



53rd ANNUAL SURVEY CONGRESS, PORT MORESBY, PNG

INVITATION FOR EXHIBITORS

The Association of Surveyors of Papua New Guinea (ASPNG) wishes to invite its members, allied professionals and interested individuals to present papers at its 53rd Annual Survey Congress to be held at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby for three days from 17 - 19 July, 2019.

The theme is, **“INCREASING THE VALUE OF PNG’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ACCURACY, INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY”**.

Economic growth in PNG during the last decade was achieved mainly through mineral and petroleum exports without broad-based equity and national participation. This was due for the most part to lack of growth in the agriculture sector compounded with the lack of quality and cost efficient transport infrastructure especially interlinking road networks across provinces throughout PNG. Agricultural commodity projects with huge potentials and eco-tourism destinations which would provide the bulk of national participation have largely been neglected and/or disregarded as a viable economic driver.

Land is the fundamental basis for human development, industrialization, food security and population growth to drive sustainable economic progress. The bulk of land in PNG is under customary tenure and as such land access for economic development is seen as a priority area, which in itself is complex and involves lease-lease back and land acquisition payments through compensation as legal settlements. The National Land Development Program was implemented in 2010 to complement and perhaps streamline existing land mobilization processes through the customary landowners themselves, via their clan, incorporated land groups (ILG), local level government, district administration, and provincial authorities. The registration of ILGs has been rather slow.

The Department of Lands & Physical Planning (DLPP) administers 12 legislations and 5 have been identified since 2013 for review due to many court decisions affecting provisions within these legislations. They include; Land Act 1996, Valuation Act 1967, Survey Act 1969, Land Registration Act 1973 and Physical Planning Act 1998. At this time, the reviews are pending.

The computerizing of the land information management system known as LAGIS Enhancement and Program (LEP) has been seen as the most important, in that, all business processes to administer land services would be digitally captured and shared in a transparent manner. The LEP is a PNG Government funded project initiated in 2010 between DLPP and a technology consultant company has, unfortunately, not delivered as expected.

The Congress Manager, hereby, request authors to present an abstract of the paper briefly describing the aspect of the paper. The abstract should have maximum of 200 words and written in English. Participants who wish to contribute oral and poster presentation and trade exhibitions are most welcome.

Please include together with an abstract the following information:

- Presenters Name and Address
- Title of the Paper
- Type of presentation paper, oral, poster, workshop or trade exhibition.

Please forward your abstract to the ASPNG Congress Manager by 14 June and the final paper by 28 June 2019.

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