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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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### Deadline for Accommodation and Accreditation

With less than 5 weeks before the commencement of the ACP and joint ACP-EC Council of Ministers meetings, the PNG Events Council is finalizing the accreditation and accommodation for the delegates. While some of the delegates have sent in their accreditation forms with their hotel preference most countries have yet to do so. The deadline for accommodation and accreditation is April 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.



*Accommodation agreement between Shady Rest and Kanini Lodge with the PNG Events Council Secretariat.*

### Draft Programme

The draft programs for the 83<sup>rd</sup> ACP and 31<sup>st</sup> ACP-EC meetings are being finalized this week and included in the Delegates Handbook. Delegates who are concerned about flight schedules to and from Papua New Guinea can contact the PNG Events Council Secretariat at [pngec\\_secretariat@global.net.pg](mailto:pngec_secretariat@global.net.pg) for details of the program.

### Spouses Program

There have been inquiries from delegates about the inclusion of their spouses in the program which takes in a lot of interesting places in and around Port Moresby includes a visit to a local Motuan village, the National Museum and Art Gallery, the Sir Rabbie Namaliu Orchid Garden at Parliament and a tour of Government House.

the arrangements. The Government of Papua New Guinea welcomes the spouses and guests accompanying the delegates to the meetings and a spouses program has been organized. The program which takes in a lot of interesting places in and around Port Moresby includes a visit to a local Motuan village, the National Museum and Art Gallery, the Sir Rabbie Namaliu Orchid Garden at Parliament and a tour of Government House.

### The eCourier to Feature PNG Edition

The eCourier, the electronic magazine of the ACP-EU development cooperation will carry a special edition on Papua New Guinea to mark the occasion of the ACP-EC meetings in Port Moresby. This magazine is distributed worldwide.

### Special Air Niugini Tour Packages

Air Niugini's special tour packages is available for visitors who may want to take time to visit other parts of Papua New Guinea. A special four page brochure is now being distributed by Air



*Children of Central Province.*

Niugini and the PNG Events Council Secretariat. Visiting journalists have also been offered a free trip to the provinces by Air Niugini. For more information on this and the special pre and post ACP-EC tour packages contact Travel Accommodation Coordinator Ms Erigere Singin at [esingin@global.net.pg](mailto:esingin@global.net.pg)

### **Airline Routes to Papua New Guinea**

Air Niugini has assured delegates that it will ensure a smooth uplifting of passengers entering PNG via Singapore. While Qantas, does not fly direct to Port Moresby it has code sharing with Air Niugini, and their Port Moresby office (675) 308 3200 may answer queries. Air Niugini has a scheduled service to Port Moresby from Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns in Australia, Honiara in the Solomon Islands, Tokyo, Manila and Singapore.



### **ATA Carnet for Media Equipment**

Journalists bringing in television equipment, camera, laptops, satellite dish etc must obtain a ATA Carnet from their country of origin and present it when clearing Customs. Without this you may be charged import duty by PNG Customs. Contact the Media Coordinator [asolomon@global.net.pg](mailto:asolomon@global.net.pg) for more information.

### **An Exercise in Flags**

Papua New Guinea's hosting of the ACP-EC meetings provides a good opportunity for the students to know about the important relationship between PNG and the ACP and EU and also the member countries of these two organizations. Some of the media publicity from the PNG Events Council includes posters of the four regions with their flags and background information on the ACP and EU. These posters can be used by teachers and students in their social science and general knowledge classes.

### **Brochure 2**

A more detailed brochure on the meetings and information on hotels, tours accreditation and the venue, the Indoor Sports Complex, has been distributed by email. For those who have not received it yet, and would like to, can contact the PNG Events Council Secretariat for a copy.

### **Tourism Authority Website**

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.

