



**2025 PRAIVET GAVAMANI KONEKT - 1**

**2025 Outlook**

**10am – 3pm, Tuesday 04th February, 2025, Hilton Hotel**

**THEME: “SECURE MARKETS LEAD TO PRODUCTIVE MARKETS”**

To kick off Business Council PNG’s **2025 Praivet Gavamani Konekt** series, The Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council in collaboration with The Business Council PNG, are delighted to host the *2025 Outlook Theme: Secure Markets Lead to Productive Markets*. The PGK 1 will be held after the 15<sup>th</sup> Prime Ministers Back to Business Breakfast. Prime Ministers attendance to the Breakfast ensures the Governments support in the priorities of the Private Sector.

Speakers and panelists will discuss PNG’s critical priorities over the next 12 months. Discussions will focus on the Security Outlook 2025, Business Protection Outlook 2025, Government Security Strategy 2025, Civil Society Organizations, and the Security Round Table. Emphasis will be placed on how strengthened security measures and policies can drive market stability, boost productivity, and enhance PNG’s competitive position in a rapidly shifting geopolitical environment.

This engagement will bring together thought leaders, government officials, business executives, international relations experts, social sector practitioners and national security professionals.

The message is clear: let's turn our discussions, sessions, and collaborations into powerful actions that boost security, stabilize markets, and spark growth for a more prosperous PNG, and for a stronger market.



**15<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister's Back-To-Business Breakfast**

**Master of Ceremony: Mackhenly Kaiok, Head of Communications, Kina Bank**

**0730 – 0740 OPENING REMARKS**

Mrs. Susil Nelson-Kongoi,  
**President of the Business Council PNG**

*Courtney Boustridge, Treasurer BCPNG Presented for President*

**0740– 0750 KINA BANK'S 2025 OUTLOOK**

Mr. Ivan Vidovich,  
**CEO & Managing Director, Kina Bank**

**0750-0820 FORMAL ADDRESS**

Hon. James Marape,  
**Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea**

**0820 - 0850 PANEL DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER, CEO KINA BANK & BCPNG PRESIDENT**

Moderated by Mr. Kenneth Imako, **Vice President International Business Council of PNG**

<b>Mr. Ivan Vidovich</b> CEO & Managing Director, Kina Bank	An ongoing challenge for the financial markets and broadly all businesses has been the cost to business in Papua New Guinea. A significant component is business protection whether its cyber security, securing branches, and the safety of employees. What should business and government focus on in 2025 to reduce and alleviate these challenges?
<b>Hon. James Marape</b> Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea	Thank you for highlighting your 2025 priorities in particular the commitment to policing infrastructure and increasing recruitment in our security agencies. We also note within your department PMNEC, the recent establishment of the NSA to coordinate all national security priorities. PM a challenge that still persists is making our young people productive. Several recent observations have indicated much of our law and order challenges are derived from this observation. What would be your focus on improving productivity for youth?
<b>Mrs. Susil Nelson-Kongoi</b> President of the Business Council PNG	In your 2024 activities a major feature was the government business engagements where partnerships, alignments and disagreements, pushed private sector in nation building with government. How do you intend on having these engagements address law and order and critically business protection?  <i>President Did Not Go Ahead with her Panel Discussion</i>

**0850 – 0900 CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr. Kenneth Imako,  
**Vice President International Business Council of PNG**

**PGK 1: 2025 Outlook**

**Master of Ceremony: Carmella Gabina, Executive Director of BCPNG**

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

1000-1015	<b>PM NEC</b>	<b>Amb. Ivan Pomaleu OBE</b> Chief Secretary to Government, PM NEC
	<b>BCPNG</b>	<b>Mrs. Susil Nelson-Kongoi,</b> President of the Business Council PNG  <i>VP BCPNG Mr. Kenneth Imako Presented on behalf</i>
	<b>2025 INDO PACIFIC SECURITY UPDATE</b>	<b>Mr. Parker Novak,</b> Atlantic Council

