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## Confronting the challenges of WASH PNG

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**Location** Lamana Hotel, 'Venetian' Conference Room

**Date** 5 March 2015

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8.30am Registration

8.45am **Welcome**

Chair: Lady Winifred Kamit, INA Council

**Speakers:**

Hon Charles Abel, Minister for National Planning & Rural Development

9.15am **Session: Why access to safe water and sanitation matters**

Chair: Bob Warner, Crawford School, ANU

**Water and sanitation challenges and responses in the Pacific**

Marc Wilson, SOPAC/Secretariat of the Pacific Community (to afternoon as deferred flight)

**WaSH and PNG's development goals**

Joe Kapa, Deputy Secretary DPNM

**The importance of WaSH to improving health outcomes in PNG**

Dr Sibauk Bieb, Department of Health

10.15am **Morning tea**

10.45am **Improving WaSH in PNG – lessons from past experience**

Chair: Wallis Yakam, Executive Officer, CIMC

**Rural water and sanitation**

Adrien Mourges /Imelda Kavuu, PNG Delegation of the European Union

Ed Vrkic (Counsellor Operations), Australian High Commission

Elizabeth Kup, ADB

**Urban and peri-urban water and sanitation**

Raka Taviri CEO, Water PNG

**WaSH and community programs**

Rick Steele, Director of International Programs, WaterAid Australia

12.00 **PNG's new WaSH policy – an overview**

Maria Wau, FAS, DNPM (tbc)

12.45pm **Lunch**

1.45pm **Session: Implementation – achieving PNG’s WaSH objectives (1)**

Chair: Dr Thomas Webster, Director, NRI

**Making the NWSHA work**

Clara Momoi, DNPM

**WaSH – the role of District Development Authorities and LLGs**

Munare Uyassi, Secretary, Department of Provincial and Local level Government  
(tbc)

**WaSH and public finance – expanding and sustaining access**

**Engaging non-government partners**

Dr Curt von Boguslawski, World Vision

Steven Layton, AT Projects

Ernest Lohberger, Lohberger Engineering/Port Moresby Rotary

John Nokue, Oxfam International

Sinedou Luguna, ADRA

3pm **Afternoon tea**

3.30pm **Session: Open discussion – what is required to make the policy a success**

Chair: Dr Eric Kwa, Constitutional and Law Reform Committee

5pm **Summary of findings and conclusions**

Chair: Paul Barker/Bob Warner

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