

Sorcery and Witchcraft Accusations: Developing a National Response to Overcome the Violence

Draft Program (3-5 December 2013)

This workshop will bring together academics, policy makers, human rights activists, donors, legal practitioners, members of church organisations and non-governmental to engage in constructive dialogue aimed at developing a national response to the issue of sorcery and witchcraft accusation related violence.

Unless otherwise specified, all presentations will be 20 minutes long with 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Papers will be presented first and followed by half an hour of general discussion at the end of each session.

Tuesday 3 December - Opening Session - Witchcraft and Sorcery-Related Violence – The PNG Context

- 8.00-9.00** Registration (tea and coffee)
- 9.00-9.15** Opening of conference, National Anthem and Opening Prayer: **Wallis Yakam, Executive Officer, CIMC, Mistress of Ceremony/Chair**
Welcome by Host: **Dr. Gairo Onagi – Vice Chancellor, University of Goroka**
Official Welcome and Introductory Statement - **Hon. Julie Akeke Soso, Governor, Eastern Highlands Province** ;Acknowledgement of White Ribbon Day
- 9.15-9.30** **Dr Kalinoe, Chairman, Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC)** - Situating the workshop –Outline of the workshop/summit format and desired outcomes
- 9.30-9.50** Keynote Address (outlining the government response to the issue) -**Hon. Prime Minister – Hon Peter O’Neill MP/ Minister for Police**
- 9.50-10.00** Comment/Endorsement – Minister for Religion, Youth &Community Development – **Hon Loujaya Kouza MP**
- 10.00 – 10.10** Response by Stuart Schaefer, Minister, Development Cooperation (Australian Aid)
- 10.10-10.20** **Richard Eves and Miranda Forsyth** – Summary of Findings from the June Workshop
- 10.20 – 10.30** Questions and answers
- 10.30-11.00** Morning tea
- 11.00-1.00** **Session 1 - Mapping the Cultural Landscape**
Richard Eves –Overview Presentation
Nicole Haley – The changing Nature of Witch Trials
Rev Jack Urame (Director, Melanesian Institute) –Spread of Sorcery Killing and Social Implications
Sr. Regina Arre – A Personal Account
- 1.00-1.45** Lunch

1.45-3.15 Session 2 – Mapping the Legal LandscapePart 1

Dr Eric Kwa, Secretary of the Constitutional and Law Reform Commission – TBA

Miranda Forsyth- Witchcraft and Sorcery Related Killings in Melanesia: The Legal Issues (A comparative perspective)

Josephine Advent, Principal Legal Officer, DJAG- TBA

3.15-3.45

Afternoon tea

3.45-5.15 Session 3 – Mapping the Legal LandscapePart 2

Ravunama Auka (Deputy Public Prosecutor) –Sorcery and Witchcraft-Related Killings in Papua New Guinea:The Criminal Justice System Response.

Fraser Pitpit (Public Solicitor) – TBA

Peni Keris (Village Courts Secretariat) - TBA

Nerrie Eliakim, Chief Magistrate (Magisterial Services) - TBA

Wednesday 4 December - Real People Doing Real Things

8.00-9.00 Registration (tea and coffee)

9.00-9.30 Welcome – Day 1 Recap by MC

9.30-10.00 Keynote Address –*Hon Kerenga Kua, MP*– Minister for Justice and Attorney General
Comment/Endorsement – *Skola Kakas* – National Council of Women

10.00-10.30 General Discussion

10.30-11.00 Morning tea

11.00-1.00 Session 4 – Local Interventions

Fr Philip Gibbs – Practical Church Interventions on the Sorcery and Witchcraft Violence Spectrum in the PNG Highlands.

Monica Paulus and Mary Kini– Human Rights Defenders Network

Clara Bal (Community Advocate) – Gor Community Case study.

Josephine Siviri– Sorcery Violence in Bougainville

1.00-1.45 Lunch

1.45-3.15 Session 5– Government Response

How are law and justice agencies and health agencies dealing with the victims and survivors of sorcery and witchcraft-related violence

Tom Kulunga(Commissioner for Police)

David Kila (RPNGC FSVAC Coordinator) – Repatriation Experiences

Dr Jan Jaworski (Senior Surgeon – Sir Joseph Nombri Memorial Hospital [formerly Kundiawa Hospital])

Siwi Muruke, Asaro Village Court Magistrate

3.15-3.45

Afternoon tea

- 3.45-5.15 Session 6—Overcoming Violence in Communities**
Sr Regina Wamp – Community Conversations
Melchior Anton (CIMC/FSVAC) – Working with Male Champions
Mekeo Chiefs – Advocating for Change
John Kale, Provincial Police Commander for EHP Superintendent - TBA
John Ericho (Family Voice): Community Perspectives on Sorcery and Violence
 Related to it: Presentation of recent survey evidence

Thursday 5 December— Developing a National Response

- 8.00-9.00** Registration (tea and coffee)
- 9.00-9.30** Welcome – Day 1&2 Recap by MC
- 9.30-10.00** Keynote Address –*Bire Kimesopa MP (MP for Goroka Open)* – The PNG Gun Summit Experience
 Comment/Endorsement – *Ume Wainetti*(Coordinator FSVAC)
- 10.00-10.30** General Discussion
- 10.30-11.00** Morning tea
- 11.00-12.30 Session 7 – Break-Out Session**
 Participants to work in thematic groups each led by an academic facilitator, action analyst and a local facilitator.
Local Interventions – (to include invited participants from NGOs/CSO/Churches); Facilitators – Nicole Haley, Richard Eves & Dame Carol Kidu
Legal Framework/Issues –(to include invited participants from L & J; Public Prosecutor; Human Rights Defenders);Facilitators – Miranda Forsyth, Elizabeth Morgan &Eric Kwa
Prevention, Service Provision & Support for Victims and Survivors –(to include invited participants from Health, village courts; L & J; NGOs & Churches) Facilitators – Susan Ferguson, Rebecca Lineham (UN Women) and Susan Setae.
Discussion Forum and Ideas Exchange - Facilitators – John Ericho (Family Voice), Fraser Macdonald (University of Goroka) &Jack Urame, Melanesian Institute
- 12.20-1.15** Lunch
- 1.15-2.45 Session 8– Break-Out Session**
 Participants to work in thematic groups each led by a facilitator/action analyst.
- 2.45-3.15** Afternoon tea
- 3.15-5.15 Session 9 – Drafting an Outcomes Statement and Action Plan**
- 5.15** Official Conference Closing (Thank you and Next Steps) and Prayer – *Dr Lawrence Kalinoe*

Additional/ Fill-in Speakers and Possible Evening Activities

- James Tanis (former President, ABG)

- Documentary film by Aaron Fernandes on sorcery and witchcraft related killings (if complete in time)
- Centre for Media and Communication Studies at UoG have advised they also have some relevant documentaries they could screen