**SESSION 1: SECURITY OUTLOOK 2025**

**Moderator: Michael Kabuni, PHD Scholar, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU**

In an era of regional conflicts in Europe, Middle East and Africa, coupled with great power competition with China and United States, global orders of security, trade and investment are increasingly unstable and unpredictable. These developments have impacted investment flows, trade and supply chains. Disruptions in technology, hostile industry policies and competing national security interests have further impacted commerce. Domestically, Papua New Guinea faces one of its greatest challenges, the future of Bougainville. This region has overwhelmingly voted for sovereignty and with increasing competition of influence in the region, its next chapter would change not only Papua New Guinea's security but the region as well. The Speaker's in this session will provide a global, regional and Bougainville outlook for 2025.

1020-1030	<b>Global Security</b> 1. What are the 5 Global Security Challenges for 2025? 2. How they impact International Trade and Investment	<b>Mr. Gil Grynburg</b> Financial Advisory & Consulting Services, Deloitte
1030-1040	<b>Regional Security</b> 1. What are the 5 Regional Security Challenges for 2025? 2. How they impact Regional Trade and Investment	<b>Mr. Sean Jacobs</b> Asia Institute Industry Fellow, Griffith University
1040-1050	<b>Bougainville: The PNG</b> 1. Impact of Bougainville Elections in the Market	<b>Mr. Oliver Nobetau</b> FDC Pacific Fellow, Lowy Institute

	2. Referendum Outcomes and Impacts on Markets	
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**SESSION 2: PROTECTING PAPUA NEW GUINEA’S BUSINESSES**

**Moderator: Carmella Gabina, Executive Director of BCPNG**

Security threats significantly impact Papua New Guinea’s key economic sectors. In the extractive sector, tribal conflicts and land ownership disputes, such as those intensified by the closure and subsequent reopening of the Porgera Mine and historically, Bougainville crisis. In agriculture, law and order issues, particularly the predatory actions of raskols and tribal warlords in rural highlands, reduce activities like coffee buying and have forced business closures. The service sector faces threats from petty crimes and violence, especially in urban areas like Port Moresby, where raskol gangs and the illegal use of firearms pose significant challenges to safety and stability. This session will hear from the various sectors in the market on what are their strategies in protecting businesses in 2025.

1055-1105	<b>Extractive Sector</b> 1. Current Security Challenges 2. Current Security Solutions	<b>Ms. Pansy Taueni-Sialis</b> Chief Operating Officer, Chamber of Resources and Energy  <i>Ms. Gretel Orake, PNG Chamber Of Resource &amp; Energy Presented On Behalf</i>
1105-1115	<b>Agriculture Sector</b> 1. Current Security Challenges 2. Current Security Solutions	<b>Mr. Wilson Thompson</b> President, Farmers and Settlers Association
1115-1125	<b>Service Sector</b> 1. Current Security Challenges 2. Current Security Solutions	<b>Mr. Chey Scovell</b> Chief Executive Officer, Manufacturers Council
1125-1135	<b>Financial Services</b> 1. Current Security Challenges 2. Current Security Solutions	<b>Mr. Roppe Uyassi</b> Chief Operating Officer, Kina Bank (PNG)

**SESSION 3: GOVERNMENT SECURITY STRATEGY 2025**

**Moderator: Douveri Haneo, Director Legacy Group**

The establishment of the National Security Agency (NSA) in Papua New Guinea, under the National Executive Council (NEC) and guided by Decision No. 89/2024, positions it as the lead policy coordinating agency for national security. The NSA Secretariat (NSAC) will implement the Revised National Security Policy (2024–2029) and coordinate across six security communities: Strategic (Military), Strategic Intelligence, Strategic Law Enforcement, Cybersecurity, Scientific, and

National Emergency. The 2025 National Budget of K28.357 billion underscores the government's commitment to security and development, allocating significant increases for police and defense. The police force will see a 19% wage rise, expansion to 10,000 personnel by 2030, a 67% boost in operational funding, and K200 million in additional capital investment. Defense funding includes a 15% wage increase, a 32% rise in operational funds, and a 116% capital investment boost, aligning with the NSA Directors' strategic priorities to strengthen national security capabilities. This session will hear from key national security professionals in driving the government's agenda on making a safer market.

