



BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Papua New Guinea Draft National Financial Inclusion Policy Consultations

The Government of PNG has identified Financial Inclusion as an important development agenda for the country. The National Financial Inclusion Policy (NFIP) will provide the strategic direction for the development of a fully inclusive financial sector. A fully inclusive financial sector can make a positive contribution to the growth and development of the economy. The policy also emphasises financial inclusion as a tool for alleviating poverty and improving the distribution of income.

For this reason, the NFIP is seen as an arm of overall economic policy. The policy is designed to provide a broad, almost 'whole-of-government approach to developing and implementing programs and regulations to enable people to access and use financial services that meet their needs and help them achieve their economic potential. It thus aims to promote both the supply side and the demand side of financial services as well as an enabling environment.

Before the NFIP is finalised and submitted to NEC for approval, the Bank of PNG and Department of Treasury are organising regional consultation workshops in Lae, Mt Hagen, Kokopo and Alotau to present the key features of the policy and get inputs from key stakeholders to incorporate in the final policy.

The planned consultation workshop dates are as follows;

Centre	Date	Proposed Venue
Lae	10am, Wednesday 13 September	Lae International Hotel
Mt Hagen	10am, Tuesday 19 September	Highlander Hotel
Kokopo	10am, Monday 25 September	Gazelle International Hotel
Alotau	10am, Friday 29 September	Alotau International Hotel
NCD	10am, Wednesday 11 October	Stanley Hotel

All the consultation workshops are expected to start at 10am and finish at 3pm.

Key stakeholders in the above listed regional centres are invited to attend the workshops and contribute to the finalisation of the draft NFIP.

Please, confirm your attendance by emailing Augustine Birie on abirie@thecefi.org or by telephone number **321 8823**.

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