from Participants

- Evaluation-

- About 34 completed forms were received. 24 people found the information provided through the forums very useful and the speakers were excellent . However, the rest rated it as poor or good due to some explaining coming late while others found the sessions lengthy and information overload.
- In terms of most important priorities to government, about 20 per cent highlighted transparency, accountability and visionary leadership as critical to all, while 15 per cent wanted health, education, agriculture, inclusiveness and bottom up planning as priorities. Others considered more dialogue and forums including promoting the EITI important for the government to consider.

Evaluation

- In terms of future suggestions for improvement, almost all suggested for CIMC to consider bringing the forums further to the districts and LLGs, extend the days more even to a week, and only invite heads of organisations so that discussions are constructive and manageable.

ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Issue 1: Weak/ineffective systems and processes (Westminster system is not working well for PNG)**
 - ***Laws in the National Constitution must be revised and amended to suit the 85-90% rural population who owns the resources***
- **Issue 2: Disjointed planning and budgeting at all levels, lack of meaningful civic participation (there is no coherent planning and budgeting system based on SDG goals – leaving no one behind)**
 - ***For the Civil Societies to have a desk, in their respective Provincial Assemblies and that the recommendation be put through as a Bill to the National Parliament***

ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Issue 3: Lack of sustainable strategies to ensure effective implementation of EITI in the country, as well as no proper system in place to manage land and other natural resources**
 - *For PNGEITI to be formally set up in all Provinces, where potential extraction of natural resources is viable*
- **Issue 4: Due to increase in population and other government induced factors like the TFF and free health care policies, current education and health service delivery is not adequately meeting the local needs.**
 - *Abolish unproductive policies that has been proven not effective within the timeframe of 5 years.*
 - *Total overhaul of Provincial Public service machinery in a given timeframe of every 2.5 years.*
 - *The level of service in rural health centres/aid posts must be raised to meet the demand of that kind of need expected. E.g. Providing drip at all Aid posts.*