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Short Courses support PNG trade and investment



Ahead of APEC 2018, 26 PNG officials completed an Australia Awards Graduate Certificate in International Trade, delivered by the University of Adelaide.

Key learning outcomes included:



Key trade and investment principles with direct APEC focus



Cross-cutting skills such as negotiation and advocacy



Deepened understanding of APEC processes and policy objectives

The Australia Awards Graduate Certificate in International Trade fostered practical knowledge and skills ahead of PNG's successful hosting of APEC in 2018.

This Short Course deepened knowledge of global, regional and national trade, investment and development issues for application at APEC and beyond. It was tailored for PNG officials from bodies including the APEC Secretariat, Investment Promotion Authority and Department of Commerce and Industry.

The 26 participants achieved an internationally recognised qualification and the skills to drive change and make positive contributions to PNG's economic and social development. The Short Course included three blocks of study in Australia, pre- and post- course workshops in Papua New Guinea and work-based projects.

Activities in Australia included a visit to Canberra to meet Australian Government counterparts, discussions on key policy challenges and workshops to develop negotiation, advocacy and other practical skills.





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The course opened my eyes to a whole new aspect of international trade, especially negotiations. You have to understand a country's national interest to reach consensus

Mr Ninisahafo Neheja (below left), PNG Independent Consumer and Competition Commission



Graduates developed work-based projects which they implemented in their workplaces upon completion of the Short Course. Projects included:



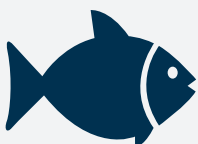
Identifying key issues that affect trade and restrict the internationalisation of SMEs



Integrating climate change into formal and informal education systems



Developing a framework of best practices for supply and value chains for small fish farmers and fishing communities



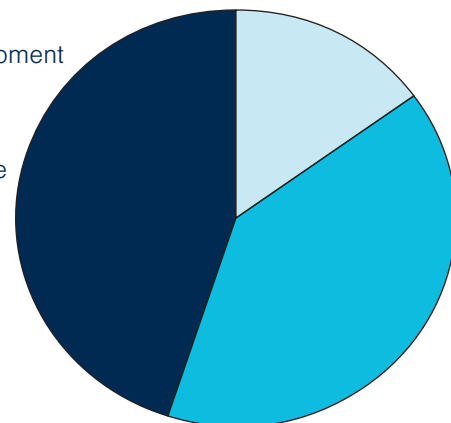
Ensuring long-term sustainability of fisheries and marine resources and preventing environmental degradation

Since completing the Short Course, graduates have been applying their skills and making the following types of contributions across PNG:

■ 45% Policy development

■ 40% Direct practice

■ 15% Training or knowledge transfer



The learning environment gave participants a chance to interact and learn from each other and discuss APEC issues necessary for policy focus

Ms Louisa Magalu (above)
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