1140 - 1150	<p><b>National Security Update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Features of National Security Challenges</li> <li>Features of National Security Priorities</li> </ol>	<p><b>Dr. Francis Hualopmomi</b> Director, National Security Agency</p>
1155 - 1205	<p><b>Police Update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Features of Policing Security Challenges</li> <li>Features of Policing Security Priorities</li> </ol>	<p><b>Mr. Steven Francis</b> Assistant Police Commissioner, Police Department  <i>ABSENT</i></p>
1210 - 1220	<p><b>Defense Update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Features of Defense Security Challenges</li> <li>Features of Defense Security Priorities</li> </ol>	<p><b>Mr. Hari John Akipe</b> Secretary, Department of Defense  <i>ABSENT</i></p>

**LUNCH 1230-1315**

**SESSION 4: SAFER PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**

**Moderator: Luania Temu, Business Representative/Serial Entrepreneur**

Civil Society Organizations play critical roles in addressing security and societal challenges in Papua New Guinea. NGOs contribute by providing aid, preventing conflicts, supporting marginalized groups, promoting human rights, and strengthening local authorities. Similarly, civil society strengthens democracy, promotes peace, delivers community services, and advocates for environmental sustainability. Formal connections are vital for civil society to build trust, secure funding, ensure accountability, and foster knowledge-sharing networks, enhancing their ability to tackle governance and development issues effectively. This session will hear government, development partner and civil society as they work towards promoting and partnering in providing a secure environment for the vulnerable.

1315 - 1325	<p><b>DJAG Update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the Social Sector Challenges?</li> <li>2. What are the Social Sector Policy Priorities?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Mr. Stanley Raka</b> Deputy Secretary, Department of Justice and Attorney General</p> <p><i>ABSENT</i></p>
1325 - 1335	<p><b>Coalition For Change Update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the Challenges the Coalition for Change is addressing?</li> <li>2. What are the Partnerships with Government and Business in supporting the Coalition for Change Activities?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Ms. Doreen Iga</b> Team Leader, Building Community Engagement in PNG (BCEP)</p>
1335-1345	<p><b>APWLN Update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the Challenges the APWLN is addressing?</li> <li>2. What are the Partnerships with Government and Business in supporting the APWLN Activities?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Ms. Ruth Kissam</b> President, Advancing PNG Women Leaders Network</p>

**SESSION 5: SECURITY ROUND TABLE WITH DOUVERI HENAO (30MINS)  
1350-1430**

Secure and safe markets will no doubt bring confidence for investment and private sector growth. This roundtable session will discuss what are the key activities that must be advanced in the government business forums for 2025. This session will be led by private sector security professionals.

**Discussions with:**

**Malcolm Kulu, Managing Director, Direct Ordinance Group Ltd**  
**Liam Leahy, Country Roving Operations Manager, Guard Dog Security**  
**Karl Pitil, Director, Threat Analysis Services Limited (TASS Ltd)- *ABSENT***

**Questions:**

1. What's the number 1 Security Challenge your company addresses when considering assets and employees in the private sector?
2. Has the overall Law and Order associated with where you conduct your services improved or worsened?
3. In your opinion, how much of the Law-and-Order Challenges are driven by internal (domestic) and external (transnational) factors?
4. What would be your top 2 priorities that would enhance business protection?



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### CLOSING REMARKS

1430-1440	BCPNG	<b>Mrs. Carmella Gabina</b> Executive Director, Business Council of Papua New Guinea
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