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## **The ACP and ACP-EC Council of Ministers Meetings Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea 28 May – 2 June 2006**



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*The National Parliament – venue of the Official Opening of the ACP-EC meeting.*

### **Notice to Airlines to Uplift**

Delegates to the ACP and ACP-EC Council of Ministers Meetings who cannot get a visa before departing for Papua New Guinea will be able to get a visa on arrival. Airlines have been advised to uplift these participants and most of them are expected to arrive via Singapore.

Deputy Secretary and Acting Head Immigration, Mr Kila Karo, issued a letter to all the airlines advising them to let Ministers and officials without a visa board the plane. Mr Karo advised airlines that the list of officials will be provided. He emphasised that delegates must carry their official invitations or letters of accreditation.

However Mr Karo stressed that this privilege does not apply to the media. All journalists must hold a valid visa to enter Papua New Guinea. A visa application

must be sent to the nearest PNG Mission while the Media Accreditation Form 2 must be sent to the PNG Events Council Secretariat for clearance by the Prime Minister's Media Unit.

### **Air Niugini Provides Support**

The national carrier, Air Niugini, is providing logistics support to the government to make the hosting of the ACP and ACP-EC Council of Ministers a success. Air Niugini's commitment will include the packaging and booking facilities of the Pre-Post Conference Tours which includes airfares and accommodation through Air Niugini's tours department.

### **Pre- and Post-ACP-EC Tour Packages**

Air Niugini has also produced a detailed brochure on the tours within PNG. The airline will also have a booth at the conference venue to handle flight and tour package reservations and changes. Air Niugini's packages include the cost of travel and accommodation to the destinations within the country. The airline is making available free travel to journalists to visit the provinces and report positively on Papua New Guinea.

### **Accreditation Form 1 and Media Accreditation Form 2**

Delegates and the media attending the ACP and ACP-EC meetings are reminded to again to send in their Accreditation Form as soon as possible. For planning and logistics purposes it is important that the Accreditation forms are sent in now so that the letters are prepared to allow delegates to travel to PNG without unnecessary impediments. These forms can be obtained at the ACP or the EU Secretariat in Brussels or at the PNG Events Council Secretariat [asolomon@global.net.pg](mailto:asolomon@global.net.pg).



*The National Museum will have special exhibitions during the meetings.*

## Regional Houses to Showcase Provinces

Provinces who have indicated their participation in the Trade, Tourism and Investment Promotion in the PNG Village Concept will be given the first offer to take a booth in the four regional houses. The regional houses will be built next to the conference venue at the Sir John Guise Indoor Sports Complex and provinces can display their products. Coordinator for the project Ms Erigere Singin is confident all will be in place in time for the meetings.



*Traditional dancers from Morobe Province.*

## Invitation to See Morobe Biang Ngayam Festival

Visitors arriving in Papua New Guinea before May 24<sup>th</sup> have an opportunity to visit Lae city and enjoy the second Morobe Biang Ngayam Cultural Festival. The four day cultural festival at the Sir Ignatius Kilage Sports Stadium begins on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May and ends on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Activities planned for the festival include cultural exhibits, contemporary theater performances, beauty pageant, traditional dances and art and craft displays. The theme of this years festival - Culture is the People.

## Port Moresby Craft Market

For those staying on in Port Moresby, the monthly craft market at Ela Beach will be on again on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Take advantage of this opportunity and visit the market and take home a souvenir. Beautiful local jewelry, paintings and artifacts will be on sale between 9am and 12noon.

## Information on Airline Routes to Papua New Guinea

Air Niugini's website [www.airniugini.com.pg](http://www.airniugini.com.pg) ; Qantas Port Moresby (675) 308 3200. Air Niugini has been flying in PNG for the last 30 years. They operate a scheduled service to Port Moresby from Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns in Australia and direct from Honiara in the Solomon Islands, as well as Tokyo, Manila and Singapore.

## Information on the ACP-EC Meetings

For regular updates on the preparations of the ACP and ACP-EC Council of Ministers Meetings, visit the Tourism Promotion Authority Website [www.pngtourism.org.pg](http://www.pngtourism.org.pg) and see the link on the ACP-EC Meetings.

Other useful information on Papua New Guinea is available from [www.jasons.com](http://www.jasons.com)



*A craft market in Port Moresby*



*Three of the vehicles purchased for the Melanesian Spearhead Group summit in Goroka last August have been shipped back to Port Moresby for use during the ACP-EC meetings. Ms Erigere Singin (left), Coordinator, taking delivery of the vehicles in Goroka.*