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Increasing the Competitiveness of the Telecommunications Sector

9 August 2018
International Convention Centre – Room 103
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

8.45 – 9.00am Arrival & Registration
Tea & Coffee

Session One: 9.00am to 9.40 am

Welcoming Remarks: Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea (10 mins)

- Benedict David, Minister Counsellor, Australian High Commission

Workshop Introduction and Objectives (10 mins)

- Workshop Facilitator: Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary General, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)

Scene setting: Economic and Social Benefits of a Liberalised Telecommunications Services Sector (20 mins)

- Peter Lovelock, Director, Technology Research Project Corporate (TRPC)
- Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary General, PECC

Group Photo
Morning Tea Break 9.40 – 10.10am

Session Two: 10.10am – 11.30am

Panel: Improving Network Access and Telecommunications Connectivity

Facilitator: Peter Lovelock, Director, TRPC

Topics:

Submarine and satellite access – Including international gateway access; Backbone access – High speed broadband, Shared infrastructure access; Inclusive Infrastructure – Last mile access, Universal service obligations, 3G, 4G and 5G; Network topologies

Speakers:

- Tom C. Varghese, Public Policy Manager, Access and Connectivity, Asia Pacific, Facebook
- *Thailand case study:* Robert Fox, Owner, Fox-Com and Chairman, Digital Economy/ICT group, Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand (JFCCT)

Session Three: 11.30am-12:30pm

Panel: Improving Access to Telecommunications Services Through Emergent Technologies

- Facilitator: Peter Lovelock, Director, TRPC

Topics:

New access technologies – TVWS, High altitude pseudo satellites (HAPS); OTTs and new device access – Net neutrality and non-zero rating; Consumer Protection – Mobile number portability

Speakers:

- Dr Ser Wah Oh, CEO, Whizpace Pte Ltd
- *Indonesia case study:* Dr Taufik Hasan, Commissioner, Indonesian Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (BRTI)

• *Peru case study:* Rosa Castillo Mezarina, Competition Coordinator, Department of Regulatory and Competition Policy, OSIPTEL

Lunch 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Session Four: 1.30pm-2:30pm

Key Challenges and Enablers for Reform in PNG

Facilitator: Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary General, PECC

Topics:

Affordable access; Competition; Sustainable local access solutions; Compelling services and solutions; Cybersecurity

Speakers:

- Wilfred Amai, CEO and Founder, Skylinkinvent
- *Philippines case study:* Ramonette B. Serafica, Senior Research Fellow, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)
- Charles Punaha, CEO, National Information & Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) (TBC)

Afternoon Tea 2.30 – 2.45pm

Session Five: 2.45pm-4:15pm

Pathway for Reform: Toward Good Practice Principals and Framework

Change management exercise. Group discussions on internal policy reform ideas and domestic regulation processes to address barriers to services trade; political feasibility of the reforms; types of policy reforms; and their implementation. (40min group work, 20 mins report back)

Session Six: 4.15pm-5:00pm

Group conclusions and wrap up remarks

- Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary General, PECC
- Rory McLeod, Consultant, PNG

Group representatives and select key speakers join Eduardo to sum up key findings from the group and potential next steps

Closing remarks National Information & Communications Technology Authority (NICTA)

- Charles Punaha, CEO, National Information & Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) (TBC)

Close: 5:00pm