



26th MAY 2026 | 08:00 – 15:00 | VENUE: STANLEY HOTEL, PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

8th Futures Forum – Program Agenda

Transforming PNG: Resilient, Connected, Future-Ready!

Master of Ceremony: Desmond Yaninen, CEO, Pacifund

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

0815 – 0835

Opening Remarks

Mrs. Susil Nelson-Kongoi

President
Business Council of PNG

Futures Forum Address

Mrs. Winifred Kula

Head of Digital Channels
Bank South Pacific Financial Group Limited

TECHNOLOGY SITREP 2026

Moderator: Desmond Yaninen, CEO, Pacifund

0900 – 0935

Internet Connectivity – Opportunities for Growth/Internet Study

Ms. Richelle Turner

Counsellor | Transport & Telecommunications
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT)

Digital Government TWG Update

Mr. Julius Tuckayo

Member
Digital Government TWG

Q&A

SESSION 1: GOPNG UPDATE

Moderator: Desmond Yaninen, CEO, Pacifund

0940 – 1030

GoPNG 2.0

Mr. Steven Matainaho

Secretary
Department of Information Communication Technology (DICT)

Customary Land AI and the Bougainville Story

Lynette Baratai - Pokas

Secretary ABC Department of Lands Physical Planning Environment
Conservation
Climate Change

The AI Continuum in DAL

Dr Sergi Bang Secretary

Department of Agriculture and Livestock

Q&A

***MORNING TEA | 1030 - 1050**

SESSION 2: GOVERNMENT PUBLIC NETWORK

Moderator: Ms. Samania Ned,
Operations Manager, YuTru

1050 – 1230

SEGMENT 2.1: CORE SYSTEMS REGULATING COMMERCIAL POLICY

Presenter

- **Mr. Sam Loi**
Acting PNG Commissioner General
Internal Revenue Commission

Panel Discussion

- **Mr. David Towe**
Chief Commissioner
Papua New Guinea Customs Service
- **Mr. Wellington. Navasivu**
Chief Migration Officer
Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Service
Authority
- **Mr. James Inglis**
Director
NiuPay



SEGMENT 2.2: CYBER SECURITY AND SAFETY UPDATE

Presenter

- **Mr. Richard Horne**
CEO
National Cyber Security Centre
- **Mr. David Manning**
Commissioner
RPNGC

SEGMENT 2.3: CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Presenter:

- **Mr. Paul Komboi**
CEO
DataCo

Panel Discussion:

- **Mr. Bryan Mathews**
General Manager
MAF
- **Mr. Amos Tepi**
CEO
Telecom PNG
- **Mr. Paul Bayly**
CEO
PNG Power Limited

Q&A

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SESSION 3: MARKETS UPDATE

Moderator: Julius Tuckayo, Manager Data and Digital, Information Technology and Innovation, Nasfund

1340 – 1410

From Consumables to Cloud AI Datacenters

Mr. Preetam Talukdar
CEO Datec PNG Limited

Attracting Technology Foreign Direct Investment

Douveri Henao
Founder and CEO
Legacy Group Limited

Q&A

SESSION 4: CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Moderator: Julius Tuckayo Manager Data and Digital, Information Technology and Innovation, Nasfund

1410 – 1450

Data Centre Revolution

Mr. Andrew Stoakes
Pacific Critical Infrastructure Collaborative
SBS Electrical Ltd

Cables and the Next Journey

Mr. Jacob Anderson
Director Asia Pacific Communication Specialists (APCS)

5G Around the Corner

Mr. Tarik Boudiaf
CEO
Digicel Telstra

Q&A

SESSION 5: STARLINK UPDATE

Moderator: Desmond Yanien, CEO, Pacifund

1450 – 1520

Presenter:

- **Mr. Polume Lume**
Chief Executive Officer
NICTA

Panel Discussion

- **Mr. Jim Frownfelter**
CEO & Executive Chairman of the Board Speedcast
- **Mr. Emmanuel Narakobi**
Managing Director
Masalai Communications

CLOSING SESSION

1520 – 1530

Closing Remarks

Mr. Kenneth Imako
BCPNG Board Director & Partner at Allens